PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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October 23, 2025 ENVR 20251000006

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Re: City of Rialto Pacific Electric Trail SCH 2025100109 – *Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)*

Dear Art Cervantes,

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. The CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)* for the City of Rialto Pacific Electric Trail Project. The City of Rialto (City) is the lead agency.

The project site would run parallel to and between Rialto Avenue and Foothill Avenue, extending from Cactus Avenue to Pepper Avenue. The City proposes construction of a Pacific Electric (PE) Trail along the former Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track Right-of-Way, now owned by the City and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) and maintained by the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) as the Rialto Subdivision, in San Bernardino County.

The proposed project would extend the existing PE Trail approximately 1.75 miles eastward along the Rialto Subdivision. The proposed trail begins at Cactus Avenue and continues easterly to the City's eastern boundary on Pepper Avenue along the Rialto Subdivision, which includes the following at-grade crossings:

Crossing name	CPUC No.	DOT No.
N. Lilac Avenue	001BBO-535.63	747425E
N. Willow Avenue	001BBO-535.88	747426L
N. Palm Avenue	001BBO-535.99	747427T
N. Orange Avenue	001BBO-536.06	747429G
N. Riverside Avenue	001BBO-536.13	747430B
N. Olive Avenue	001BBO-536.20	747431H
N. Date Avenue	001BBO-536.27	747433W
N. Sycamore Avenue	001BBO-536.38	747434D
N. Acacia Avenue	001BBO-536.63	747435K
N. Eucalyptus Avenue	001BBO-536.88	747436S
N. Pepper Avenue	001BBO-537.13	747437Y

It is RCEB's understanding that there is no longer any rail service along the Rialto Subdivision and that SBCTA is working with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to officially abandon the rail corridor.

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Until approval from the STB to abandon the rail corridor, the Rialto Subdivision is still considered a rail corridor. The City should continue to coordinate with SBCTA to obtain approval for abandonment from the STB.

Once the rail corridor has been officially abandoned, all railroad crossing-related items for each crossing should be removed as part of this Project or a future capital improvement project, to reduce the potential hazards for trail users. Railroad crossing-related items include, but are not limited to:

- Railroad tracks and crossing surfaces within the roadway and sidewalk areas
- Railroad warning devices and foundations
- Railroad signal houses
- Railroad-related signage and pavement markings along the roadways, such as W10-1 signs and RXR pavement markings in advance of the crossing.

Additionally, it is recommended that a curb be installed along the roadway through the former rail corridor to deter and discourage any vehicles from turning onto the proposed PE trail. Consideration should also be taken to seal off access to the remaining corridor at the end of the PE trail, east of Pepper Ave, to deter any trespassing that leads to the active Union Pacific Mojave subdivision mainline tracks.

Lastly, once the railroad corridor has been approved to be abandoned, the City and SBCTA should coordinate with SCRRA to submit a Form G to notify RCEB that the crossings have been closed and to update the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Crossing Inventory accordingly.

RCEB staff is available to discuss any potential safety impacts or concerns at the crossings and address any questions from the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Sergio Licon at (213) 503-4866, or sergio.licon@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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