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David Kriske
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Re: Chandler Bikeway Extension Project SCH 2025110797 — *Notice of Exemption*

Dear David Kriske:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Notice of Exemption (NOE)* for the proposed Chandler Bikeway Extension Project. The City of Burbank (City) is the lead agency.

The City, through this project, intends to construct a 0.6 mile bikeway of Class 1 and Class IV paths with multiple sections connecting the current bike path terminus at Chandler Blvd. and Mariposa St. to the future Burbank Western Channel portion of the San Fernando Bikeway Project:

- Class I path within Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) property from Chandler and Mariposa to Chandler and Lomita Ave.
- Class IV path within City right-of-way on the south side of Chandler from Chandler and Lomita to Chandler and Victory Blvd.
- Class IV path along the east side of Victory to Victory and Cypress Ave.
- Class IV path along Cypress to the Burbank Western Channel

Currently at Chandler Blvd. and Victory Blvd is a Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) crossing (CPUC no. 001BY-466.30, DOT no. 745981C) just north of the intersection.

Given that the bikeway will likely increase pedestrian and bicycle traffic in the vicinity of the crossing, RCEB recommends that the City evaluate the impact to this crossing and implement improvements. These include, but are not limited to, traffic signal timing modifications, pedestrian warning devices and gates as well as channelization, as well as bringing up the crossings to current standards and in compliance with ADA requirements. The City should also restrict access to the active Union Pacific tracks through fencing and other deterrence measures along the bikeway and Chandler Blvd. Lighting should also be considered along the trail in areas that currently does not have lighting or has insufficient lighting; specifically at and along the channel.

Additionally, as previously discussed with the Project team in August of 2025, at the western limits of this Project at the Burbank Western Channel, the gate along the channel (where the trail meets the channel) needs to remain locked at all times and only opened for maintenance needs, to deter any trail users continuing north along the channel to the existing UPRR track and bridge across the channel.

Any proposed crossing improvement project, including signal timing modifications, will require authorization from the CPUC under CPUC General Order 88-B (GO 88-B) and must also conform to the goals of the CPUC's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan. This includes improving safety and access to transportation, improving local air quality and public health, and expanding outreach and public participation opportunities in disadvantaged communities. For more information, please visit https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/esjactionplan.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Richard Le at (213) 999-9053, or richard.le@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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