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Re: Conditional Use Permit No. 24-011/Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 24-002 (Redondo Circle Industrial Project) [SCH 2026030320](#) – *Notice of Determination (NOD)*

Dear Joanna Cortez,

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 *Notice of Determination (NOD)* for the Conditional Use Permit No. 24-011/Mitigated Negative Declaration No. 24-002 (Redondo Circle Industrial Project) Project. The City of Huntington Beach (City) is the lead agency.

The project site is located at 7600 Redondo Circle, Huntington Beach. The Project is a request to construct an industrial warehouse complex consisting of two warehouse buildings for a total of 185,912 sf, each building containing two office/mezzanine floor units and a truck loading dock. The project also includes a total of 192 parking stalls and associated site improvements, on an approximately 9.59-acre site. The site is currently developed with an operating lumber yard occupied by Reliable Wholesale Lumber Inc. The existing lumber yard and all associated site improvements will be demolished as part of this development.

The Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) [Stanton Industrial lead](#) parallels on the the west side of project site and [terminates just north of Ellis Ave.](#) The [Final Environmental Document for the project](#) notes that the [existing railroad spur serving the lumber yard](#) will be abandoned and based on the preliminary site plan of the warehouses (Exhibit 3), it does not appear that there will be accommodations for any future rail service on the property.

If there is no future rail service that will traverse in down to this property, RCEB recommends that the City coordinate with UPRR to determine if the existing [Talbert Ave at-grade crossing](#) can be permanently closed. If the Talbert Ave at-grade crossing can be permanently closed, the City and UPRR should work together to have the tracks and warning devices, as well as all the signage and pavement markings associated to the at-grade crossing removed. This would reduce the maintenance burden for the City and UPRR to maintain these items, as well as a benefit to the public by allowing buses and hazmat vehicles to no longer stop at this crossing, eliminating any risk of potential rear-end collisions of stops required at non-exempt railroad crossings.

Additionally, upon review current aerial images along the UPRR Stanton Industrial lead, it appears that between Bolsa Ave and the end of the Stanton Industrial lead, the lumber yard is the only customer being served. If that is the case and there is no potential for any future rail service along this segment,

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the crossings between Bolsa Ave and Talbert Ave, listed in the table below, should be discussed and reviewed with UPRR to determine if those crossings can also be permanently closed.

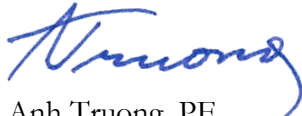
Name of Crossing	CPUC Number	DOT Number
McFadden Ave	001BAA-519.09	748038R
Center Drive	001BAA-519.33	748039X
Edinger Ave	001BAA-519.59	748040S
Heil Ave	001BAA-520.09	748041Y
Warner Ave	001BAA-520.59	748043M
Slater Ave	001BAA-521.09	748044U
Talbert Ave	001BAA-521.59	748045B

If the City and UPRR agree and decide to permanently close these crossings, the City and/or UPRR is to notify RCEB with a [Form G](#) upon closure of the crossings.

RCEB staff is available to discuss concerns and address any questions from the City.

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533, or howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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