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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of County of Orange to construct one (1) grade-separated bikeway crossing in the City of La Mirada within the County of Los Angeles (CPUC #001BK-502.912-AD, DOT #450397D) and two (2) grade separated bikeway crossings in the City of Buena Park within the County of Orange (CPUC #002-160.370-BCD, DOT #982878R) (CPUC #002-160.330-AD, DOT #982877J).

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**APPLICATION**

The County of Orange, hereby respectfully requests authority from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) to construct two bikeway-rail overpass grade separations, and one bikeway-rail underpass grade separation in the County of Los Angeles and the County of Orange at various locations within the west bank of the Coyote Creek Channel, which are part of the proposed OC Loop Segments O, P, Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project.

In support of this application the Applicant asserts that:

1. The Applicant's exact legal name is County of Orange.
2. Applicant's principal place of business is 601 N. Ross Street; Santa Ana, CA 92701. The main phone number is (714) 667-8800.
3. All correspondence, communication, notices, orders and other papers relative to this application should be addressed to: Andrea Echeverria, Senior Civil Engineer / Project Manager, at the above address and at the following e-mail address:

[andrea.echeverria@ocpw.ocgov.com](mailto:andrea.echeverria@ocpw.ocgov.com). Ms. Echeverria is an employee of Orange County Public Works, a department of the County of Orange and Applicant's authorized agent.

4. The proposed overpasses and underpass along the west bank of the Coyote Creek Channel are a part of the OC Loop Segments O, P, Q Coyote Creek Bikeway project (OPQ), which is part of a larger bikeway network called OC Loop, a 66-mile bikeway that traverses multiple cities in Orange and Los Angeles Counties. The County of Orange is working cooperatively with cities along the project limits, as well as Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and BNSF Railway (BNSF).

The OPQ Project limits begin at the Coyote Creek North Fork and extend east along the west bank of the Coyote Creek Channel through the cities of Cerritos, La Mirada, and Buena Park in Los Angeles and Orange counties, ending at La Mirada Boulevard. The OPQ Project length is approximately 2.7 miles and consists of a Class I Bikeway.

Grade separations allow for safe and simultaneous movement of bicyclists and rail modes of travel. With that consideration, the proposed bikeway-rail crossings of the OPQ project include three (3) new grade separations.

5. This application and relief sought herein is filed pursuant to Sections 1201 through 1205, inclusive, of the Public Utilities Code and in accordance with Rule 3.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
6. The County of Orange, in cooperation with UPRR and BNSF, proposes to construct the following grade separation structures at the following locations:
  - a. Location 1
    - i. Coyote Creek Bikeway Overpass Bridge over the UPRR Santa Ana Industrial Lead Track (MP 0502.912) in Los Angeles County.

b. Location 2

- i. Coyote Creek Bikeway Underpass Reinforced Box Culvert (RCB) under the BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision (MP 0160.370) in Orange County.

c. Location 3

- i. Coyote Creek Bikeway Bridge over the BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision (MP 0160.330) in Orange County.

The proposed crossings for Locations 1 and 3 are new grade separated crossings, there are no existing crossings. The proposed crossing for Location 2 is located at the same location of an existing BNSF private at-grade crossing shared with OCPW (there is no CPUC or DOT existing crossing number). The existing at-grade crossing will be closed and replaced by the proposed grade separation. The crossings at location 1, location 2, and location 3 will be maintained by a department of the County of Orange. Access to location 2 will be closed during rain events.

7. For each of the proposed crossings, the track mile post, proposed CPUC and DOT crossing numbers are listed in the following table.

<b>Location No.</b>	<b>Crossing Name</b>	<b>Track Mile Post</b>	<b>Proposed CPUC Xing #</b>	<b>Proposed DOT Xing #</b>	<b>Structure Type</b>
1	Coyote Creek Bikeway over UPRR Santa Ana Industrial Lead Track	MP 0502.912	TBD 001BK-502.912-AD	450397D	Bridge (Overpass)
2	Coyote Creek Bikeway under BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision	MP 0160.370	TBD 002-160.370-BCD	982878R	RCB (Underpass)
3	Coyote Creek Bikeway over BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision	MP 0160.330	TBD 002-160.330-AD	982877J	Bridge (Overpass)

8. The legal description for the locations of the proposed grade separations at Location 1, 2, and 3 (Rule 3.7(a)) are provided in Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.
9. The crossing identification numbers of the nearest existing public crossings on each side of the proposed crossings (Rule 3.7(b)) are as follows:
  - a. Location 1
    - i. Along the Coyote Creek Bikeway alignment, the nearest crossing to the south is at Artesia Boulevard and the UPRR's Santa Ana Industry Lead in the County of Los Angeles, with CPUC No. 001BK-503.50 and DOT No. 748135A.
    - ii. Along the Coyote Creek Bikeway alignment, the nearest crossing to the north is at Valley View Avenue and the UPRR's Santa Ana Industry Lead in the County of Los Angeles, with CPUC No. 001BK-502.30-A and DOT No. 441020D.
  - b. Location 2
    - i. Along the Coyote Creek Bikeway alignment, the nearest crossing to the south is at Cate Drive and the BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision in the County of Orange, with CPUC No. 002-160.26-C and DOT No. 027873A.
    - ii. Along the Coyote Creek Bikeway alignment, the nearest crossing to the north is at Knott Avenue and the BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision in the County of Orange, with CPUC No. 002-160.95-C and DOT No. 027859E.
  - c. Location 3
    - i. Along the Coyote Creek Bikeway alignment, the nearest crossing to the south is at Beach Blvd and the BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision in the County of Orange, with CPUC No. 002-160.60-B and DOT No. 027659V.

- ii. Along the Coyote Creek Bikeway alignment, the nearest crossing to the north is at Alondra Blvd and the BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision in the County of Los Angeles, with CPUC No. 002-159.60-A and DOT No. 027658N.

10. The OPQ Project design drawings showing the general vicinity of the proposed crossing (Rule 3.7(e)), proposed bikeway plan (Rule 3.7(d)), proposed bikeway profile (Rule 3.7(f)), and structural design drawings (Rule 3.7(d)) are provided in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

As shown on the design drawings and as summarized in the following table, the minimum permanent clearances exceed the clearances required by General Order 26-D. No temporary clearance exceptions are requested.

Permanent Clearances		Bikeway Clearances		Track Clearances	
		Minimum Vertical	Minimum Horizontal	Minimum Vertical	Minimum Horizontal
Location No.	Crossing Name				
1	Coyote Creek Bikeway over UPRR Santa Ana Industrial Lead Track	N/A	N/A	23' 4"	54' 6" (from centerline of track to face of Bent 14)
2	Coyote Creek Bikeway under BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision	10'	5' 6" (from centerline of bikeway to face of RCB)	N/A	N/A
3	Coyote Creek Bikeway over BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision	N/A	N/A	24' 6"	52' 6" (from centerline of ML1 track to face of Bent 5)

11. The County of Orange, as the lead agency under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), prepared the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the OC Loop Segments O, P, Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project. The County of Orange Board of Supervisors approved the IS/MND on October 19, 2021 and the Notice of Determination was filed on October 20, 2021 (State Clearinghouse No. 2020110244).

Caltrans was the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Caltrans determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(3). The Categorical Exclusion Determination Form was signed on February 25, 2021.

The Final CEQA/NEPA documentation is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

12. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is the Scoping Memo for this application.

13. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is the Certificate of Service for this application.

14. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is the Verification for this application.

WHEREFORE, the Applicant respectfully requests:

1. That the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California issue an Order authorizing construction of the three (3) grade separated bikeway crossings of the Coyote Creek Bikeway over UPRR Santa Ana Industrial Lead Track, the Coyote Creek Bikeway under BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision, and the Coyote Creek Bikeway over BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision, and UPRR and BNSF mainline tracks, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1201 and 1202, inclusive, of California Public Utilities Code.

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