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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).

Application 25-07-011

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING ORDERING APPLICANT COUNTY OF ORANGE TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECORD REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW INFORMATION

Summary

This Ruling orders the County of Orange to provide supplemental environmental review information regarding its *CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration* for its OC Loop Segments O, P, Q Coyote Creek Bikeway Project.

1. Background

Pursuant to Public Utilities (Pub. Util.) Code Sections 1201-1205 and Commission Rules 3.7, on July 22, 2025, the County of Orange, California (Orange) filed Application (A.) 25-07-011 with incorporated Exhibits A through

G,¹ seeking authority to construct o construct three (3) grade separated Coyote Creek bikeway-rail crossings more fully described as:

- a. Coyote Creek Trail 1: One(1) overpass in the City of La Mirada, County of Los Angeles over the Union Pacific Railroad Santa Ana Industrial Lead Track;
- b. Coyote Creek Trail 2: One (1) underpass in the City of Buena Park, County of Orange crossing Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision; and
- c. Coyote Creek Trail 3: One (1) overpass in City of Buena Park, County of Orange crossing Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision.²

The Commission's Rail Safety Division (RSD) filed a response to A.25-07-011 on August 22, 2025.³ On October 28, 2025, Orange amended its Exhibit C4 (*NEPA Categorical Exclusion*) and C5 (*NEPA Re-Validation No. 1*) environmental review support documents.⁴

Original A.25-07-011 Exhibit C2 (*Recirculated IS/MND: CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration IP PP-18-1453*) includes a universal resource locator (URL)

¹ A.25-07-011 at Exhibits A1-A3 (*Crossing Legal Description(s)*), Exhibits B1-B4 (*Project Drawings*), Exhibits C1-C6 (*CEQA/NEPA Documentation*), Exhibit D (*Environmental Social Justice Memo*), Exhibit E (*Scoping Memo*), Exhibit F (*Certificate of Service*), and Exhibit G (*Verification*).

² A.25-07-011 at 2-5, Exhibit A1 (*Coyote Creek Bikeway Trail over UPRR Santa Ana Industrial Lead Track*), Exhibit A2 (*Coyote Creek Bikeway Trail under BNSF Lead Track 7600-6670 San Bernardino Subdivision*), and Exhibit A3 (*Coyote Creek Bikeway Trail over BNSF Line Segment 7600 San Bernardino Subdivision*).

³ *Response of The Rail Safety Division To The Application of the County of Orange To Construct Three Grade-Separated Bikeway-Rail Crossings* (August 22, 2025 RSD Response).

⁴ See *Orange Response to ALJ Inquiry* (October 28, 2025). See also A.25-07-011 at 5-6, Exhibit C1 (*CEQA Notice of Determination*), Exhibit C2 (*Recirculated IS/MND*), Exhibit C3 (*NEPA Categorical Exclusion Determination Form - Signed*), Exhibit C4 (*NEPA Categorical Exclusion*), Exhibit C5 (*NEPA Re-Validation No. 1*), and Exhibit C6 (*NEPA Re-Validation No. 2*).

link that directs parties and participants to a County of Orange government website to view Exhibit C2.

Applicant Orange and Respondent RSD stipulate that there are no known issues of material disputed fact requiring an evidentiary hearing. A.25-07-011 is currently unopposed.⁵ Pursuant to *Assigned Commission Scoping Memo and Ruling* (Scoping Memo), no evidentiary hearing will be held.⁶

Admission of evidence into the A.25-07-011 record is currently proceeding by a document only process. The record of this proceeding currently consists of Applicant and Respondent's docketed pleadings and transcripts.

Upon review, the Commission is informed and believes that the A.25-07-011 proceeding record is incomplete regarding the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) information necessary for the Commission to complete its review and grant or deny the requested authority to construct.

2. RULING

Good cause appearing, Applicant County of Orange is Ordered to supplement the record of this A.25-07-011 proceeding as to the following matters:

1. Exhibit C2: Applicant shall upload Exhibit C2 (*CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration IP PP-18-1453*) to Supporting Documents using the Electronic Filing System on the Commission's website pursuant to Rule 13.7 (f) of the Commission Rules of Practice & Procedure for entry into the official records of the Commission.

2. Voluminous Exhibits: Commission Rule 1.13(b)(1)(i) prohibits electronic filings from exceeding 1500 Mb (1.5 GB) in size. If Exhibit C2 exceeds 1500 Mb

⁵ See *Joint Pre-Hearing Conference Statement of the Rail Safety Division and the County of Orange* (September 22, 2025).

⁶ Scoping Memo at 3.

(1.5 GB) in size, Applicant may choose to file a hard copy or utilize a Portable Document Format/ Archive (PDF/A) compliant format with a retention life at least thirty (30) years.

3. Applicant is directed to review Commission Rule 1.13 (*Tendering of Documents For Filing*) and 1.14 (*Review and Filing Tendered Documents*) and may wish to contact the Commission's Docket Office regarding requirements to file PDF/A compliant voluminous documents utilizing Archival-Grade Digital Video Disc (DVD), Compact Disc-Read Only Memory (CD-ROM), Hard Drives, or hard copies.

4. **Deadline:** Applicant shall fully comply with this Order on or before April 17, 2026.

Docket Office: The Commission Docket Office is authorized to accept Applicant's Response to the Order herein on or before April 17, 2026.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated April 2, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ANDREA D. MCGARY
Andrea D. McGary
Administrative Law Judge