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JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE

February 11, 2026

Mr. Oliver Garcia, P.E.
Utilities Engineer
California Public Utilities Commission
320 West 4th Street, Suite 500
Los Angeles, CA 90013

RE: Paradiso del Mare UPRR Grade-Separated Overcrossing Project

Dear Mr. Garcia,

I am writing to request the CPUC's full and fair consideration of the County of Santa Barbara's request to construct a new pedestrian grade-separated crossing of the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track. This new crossing will significantly advance the development of the California Coastal Trail by providing a critical connection approximately one mile west of the City of Goleta along the Gaviota Coast. Successful implementation of the grade-separated crossing within the County of Santa Barbara will create a safer and more efficient shared-use transportation facility that better serves the mobility, recreation, and economic needs of the region's residents and visitors.

This project represents a critical investment in regional mobility, safety, and coastal access. The proposed over-crossing will provide a safe, continuous, and reliable crossing of the UPRR corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, surfers, and other non-motorized users, eliminating conflicts at an at-grade railroad crossing. By separating rail and trail movements, the project will significantly reduce safety risks associated with current unauthorized at-grade crossings while improving operational efficiency for both trail users and railroad operations.

The over-crossing will also substantially advance completion of the California Coastal Trail, creating an essential link for public access to the segment located between the railroad track and the coastal bluff. This connection will enhance public access to the coastline, expand recreational opportunities, and support active transportation consistent with local, regional, and statewide planning goals.

Beyond its safety benefits, the project will contribute to a more integrated and resilient shared-use transportation network that supports tourism, local businesses, and the overall quality of

life for residents and visitors. The grade-separated design reflects best practices for long-term infrastructure durability while respecting the sensitive coastal environment.

For these reasons, I urge the CPUC's full and fair consideration of the Paradiso del Mare UPRR over-crossing project and encourage continued coordination among Union Pacific Railroad, the County of Santa Barbara, and project partners to advance design, permitting, and construction. This project will deliver lasting benefits to the region and serve as a model for safe, multimodal connectivity along California's coast.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregg Hart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "H".

Assemblymember Gregg Hart

JOAN HARTMANN
Third District Supervisor



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SENT VIA EMAIL

February 12, 2026

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Re: Support for the Paradiso del Mare Grade-Separated Overcrossing Project

Dear Mr. Garcia:

As the Supervisor proudly representing the Gaviota Coast on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, I am writing with strong enthusiasm in support of the request to construct a new pedestrian grade-separated crossing of the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track as part of the Paradiso del Mare Overcrossing Project. This project represents a transformational step forward in completing a critical segment of the California Coastal Trail along the Gaviota Coast, approximately one mile west of the City of Goleta.

The Gaviota Coast is one of the most iconic and ecologically rich landscapes in Santa Barbara County, if not in the entire state of California. Sweeping coastal bluffs, pristine beaches, working agricultural lands, and the dramatic meeting of the Santa Ynez Mountains and the Pacific Ocean create a setting that is both globally significant and deeply cherished by our community. Residents and visitors alike are drawn here to walk, ride, surf, and reconnect with nature. Yet despite its extraordinary beauty and popularity, safe and continuous coastal access in this corridor remains incomplete.

The proposed grade-separated overcrossing is a critical investment in regional mobility, safety, and coastal access. Currently, unauthorized at-grade crossings of the UPRR corridor present serious safety risks to pedestrians, bicyclists, surfers, and other non-motorized users seeking to access the shoreline and the Coastal Trail alignment between the railroad and the coastal bluff. By providing a safe, continuous, and reliable crossing, this project will eliminate dangerous conflicts between rail operations and trail users, significantly reducing the risk of injury while also improving operational efficiency for the railroad.

Beyond safety, this project advances the long-envisioned completion of the California Coastal Trail in this spectacular corridor. It will create an essential connection that strengthens public access to the coastline, expands recreational opportunities, and supports active transportation consistent with local, regional, and statewide planning goals. The overcrossing will help knit together trail segments into a cohesive experience that serves walkers, runners, cyclists, families, and visitors from around the world.

The Paradiso del Mare Overcrossing also supports economic vitality and community well-being. Trails along the Gaviota Coast drive tourism, support local businesses, and enhance quality of life for residents throughout the region. A resilient, grade-separated design reflects best practices for long-term infrastructure durability while carefully respecting the sensitive coastal environment that makes this place so special.

For these reasons, I strongly support the Paradiso del Mare UPRR Grade-Separated Overcrossing Project and encourage continued coordination among Union Pacific Railroad, the County of Santa Barbara, and project partners to advance design, permitting, and construction. This project will deliver lasting safety, environmental, and economic benefits and will serve as a model for safe, multimodal connectivity along California's coast.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work to improve infrastructure safety throughout our region.

Sincerely,

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Re: Support for the Paradiso del Mare UPRR Grade-Separated Overcrossing Project

Dear Mr. Garcia,

I am writing in support of the County of Santa Barbara's request to construct a new pedestrian grade-separated crossing of the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track. This new crossing will significantly advance the development of the California Coastal Trail by providing a critical connection to the California Coastal Trail, one mile west of the City of Goleta, along the Gaviota Coast. Successful implementation of the grade-separated crossing within the County of Santa Barbara will create a safer and more efficient shared-use transportation facility that better serves the mobility, recreation, and economic needs of the region's residents and visitors.

This project represents a critical investment in regional mobility, safety, and coastal access. The proposed over-crossing will provide a safe, continuous, and reliable crossing of the UPRR corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, surfers, and other non-motorized users, eliminating conflicts at an at-grade railroad crossing. By separating rail and trail movements, the project will significantly reduce safety risks associated with current unauthorized at-grade crossings while improving operational efficiency for both trail users and railroad operations.

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Beyond its safety benefits, the project will contribute to a more integrated and resilient shared-use transportation network that supports tourism, local businesses, and the overall quality of life for residents and visitors. The grade-separated design reflects best practices for long-term infrastructure durability while respecting the sensitive coastal environment.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for fair and thorough consideration of this project and the significant benefits it will bring to the community, including improved safety, enhanced connectivity, and long-term infrastructure resilience for the region. I strongly support the Paradiso del Mare UPRR over-crossing project and encourage continued coordination among Union Pacific Railroad, the County of Santa Barbara, and project partners to advance design, permitting, and construction. This project will deliver lasting benefits to the region and serve as a model for safe, multimodal connectivity along the Central Coast.

Thank you for your consideration.



Salud O. Carbajal
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



SENATOR MONIQUE LIMÓN

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

April 5, 2026

Oliver Garcia, P.E.
Utilities Engineer
California Public Utilities Commission
320 West 4th Street, Suite 500
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Re: Support for the Paradiso del Mare UPRR Grade-Separated Overcrossing Project

Dear Mr. Garcia,

I am writing in support of the request submitted by the County of Santa Barbara for the construction of a new pedestrian grade-separated crossing of the existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track. This new crossing will significantly advance the development of the California Coastal Trail by providing a connection to the California Coastal Trail, one mile west of the City of Goleta, along the Gaviota Coast. Successful implementation will create a safer and more efficient shared-use transportation facility that better serves the mobility, recreation, and economic needs of the region's residents and visitors.

This project represents an investment in regional mobility, safety, and coastal access. The proposed over-crossing will provide a safe, continuous, and reliable crossing of the UPRR corridor for pedestrians, bicyclists, surfers, and other non-motorized users, reducing conflicts at the railroad crossing. By separating rail and trail movements, the project will significantly reduce safety risks associated with current unauthorized at-grade crossings while improving operational efficiency for both trail users and railroad operations.

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As such, I respectfully ask for your fair and full consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monique Limón".

Monique Limón
Senate President Pro Tempore, District 21