

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Ms. Ingrid Padilla
50 Park Place
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Dear Ms. Padilla:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has jurisdiction over the safety of highway-rail crossings (crossings) in California. The California Public Utilities Code requires Commission approval for the construction or alteration of crossings and grants the Commission exclusive power on the design, alteration, and closure of crossings in California; this includes construction of at-grade and grade-separated crossings. The Commission Rail Crossings & Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) for the proposed Baylands General Plan Amendment, SCH#2006022136, submitted by the City of Brisbane (City).

The project area includes active rail tracks. Any future development adjacent to or near the railroad right-of-way (ROW) must be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. The Commission's policy is to reduce the number of at-grade crossings on freight or passenger railroad mainlines in California, as stated in the Commission General Order 75-D. We have received your response regarding our concerns about new at-grade crossings, and appreciate your efforts in supporting this policy. Please note that any new crossings, including grade-separated crossings, must be constructed with the prior consideration and approval of the Commission. Brisbane Baylands plans titled "Project Site Road Network Improvements" published on the City's website <http://brisbaneca.org/feir-documents> show extensions of both Geneva Ave and J Street across the active tracks. This is supported by mention of agreements made with Caltrain regarding construction over, through, or under the Caltrain ROW.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at (213) 266-4716 or matthew.cervantes@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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