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LOS ANGELES, CA 90013

June 23, 2006

Candida Neal, AICP
City of Upland
460 N. Euclid Avenue
Upland, CA 91786

Dear Ms. Neal:

Re: SCH# 2005101030; Upland Crossing Specific Plan

As the state agency responsible for rail safety within California, we recommend that any development projects planned adjacent to or near the Metrolink's San Gabriel Valley Line and BNSF Railway Company right-of-ways be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. New developments may increase traffic volumes not only on streets and at intersections, but also at at-grade highway-rail crossings. This includes considering pedestrian circulation patterns/destinations with respect to railroad right-of-way.

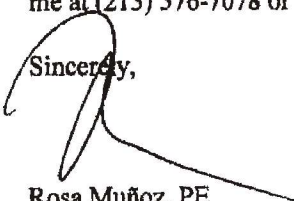
Safety factors to consider include, but are not limited to, the planning for grade separations for major thoroughfares, improvements to existing at-grade highway-rail crossings due to increase in traffic volumes and appropriate fencing to limit the access of trespassers onto the railroad right-of-way.

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The above-mentioned safety improvements should be considered when approval is sought for the new development. Working with Commission staff early in the conceptual design phase will help improve the safety to motorists and pedestrians in the City.

Please advise us on the status of the project. If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me at (213) 576-7078 or at rxm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Consumer Protection & Safety Division

C: Ron Mathieu, Metrolink
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