



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Lloyd White, Mayor
DATE: June 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction Regarding Draft Letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Requesting an Investigation into the Union Pacific Railroad Incident on June 15, 2022

Background and Analysis:

The California Public Utilities Commission and the Federal Railroad Administration oversee rail operations in the United States. The incident on June 15, 2022, involving an immobile Union Pacific Railroad train which blocked three of our major thoroughfares for well over six hours cannot go without consequences.

Attached are two letters, one to each agency, requesting that the incident on June 15th be investigated as it relates to the hazardous situation caused by Union Pacific's immobile train, their lack of response, and causing our citizens undue concern inconvenience, and frustration (Attachment A).

Recommended Action:

Discuss the attached letters and provide direction.

Attachments:

A. Letters to the CPUC and FRA