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Support Increasing the Allocation Set-Aside
From $1 Million to $4.25 Million for the PUC's
Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program

Resolution G-99-31

1.1 WHEREAS, the Automatic Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Fund was established by the Legislature in 1965 (PUC Section 1231.1) to pay the cities' and counties' share of the cost of maintaining automatic grade crossing protection devices installed by railroad corporations after October 1, 1965; and

1.2 WHEREAS, since 1967 a minimum of $1 million per year has been appropriated by the State Legislature and allocated by the California Transportation Commission to the PUC for its Railroad Grade Crossing Protection Maintenance Program; and

1.3 WHEREAS, the total claims submitted by the railroad corporations have substantially exceeded the $1 million cap since 1977; and

1.4 WHEREAS, the anticipated claims submitted to the PUC for FY 2000-01 are estimated to be $4.3 million, which exceeds the annual $1 million cap by $3.3 million; and

1.5 WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the importance of maintaining the grade crossing protection devices for increased safety on the transportation system.

2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Transportation Commission supports an additional $3.25 million allocation set-aside for use in the PUC grade crossing protection maintenance program which would increase the total allocation set-aside to $4.25 million, providing revenues are available in FY 2000-01 from the State Highway Account.