

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Safety Division

RESOLUTION SR-4  
May 10, 1989**R E S O L U T I O N**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MTDB) TO DEVIATE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7.8 OF GENERAL ORDER 75-C BY MODIFYING THE SOUNDING OF BELLS ON ALL GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION DEVICES EQUIPPED WITH GATES ON THE EL CAJON EAST LINE EXTENSION PROJECT

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By letter dated April 19, 1989, San Diego MTDB has requested authorization for the El Cajon East Line Extension Project to deviate from the provision of Section 7.8 of General Order 75-C that requires the constant ringing of bells at railroad/highway grade crossings when the gates are activated by passing trains. Specifically, San Diego MTDB has requested permission to have the bells remain silent while the gates are in the down position to avoid the annoyance of continuously ringing bells in the residential and suburban commercial areas served by the El Cajon East Line Extension project.

San Diego MTDB proposes to modify the grade crossing protection devices so that the bells will sound only during the initial warning and descent stages until the gates are within 10 degrees of the horizontal down position. However, the flashing red lights will continue to provide the necessary warning aspect while the gates are down and the bells are silent, thus assuring that the necessary vehicle safety is maintained.

Safety Division staff concludes that San Diego MTDB's proposal is a safe and reasonable alternative to the requirement for continuously ringing bells. Also, there is precedence for this request in that the Commission has previously granted a similar exemption to Sacramento Regional Transit in Resolution No. RTS-11.

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THEREFORE:

IT IS RESOLVED that the San Diego MTDB be authorized to deviate from Section 7.8 of General Order 75-C so that the sounding of the bells occurs only during the initial warning and descent stage until the gates are within 10 degrees of the horizontal position for grade crossing protection devices on the El Cajon East Line Extension Project. This resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on May 10, 1989. The following Commissioners approved it:

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