PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Rail Safety and Carriers Division Rail Engineering Safety Branch Rail Crossings Engineering Section Resolution SX-21 Date: February 4, 1999

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION SX-21. GRANTING EXEMPTION FROM THE MANDATORY STOP REQUIREMENTS OF SECTIONS 22452 AND 22452.5 OF THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE TO A CERTAIN RAILROAD-HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSING IN THE COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

The City of Menlo Park has requested authority for an exemption from the mandatorystop requirements of the California Vehicle Code §§ 22452 and 22452.5 on behalf of the Dumbarton Express Consortium and in conformance with the Commission's General Order 145. The San Mateo County Transportation Authority requests "EXEMPT" status for the following railroad-highway crossing:

Road Name

PUC Crossing Number

State Route 84 (Willow Road)

DAB 30.1

The Commission Staff; together with Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority; investigated Menlo Park's request and has concluded that the above-named railroad-highway grade crossing complies with the requirements of General order 145 for "EXEMPT" status and that the public interest would be served by its exemption. The Department of the California Highway Patrol concurs.

General Order 145 Section 2 lists six criteria that allow a crossing to become "EXEMPT". The San Mateo County Transportation Authority shall notify all of the above parties if any of these criteria changes in such a way as to affect the crossing status and make the crossing no longer eligible for continued "EXEMPT" status. If such a change occurs, the authority for exemption will become void, and the City of Menlo Park shall remove the "EXEMPT" signs from the crossing and consider it to be no longer "EXEMPT".

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to <u>PUCode</u> §311(g)(2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

IT IS RESOLVED that "EXEMPT" status for the above-named railroad-highway grade crossing is approved.

This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission of the State at its regular meeting in California held on February 4, 1999. The following Commissioners voting favorably thereon:

WESLEY M. FRANKLIN Executive Director

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Commissioners