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Cameron Lane Crossing
City of Los Angeles

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Cameron Lane At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing (CPUC No. 84L-0.79) across the tracks of the Metro Blue Line, in City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Olson:

This refers to your letter, dated May 19, 2010, received May 21, 2010, requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Cameron Lane at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Blue Line Light Rail tracks in City of Los Angeles (City), identified as CPUC Crossing Number 84L-0.79.

Cameron Lane, a named alley, has been the site of several vehicle-train collisions and Commission staff initiated discussions with Metro and City of Los Angeles for its closure. On February 5, 2010 City Council authorized closure of Cameron Lane. The closure is intended to prohibit both the southbound left-turn from Flower Street into Cameron Lane, as well as the westbound left-turn movement from Cameron Lane onto southbound Flower Street (Flower Street is one-way southbound).

The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority (Expo Authority), as part of its Expo Light Rail project, proposes to affect the closure of Cameron Lane. Expo Authority proposes to modify the raised median islands that currently separate the tracks from Flower Street by closing the gap that provides access to Cameron Lane. Expo Authority will construct a new raised median island to fill the existing gap and physically close the alley access. Expo Authority will also construct new hand-railing along the curb between the tracks and the sidewalk to prevent pedestrians from entering the rail right-of-way at the former Cameron Lane approach location.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by Expo Authority and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Expo Authority, Metro and the City are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your letter dated May 19, 2010, and summarized above are authorized. Improvements shall comply with all applicable Commission General Orders and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices published by the California Department of Transportation.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Pubic Resources Code 21084]

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within two years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, the Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Metro shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G title *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/formg>. This report may be submitted electronically to rces@cpuc.ca.gov as outlined on the web page.

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at (213-576-7083) or jfp@cpuc.ca.gov .

Sincerely,



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