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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Yajome Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 087-70.60, DOT No. 751369G, in the City of Napa, Napa County.

Dear Mr. Andrilla:

This refers to your letter dated August 24, 2010 and received by us on August 30, 2010 requesting authorization pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter an at-grade highway-rail crossing of the Napa Valley Railroad Company (NVR) in the City of Napa (City), County of Napa. The crossing is identified as Yajome Street Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 087-70.60, DOT No. 751369G.

The crossing is currently equipped with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate) warning devices, and two W10-1 (RXR) advanced warning signs. NVR currently operates approximately 4 trains per day at 10 mph over this line.

The City states in its GO 88-B request letter, "The public will benefit from the proposed work because of drainage improvements to the street from the installation of curb, gutter and a catch basin in the area."

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of:

- Relocation of the existing Commission Standard 9 in the southeast quadrant of the railroad crossing at a minimum clearance of 4.3 feet from the face of the new curb to the center of the warning device mast.
- Installation of curb and gutter adjacent to the newly relocated Commission Standard 9 warning device in the southeast quadrant of the railroad crossing to line up with the existing sidewalk.
- Removal of the existing pavement marking stop bar and installation of a new 2' wide roadway pavement marking stop bar for the northbound and southbound approaches.
- Installation of a longer gate arm on the Commission Standard 9 warning device due to realigning the new curb and widening Yajome Street by 7'.
- Installation of ADA compliant detectable warning (tactile strips) on the newly extended sidewalk on the east side of the railroad crossing.

- Installation of two W11-1 and two W16-7p warning signs at a minimum of 2' from the curb and at a minimum of 5' in advance of bicycle pathway near the railroad crossing on both approaches.

Staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and NVRR are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, you may proceed with the improvements as described in the request letter and attachments, and summarized above.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with section 8A.05, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by Caltrans.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public 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 Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separations*. 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 Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or dvm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Anthony Giaccio, Napa Valley Wine Train