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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Redding Avenue Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 083E-4.77 in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County

Dear Ms. Avalos:

This refers to your letter dated February 23, 2011 and received by us on March 9, 2011 requesting authorization, pursuant to Commission General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the at-grade crossing of Redding Avenue in the City of Sacramento (City), Sacramento County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 083E-4.77.

The crossing is currently a two track crossing equipped with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate) warning devices. At this location, Redding Avenue is a two-lane road running north/south. Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) operates over this crossing. Rail service at this crossing is approximately 126 light rail trains per day at a maximum speed of 55 mph.

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

- Widening Redding Avenue to accommodate two 11-foot wide vehicle lanes with two 6-foot wide bicycle lanes;
- Relocating the existing Standard 9 warning devices behind the curb and gutter and in front of the detached sidewalk to accommodate the widening;
- Installing two detached 6-foot wide sidewalks, routed behind the warning devices;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning tactile warning strips on all side walk approaches. The strips shall be placed across the entire width of the pedestrian pathway a minimum of 12 feet from the nearest rail;
- Installing CA MUTCD R8-8 "Do Not Stop on Tracks" signs at the crossing in both traffic directions.
- Installing new pavement markings and signs as shown in the plans.

The City states in its GO88-B request letter that “The alterations will more safely provide for bicycle and pedestrian crossing of the light rail tracks. Also, the new crossing will meet full ADA standards (which the current crossing does not) to much more safely allow the passage of handicapped people.”

Staff has investigated the City’s request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and SRTD 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 your 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 CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation.

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

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three 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/static/transportation/crossings/formg.htm> This report may be submitted electronically to rces@cpuc.ca.gov as outlined on the web page.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov .

Sincerely,



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C: Darryl Abansado, SRTD