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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Stockton Boulevard Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 083E-2.41 in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County

Dear Mr. Abansado:

This refers to your letter dated August 30, 2013, received by us on September 4, 2013, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Stockton Boulevard at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) track in the City of Sacramento (City), Sacramento County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 083E-2.41.

The double track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 9A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices. SRTD currently runs approximately 141 trains per day at a maximum speed of 55 mph over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Stockton Boulevard is 20,987 vehicles.

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

- Constructing a 71 foot long raised median on the north side of the tracks;
- Painting hatch marks and "Keep Clear" pavement markings in both southbound lanes between the crossing stop bar and the tracks;
- Installing a median island at the intersection of Stockton Boulevard and R Street to make westbound R Street only allowable for right turns;
- Removing the active "No Left Turn when Flashing" signs from R Street;
- Installing new street signage and striping as shown on plans.

Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) staff has investigated SRTD's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SRTD and the City 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, attachments, and summarized above.

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Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), 2012 Edition, 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 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 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 RCES may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SRTD shall notify RCES that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. 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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