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File Number: XREQ 2014020003
Broadway/Brazil Street
City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Broadway/Brazil Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101VY-7.51 and DOT No. 746805H, in City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on February 11, 2014, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the at-grade crossing (crossing) of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority's (SCRRA) Valley Subdivision railroad tracks and Broadway/Brazil Street, in the City of Los Angeles (City), Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101VY-7.51 and DOT No. 746805H.

The City of Glendale and SCRRA recently completed safety improvements authorized in GO 88-B No. G.12-08-038, at the easterly side of the crossing, within Glendale railroad right of way. The crossing is equipped with a four-quadrant gate system consisting of Commission Standard 9 and 9E (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices for vehicular traffic. The northerly side of the crossing is equipped with Commission Standard 9 warning devices and emergency swing gates for pedestrian traffic. The southerly side of the crossing is prohibited for pedestrian traffic. SCRRA operates 64 passenger trains and Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) operates approximately 17 freight trains per day over this line at 55 and 79 miles per hour respectively. The crossing is currently closed to public access due to unsafe operating conditions from to the absence of the planned improvements west of the crossing.

The City proposes the following modifications to the westerly side of the crossing:

- Install a new traffic signal system within the City boundary to accommodate the new crossing configuration and include advance preemption, protected left turns, and limited service, as shown in plans;
- Improve the street lighting at the intersection of Brazil Street and San Fernando Road West;
- Modify roadway width, grading, and drainage at Brazil Street and San Fernando Road West intersection to accommodate the improvements;

- Install new pavement at Brazil Street and San Fernando Road West intersection, as shown in plans;
- Install two Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant wheelchair access ramps at the intersection of Brazil Street and San Fernando Road West;
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings as shown on the plans, and;
- Coordinate the preemption of the traffic signaling system with Glendale and SCRRA and complete the necessary and appropriate interconnects and documents to provide for the control of the coordinated system by the City of Glendale.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) investigated the request by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the Cities of Glendale and Los Angeles, SCRRA, and UPRR 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 request dated February 11, 2014 and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders, ADA, and CA MUTCD.

This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental 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 RCES, 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, RCES may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.


Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City and/or SCRRA 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 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.

At the conclusion of the project, SCRRA shall submit an updated FRA inventory form to the Federal Railroad Administration reflecting the changes. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rces@cpuc.ca.gov.

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If you have any questions, please contact Carlo Groag at (213) 576-7187 or cag@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anton Garabetian", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anton Garabetian, P.E.
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings Engineering Section
Safety and Enforcement Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
Kenneth Tom, UPRR
Patricia Watkins, SCRRA
Wayne Ko, City of Glendale