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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 500 Los Angeles, CA 90013



April 2, 2014

Mehrdad Nazeri Associate Civil Engineer City of Sacramento 915 I Street, Room 2000 Sacramento, CA 95814

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re:

General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter 65th Street At-grade Highway - Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 083E-4.55 and DOT No. 753508G in the City of Sacramento, County of Sacramento

Dear Mr. Nazeri:

This refers to your letter dated December 4, 2013, received by us on March 20, 2014, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 65th Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) tracks in the City of Sacramento (City), County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 083E-4.55 and DOT No. 753508G.

The double track crossing is equipped with one 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) and three Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. SRTD operates approximately 135 trains per day at a maximum speed of 55 mile per hour through the crossing. The average daily traffic on 65th Street is 24,833 vehicles.

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

- Reconstructing the raised median on the north side of the crossing to bring it to a height of 7 inches;
- Reconstructing the raised median on the south side of the crossing to bring it to a height of 7 inches and extend it to the intersection of 65th Street and S Street;
- Stripe a 5 foot wide bicycle lane on the northbound crossing approach.

Commission's Rail Crossing Engineering Section (RCES) 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, 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 CA MUTCD, 2012 Edition, published by California Department of Transportation (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 Pubic 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, the City 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 recs@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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Program and Project Supervisor Rail Crossings Engineering Section Safety and Enforcement Division

C: Darryl Abansado, SRTD (SENT VIA E-MAIL)