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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Pacheco Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 005-17.30 and DOT No. 863517J in the City of San Rafael, County of Marin

Dear Mr. Gamlen:

This refers to your letter dated June 30, 2015, received by us on July 1, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Pacheco Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District (SMART) track in the City of San Rafael (City), County of Marin. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 005-17.30 and DOT No. 863517J.

The single track crossing is equipped with one curb mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning device. There is currently no rail traffic over the crossing. SMART transit passenger service is scheduled to begin in late 2016 with a projected 32 trains per day. The average daily traffic on Pacheco Street is less than 1000 vehicles.

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

- Installing a curb mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning device in the southwest quadrant;
- Installing a curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning device in the northeast quadrant;
- Constructing curb in all four quadrants of the crossing;
- Constructing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant precast concrete (PCC) sidewalks in all four quadrants of the crossing;
- Installing ADA compliant detectable warning strips on all sidewalk approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track and spanning the entire width of the walkway;
- Installing redundant GE XP4 predictor to provide constant warning time;
- Installing a PCC crossing panel surface for the mainline track; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 and W10-4 advance warning signs and "RXR" and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on plans.

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Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated SMART's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SMART 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.

SMART must ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 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].

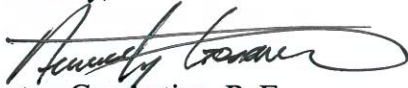
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SMART shall notify RCEB 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/PUC/safety/Rail/Crossings/formg.htm>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, SMART should submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

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

Sincerely,



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