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18th Avenue and Judah Street
City of San Francisco, San Francisco County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the 18th Avenue and Judah Street At-Grade Highway-Light Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 125N-11.79, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Dear Ms. Leung:

This refers to your letter, dated September 15, 2015, received by us on September 24, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC / Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the 18th Avenue and Judah Street at-grade highway-light rail crossing (crossing) in the City and County of San Francisco. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 125N-11.79.

The two track crossing is located within the intersection of 18th Avenue and Judah Street. 18th Avenue and Judah Street are both two-lane roadways with one through lane in each direction. The crossing is controlled through a four way stop sign. The tracks on Judah Street are street running and share the road with vehicles. The trains operate at a maximum speed of 9.6 miles per hour. There are approximately 288 trains per day with an average traffic of 5,500 vehicles at this crossing.

San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA) proposes the following crossing improvements:

- Signalizing the intersection with new vehicle and pedestrian traffic signals at each corner;
- Removing the existing "STOP" pavement markings; and
- Refreshing the current pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the SFMTA and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. The improvements as described in your request letter dated September 15, 2015, and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs, Americans with Disabilities Act 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 RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. If an extension is requested, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Siavash Mozaffari at (415) 703-1815 or sm4@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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