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File Number: XREQ 2015120006, and 2016010009
City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Two At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossings at Wardlow Road (CPUC Crossing No. 84L-17.50) and Spring Street (CPUC Crossing No. 84L-18.10) in City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Mayman:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on December 8, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify two at-grade highway-rail crossings (crossings), identified in the table below, over the tracks of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Blue Line in the City of Long Beach (City), Los Angeles County.

Crossing Names and Identification Information

Authorization No.	CPUC Crossing No.	Street
XREQ 2015120006	84L-17.50	Wardlow Road
XREQ 2016010009	84L-18.10	Spring Street

Metro proposes the following alterations as part of its pedestrian safety improvement project. These improvements are discussed in greater detail and shown in plans submitted with Metro's request:

- Install Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) pedestrian gate warning devices in combination with swing gate on all four sidewalk approaches to the crossings;
- Install Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) at the transit station entrance on the north side of the Wardlow Road crossing;
- Install handrails and fencing to deter trespassing, as shown on plans;
- Widen the pedestrian sidewalks across the tracks to at least 8 feet; and
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant standard detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Metro and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Metro and City 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 December 8, 2015, and summarized above are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by Caltrans. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders, ADA, and the 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, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, LACMTA and/or City 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 Separations*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, Metro should electronically 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 submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at (213) 576-7083 or jfp@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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