

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Unincorporated Los Angeles County

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Four At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossings at Gage Avenue (CPUC Crossing No. 84L-5.70/001BBH-487.92, DOT No. 747850F), Florence Avenue (CPUC Crossing No. 84L-6.20/001BBH-488.43, DOT No. 747851M), Nadeau Street (CPUC Crossing No. 84L-6.70/001BBH-488.93, DOT No. 747857D), and 92nd Street (CPUC Crossing No. 84L-7.70/001BBH-489.94, DOT No. 747859S) in Unincorporated Los Angeles County.**

Dear Mr. Mayman:

This refers to your letter, dated December 8, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify four at-grade highway-rail crossings, identified in the table below, over the shared rail corridor tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UPRR) Wilmington Subdivision and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Blue Line in unincorporated Los Angeles County (County).

Crossing Names and Identification Information

Authorization No.	CPUC Crossing No.	DOT No.	Street Name
XREQ 2015120008	84L-5.70/001BBH-487.92	747850F	Gage Avenue
XREQ 2016010001	84L-6.20/001BBH-488.43	747851M	Florence Avenue
XREQ 2016010002	84L-6.70/001BBH-488.93	747857D	Nadeau Street
XREQ 2016010003	84L-7.70/001BBH-489.94	747859S	92 <sup>nd</sup> 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:

- Replace rubber crossing panels with concrete crossing panels;
- 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 handrails and fencing to deter trespassing;
- Widen the pedestrian sidewalks across the tracks to at least 8 feet;
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant standard detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossing; and
- Install Qwick Kurb on both sides of the street between the curb extension of the cross street and the marked sidewalk to prevent vehicles from entering the pedestrian crossing area.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Metro and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Metro, UPRR and County 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, Americans with Disabilities Act, 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].

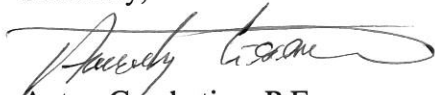
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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 County 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](mailto: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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

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

Sincerely,



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