

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2015120010
Poinsettia Station
City of Carlsbad, San Diego CountyAngela Anderson, Senior Engineer
San Diego Association of Governments
401 B Street, Suite 800
San Diego, CA 92101**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Poinsettia Station Pedestrian-Rail Crossings in the City of Carlsbad, San Diego County.**

Dear Ms. Anderson:

This refers to your letter dated October 28, 2015, received by us on December 16, 2015, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Poinsettia Station pedestrian-rail crossings (crossings) of North County Transit District (NCTD) Coaster track in the City of Carlsbad, San Diego County. The station crossings are identified in CPUC records as shown below:

Proposed	CPUC Crossing Number	DOT Crossing Number	Roadway Name
To be removed	106-233.18-D	923770W	CARLSBAD POINSETTIA STATION - NORTH END
To be removed	106-233.25-D	967082G (prev. 923770W)	CARLSBAD POINSETTIA STATION - SOUTH END
To be constructed	106-233.24-BD	967100C	CARLSBAD POINSETTIA STATION PED UNDERPASS

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) plans to eliminate the two at-grade station pedestrian crossings and replace them with a grade separated pedestrian underpass. The station platforms are located on the outside of the two mainline railroad tracks with the at-grade station pedestrian crossings at the north and south ends of the station platforms. The crossings are equipped with Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices along each pedestrian approach to the crossings. NCTD operates and maintains the railroad tracks

SANDAG proposes to make the following alterations:

- Construct a grade-separated station pedestrian crossing under the tracks;
- Provide a minimum vertical clearance of 8-feet from the bottom of the railroad structure to the pathway surface;
- Construct Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps and stairwells with handrails to direct and channelize pedestrian movement;
- Install lighting along the length of the tunnel crossing, ramps and stairwells;

- Construct an inter-track fence at the station; and
- Eliminate the two at-grade station pedestrian crossings and associated warning devices.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANDAG, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SANDAG and NCTD 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 October 28, 2015, and summarized above are authorized.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and ADA.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

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. 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 re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SANDAG 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 at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, NCTD shall submit updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory forms (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Schumacher at kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,



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Safety and Enforcement Division

(SENT VIA E-MAIL)

C: Ziad Malhas, NCTD