

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number XREQ2016040010  
Santa Clara Station Ped Underpass  
Santa Clara, Santa Clara County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Santa Clara Station Pedestrian Underpass Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 105E-44.50-BD and DOT No. 922715T in the City of Santa Clara, County of Santa Clara.**

Dear Ms. Gonot:

This refers to your letter dated April 4, 2016, received by us on April 6, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Santa Clara Station Pedestrian Underpass grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJX) track in the City of Santa Clara (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 105E-44.50-BD and DOT No. 922715T.

92 Caltrain passenger trains, 8 Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) passenger trains, and four freight trains per day travel over the crossing at a maximum speed of 79 mph.

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

- Extending the existing pedestrian underpass beneath the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks on the east side of the center station platform;
- Installing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp providing access between the underpass and Brokaw Rd; and
- Installing vandal resistant fencing between the UPRR tracks and the pedestrian ramp to prevent trespassing.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff investigated the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As VTA, PCJX, UPRR, 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. VTA must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the Caltrans.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD. This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21080.13].

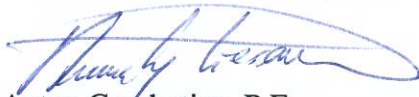
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence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

At the conclusion of the project, PCJX should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 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 Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722 or [felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:felix.ko@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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