

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2016040012

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Rockingham Drive At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001AH-102.50-C and DOT No. 753854W in the City of Rancho Cordova, County of Sacramento**

Dear Mr. Boyer:

This refers to your letter dated February 18, 2016, received by us on April 15, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Rockingham Drive at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Sacramento-Placerville Transportation Corridor Joint Powers Authority (SPTC-JPA) track in the City of Rancho Cordova (City), County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001AH-102.50-C and DOT No. 753854W.

The single track crossing is equipped with two curb mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices. There is no rail traffic over the crossing and the rails are disconnected just north of the crossing. The average daily traffic on Rockingham Drive is 5,933 vehicles.

This project is part of the City's plan to construct a Standard Class I multi-use path within the SPTC-JPA right-of way starting on the north side of Mills Station Road and terminating on the south side of Old Placerville Road.

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

- Installing a crosswalk with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps across Rockingham Drive on the west side of the tracks;
- Installing ADA compliant detectable warning strips on both westbound sidewalk approaches, located a minimum of 12 feet from the centerline of the track and spanning the entire width of the walkway;
- Installing California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, as shown on plans.

Before railroad operations can commence at the crossing, the City, SPTC-JPA and the operating railroad will meet with the Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff to conduct a diagnostic review of the crossing to determine the railroad warning devices and other safety mitigation measures that will need to be installed to bring the crossing up to current standards.

RCEB staff has investigated the City's request, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SPTC-JPA 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.

SPTCJPA must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and 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, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

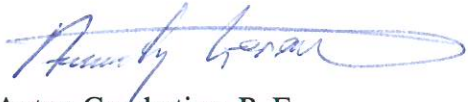
Within 30 days after completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the Commission web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings> . This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov) as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, SPTC-JPA should 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 to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

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If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or [atm@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:atm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anton Garabetian", with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Anton Garabetian, P. E.  
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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch  
Safety and Enforcement Division

(SENT VIA E-MAIL)

C: John Segerdell, SPTC-JPA

