

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2016040014
3rd Street
City of Oakland, Alameda County

Jason Patton
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Oakland, CA 94612

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the 3rd Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 901-5.90-C and DOT Crossing No. 928022S in the City of Oakland, Alameda County.

Dear Mr. Patton:

This refers to your letter signed, dated, and received by us on April 20, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the 3rd Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) tracks in the City of Oakland (City), Alameda County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 901-5.90-C and DOT Number 928022S.

The two track, 130 feet apart, crossing is a two lane road running east to west. . The crossing is equipped with cross bucks, pavement markings, and two Commission Standard Commission 9 (Flashing Lights Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices, one on each approach. The average daily traffic at this location was recorded at 6,110 vehicles per day in the year 2012. One daily freight train passes through the crossing with a maximum speed of 5 miles per hour. This project proposes to reduce the width of each vehicular travel lane from 14 feet to 11 feet in order to add a 3 foot buffer between the existing vehicular and bicycle lane. This project will also add the necessary W10-1 signs on both approaches along with W48(CA) signs reading "2 TRACKS".

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and Amtrak 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 letter received by us on April 20, 2016, and summarized above are authorized.

The City of Oakland must ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

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, the 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 CPUC web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings/>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, the City should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) 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. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Sia Mozaffari at (415) 703-1815 or sm4@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Safety and Enforcement Division

cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**

Steven McDowell, Amtrak