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Coast Highway
City of Oceanside, San Diego County

David DiPierro, City Traffic Engineer
City of Oceanside
300 North Coast Highway
Oceanside, CA 92054

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Coast Highway At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing No. 106E-100.28 and DOT No. 027550E in the City of Oceanside, San Diego County.

Dear Mr. DiPierro:

This refers to your letter dated May 31, 2016, received by us on June 1, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Coast Highway at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the North County Transit District – SPRINTER (NCTS) Escondido Subdivision track, in the City of Oceanside (City), San Diego County. . The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 106E-100.28 and DOT No. 027550E.

The crossing is a north-south roadway which crosses a single track of NCTS just east of the Coast Highway Station. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional overhead flashing light signals) warning devices and two median-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. Raised concrete medians are present on both approaches to the track. Sidewalks are present on both sides of the roadway. Approximately 66 rail transit vehicles at up to 25 miles per hour (MPH) and two freight trains at up to 20 MPH move over the track per day. The average daily traffic at the crossing is approximately 14,417 vehicles.

The proposed alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments shall consist of converting the roadway lane striping from two vehicular lanes in each direction to one vehicular lane and one bicycle lane along both the northbound and southbound roadway approaches to the track.

The City submitted a Form G with the request which indicates that the alterations were completed on March 27, 2016. Although City intends this to be a temporary pilot project, there is no specified end date. If the crossing is reverted to the previous condition (two vehicular lanes in each direction) within three (3) years of the date of this letter, the reversion is approved herein, and does not require further GO 88-B authorization.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and NCTS 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 dated May 31, 2016, as shown in the attachments, and as summarized above, are authorized.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including the Commission GOs and CA MUTCD.

NCTS must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

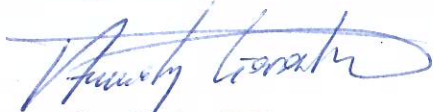
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, [California Public Resources Code §21084].

This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three (3) 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.

If the crossing is returned to its previous condition, the City and/or NCTS shall notify RCEB within 30 days of the completion of the construction project, that, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation. 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Schumacher at kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,



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CC: (SENT VIA EMAIL)
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