

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County

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**SENT VIA EMAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter Two At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossings at 20th Street and 24th Street in City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.**

Dear Mr. Mayman:

This refers to your letter dated December 8, 2015, and received by us on September 9, 2016, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify two at-grade highway-rail crossings (crossings), identified in the table below, over the light rail tracks of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (Metro) Blue Line in City of Los Angeles (City), Los Angeles County.

**Crossing Names and Identification Information**

Authorization No.	CPUC Crossing Nos.	DOT No.	Street
XREQ 2016110005	84L-3.18	747831B	20 <sup>th</sup> Street
XREQ 2016110006	84L-3.40	747833P	24 <sup>th</sup> Street

Metro proposes the following alterations as part of its pedestrian safety improvement project. These improvements are discussed in greater detail and shown on the plans submitted with Metro's request:

- Install concrete crossing panels to improve pedestrian walking surface;
- Install Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) pedestrian gate warning devices in combination with swing gate on all sidewalk approaches to the crossings;
- Install handrails and fencing to deter trespassing;
- Widen the pedestrian sidewalks across the tracks to at least 9 feet (south side) and 10 feet (north side);
- Install Qwick Kurb on both sides of the street between the curb extension of the cross street and the marked sidewalk to deter vehicles from entering the pedestrian crossing area;
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning tactile strips on all sidewalk approaches to the crossings;
- Install new curb and gutter, and ADA compliant wheelchair access ramps at all approaches to the crossings;
- Install continental-striped crosswalks across Long Beach Blvd;
- Replace/relocate traffic signals as approved by the City.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Metro and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Metro and the City 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 December 8, 2015, and summarized above, are authorized.

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 California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs, Americans with Disabilities Act, and the CA MUTCD.

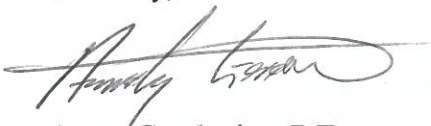
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21084].

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, RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Metro 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 Commission web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Jose Pereyra at (213) 576-7083 or [jfp@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:jfp@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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