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File Numbers:

XREQ 2017030002 – Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) River East Bank
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City and County of Los Angeles

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California Department of Transportation
100 South Main Street, MS 6
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify Two Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossings, on the River East and River West Subdivisions, in the City and County of Los Angeles.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This refers to your letter, received by us on March 1, 2017, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify two grade-separated highway-rail crossings (crossings) of the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) over the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) River East and River West Subdivision tracks in the City and County of Los Angeles, which are identified in the table below.

Crossing Names and Identification Information

Authorization No.	CPUC Crossing No.	DOT No.	Location
XREQ 2017030002	101RI-484.30-A	811269U	River East Subdivision
XREQ 2017030003	101RI-142.40-A	027626H	River West Subdivision

The I-10 crossings cross over a set of Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and SCRRA tracks on the east bank and a set of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) tracks on the west bank, separated by the Los Angeles River. UPRR and SCRRA operate approximately 20 freight and 21 passenger trains per day respectively over the SCRRA River East Subdivision at a maximum speed of 70 MPH. BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) and SCRRA and National Passenger Railroad Corporation (Amtrak) operate approximately three freight and 53 passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 79 MPH over the SCRRA River West Subdivision.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to install scaffolding and catwalks under the freeway structure to carry out future inspections and maintenance activities.

No temporary clearance is requested during construction. All proposed permanent clearances comply with the Commission GO 26-D minimum clearance requirement of 22 feet 6 inches.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans, Amtrak, BNSF, SCRRA and UPRR 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 March 1, 2017, and summarized above are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the current version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by Caltrans. All of the proposed alterations mentioned above must be completed for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the CA MUTCD.

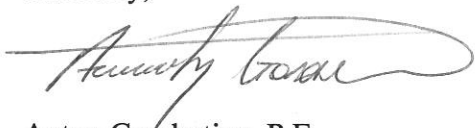
This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code §21080.13].

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 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.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Caltrans 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 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 Chi Cheung To at (213) 576-5766 or at cct@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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