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File Number: XREQ 2017040007
Willowbrook Avenue East
Unincorporated Los Angeles County

Wells Lawson
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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Willowbrook Avenue East At-Grade Highway-Light Rail Crossing, identified as CPUC Crossing Nos. 084L-09.60-C, in Unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Dear Mr. Lawson:

This refers to your letter dated March 23, 2017, received electronically that same day, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Willowbrook Avenue East at-grade highway-light rail crossing (crossing) of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Blue Line light-rail tracks in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Nos. 084L-09.60-C.

Willowbrook Avenue East is a north-south oriented two lane roadway that ends just south of the crossing, and continues as a transit and emergency vehicle egress road traversing the crossing. There is an existing sidewalk along the western edge of the roadway. Warning devices consist of one curb mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate) warning device on the southbound approach, and one curb mounted Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning device on the northbound approach. The crossing itself is comprised of one non-revenue connector track. The track provides a connection between Metro's Blue and Green lines.

Metro proposes the following modifications:

- Install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk on the west side of the crossing;
- Install ADA compliant standard detectable warning tactile strips on the sidewalk approaches to the crossing;
- Install one curb mounted Commission Standard 8 warning device for the northbound pedestrian approach on western sidewalk, with 12" light emitting diode flashing lights;
- Install one R15-8 (LOOK BOTH WAYS) sign and one I-13 (Emergency Notification) sign on new Commission Standard 8;
- Install fencing along the right of way and crossing approaches to prevent trespassing, as shown in plans.

The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Metro and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Metro and County 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 March 23, 2017, and summarized above, are authorized. Metro must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by Caltrans. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders, 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. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC 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 Jose Pereyra at (213) 576-7083 or jfp@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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