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File Number: XREQ 2018040005
State Route 49 Underpass
City of Auburn

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the State Route 49 Underpass Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001AI-126.30-B and DOT No. 753213P in the City of Auburn, Placer County.

Dear Mr. Estrada:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on April 10, 2017, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the State Route (SR) 49 underpass grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track in the City of Auburn (City), Placer County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001AI-126.30-B and DOT No. 753213P.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has jurisdiction of the SR 49 beneath the UPRR track. The purpose of this project is to install an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalk on the easterly side of SR 49. The sidewalk will connect with sidewalks on the same side of the roadway northwest and southeast of the underpass. This project is part of an overall Caltrans project that includes other roadway improvements along SR 49.

The alterations, as indicated in the Caltrans' request letter and/or shown on the plans, shall consist of:

- Installing an ADA compliant sidewalk on the easterly side of SR 49. The sidewalk will be 57 feet long, 6 inches high and 4 feet wide; and
- Installing a slotted drain, concrete backfill, and other items per plan associated with the construction of the sidewalk.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the request by Caltrans, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans and UPRR (Parties) are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the improvements as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above. Caltrans must complete all of the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the latest version of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) published by Caltrans. Temporary traffic controls shall be in compliance with the latest version of the CAMUTCD and detour plans as agreed to by the Parties.

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

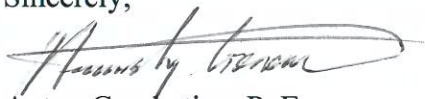
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by interested 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, Caltrans 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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 928-3809 or email at mlk@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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