

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Taraval Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
San Francisco, San Francisco County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Taraval Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue At-Grade Highway-Light Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 125L-12.59, in the City of San Francisco, County of San Francisco.**

Dear Mr. Lim:

This refers to your letter received by us via email on January 15, 2019, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Taraval Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue at-grade highway-light rail crossing (crossing) of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) tracks in the City of San Francisco (City), County of San Francisco. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 125L-12.59.

The crossing configuration consists of two SFMTA tracks traveling in non-exclusive mixed traffic operation-surface streets alignment along Taraval Street. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is a two-lane roadway that travels across Taraval Street perpendicularly. This crossing is protected by "STOP" signs in all approaches. 226 transit trains operate per day at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour over the crossing. The crossing average daily traffic is 2,760 vehicles.

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

- Installing new vehicle and pedestrian traffic signals for all approaches to the Taraval Street and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue intersection;
- Installing new asphalt pavement and lane striping on all approaches;
- Reconstructing all curb ramps to include Americans with Disabilities Act compliant detectable warning surfaces; and
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the request by the City, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. The City may proceed with the improvements as described in its request letter and attachments, and summarized above. The City

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 Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CA MUTCD, 2014 Edition, published by the California Department of Transportation.

All Parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including other Commission General Orders and the latest version of 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. 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, the City 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](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov).

If you have any questions, please contact Willard Lam at (415) 703-1327 or email at [wlm@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:wlm@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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CC: Amy Lam, SFMTA