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File Numbers: XREQ 2019030001 and 2019030002
La Mesa, San Diego County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings within Amaya Drive and Grossmont Transit Center Stations in the City of La Mesa, San Diego County.

Dear Mr. Terry:

This refers to your letters, dated February 22, 2019, and received by us on February 25, 2019, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify at-grade pedestrian crossings (crossings) of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) tracks within Amaya Drive Station and Grossmont Transit Center Station in La Mesa, San Diego County. The stations are under the jurisdiction of MTS.

The request letters provided the United States Department of Transportation crossing numbers (DOT Nos.) listed below. Also, listed below are the CPUC Crossing Numbers (CPUC Crossing Nos.).

Crossing Identification Information

File Nos.	CPUC Crossing Nos.	DOT Nos.	Location Name
XREQ 2019030001	036D-14.55-D	976630R	Amaya Drive Station
XREQ 2019030002	036D-13.80-D	976629W	Grossmont Transit Center Station

The station platforms are located outside of the two tracks. In the past, the area within the tracks was paved for pedestrians to walk across from one platform to the other within the station.

On average, MTS operates 320 light rail transit trains each day at these stations. San Diego and Imperial Valley Railroad operates a few freight trains each week at night with temporal separation from light rail transit operations at 20 miles per hour.

MTS is reconstructing these two stations to include ballasted tracks. The design includes four at-grade pedestrian crossings within each station. The modifications are documented in greater detail in the discussion section and plans submitted with the requests and consist of:

Amaya Drive Station

- Removing pavement along the tracks;
- Installing precast concrete track panels for pedestrians at four specific crossing points;

- Applying “LOOK BOTH WAYS” pavement markings facing each pedestrian approach to the tracks;
- Installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant detectable warning surfaces on each curb ramp at the ends of each platform; and
- Installing Emergency Notification System (ENS) signs on each side of the tracks.

Grossmont Transit Center Station

- Removing pavement along the tracks;
- Installing precast concrete track panels for pedestrians at four specific crossing points;
- Applying “LOOK BOTH WAYS” pavement markings facing each pedestrian approach to the tracks;
- Installing ADA compliant detectable warning surfaces on each curb ramp at the ends of each platform; and
- Installing ENS signs on each side of the tracks.

The Commission’s Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by MTS and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. The improvements as described in your request received on February 25, 2019, and summarized above, are authorized. MTS shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the current version of the CA MUTCD, published by the Caltrans. MTS must complete all proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

MTS must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

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

The authorization approved herein 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 reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

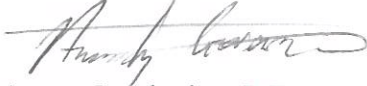
Within 30 days after completion of this project, MTS shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC web site Form G page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov as outlined on the web page.

At the conclusion of the project, MTS should electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov .

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If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Schumacher at kevin.schumacher@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 310-9807.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anton Garabetian".

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