

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Mono Street
City of Fresno

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Mono Street At-Grade Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001B-205.80 and DOT No. 757332M, in the City of Fresno.

Dear Mr. Armistead:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on October 29, 2019, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Mono Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks in the City of Fresno (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001B-205.80 and DOT Crossing No. 757332M.

The California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) closed this crossing in conjunction with the proposed construction of the Ventura Street underpass grade separation, which when completed will replace the existing Ventura at-grade crossing. Because of a change in planning, CHSRA now wishes to reopen the crossing temporarily to improve the flow of vehicle traffic to and from downtown City and provide better access for pedestrians. Following completion of construction of the Ventura underpass grade separation, the crossing will be permanently closed.

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

- Reactivating the existing Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices;
- Installing a Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly with no gate arm) warning device in the off-quadrants;
- Installing detectable warning (tactile strips) in advance of the warning devices;
- Raising the profile of the existing siding track and installing concrete panels;
- Extending the concrete panels on each end of each existing mainline track;
- Constructing a new 4-foot wide sidewalk on both sides of Mono Street from G Street, across the tracks to the existing sidewalk leading to H Street;
- Repaving Mono Street from G Street, across the tracks to the existing pavement of H Street; and
- Installing standard striping and signage.

Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff has investigated the request by CHSRA, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, UPRR, and CHSRA (Parties) agree as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, CHSRA may proceed with the improvements as described in its request letter and attachments summarized above.

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

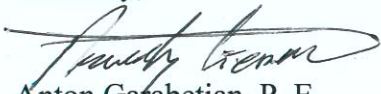
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to this office, the time to complete the project may be extended. A written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, CHSRA 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, CHSRA 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. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years.

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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