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Soscol Avenue
City of Napa, Napa County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Soscol Avenue At-Grade Highway–Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 087-69.90 and DOT Crossing No. 751364X, in the City of Napa, County of Napa.

Dear Ms. Corona:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on July 27, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Soscol Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Napa Valley Railroad Company (NVRr) track, in the City of Napa (City), County of Napa. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 087-69.90 and DOT Crossing No. 751364X.

The north-south aligned four-lane single track crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with an automatic gate arm) warning devices and two Commission Standard 9A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices. NVRr operates four passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour. The average daily vehicle traffic across the crossing is 21,753.

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

- Installing new pedestrian/bicycle pathway southwest the crossing and across the tracks.
- Installing two Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices in the northeast and southwest quadrants of the new pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and NVRr agree to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the City may proceed with the alterations 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.

NVRr must ensure that Emergency Notification System signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 234.309.

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The City shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), published by California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

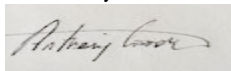
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements can be obtained at the Commission's website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

At the conclusion of the project, the NVRRA must 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 Daniellia Fristoe at (916) 928-2108 or daniellia.fristoe@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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