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File Number: XREQ2020090010
SR 49 Underpass
City of Auburn

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the SR 49/El Dorado Street Underpass Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001A-125.42 and DOT Crossing No. 750588S, in the City of Auburn, County of Placer.

Dear Mr. Estrada:

This refers to your letter dated August 5, 2020, received by us on September 16, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the State Route (SR) 49/El Dorado Street underpass grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) track, in the City of Auburn (City), County of Placer. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001A-125.42, and DOT Crossing No. 750588S.

The crossing has one main track aligned in a northerly-southerly direction with four lanes underneath it aligned in an easterly-westerly direction. UPRR operates 17 freight trains per day and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) operates two trains per day at a maximum speed of 30 and 79 miles per hour, respectively. The average daily vehicle traffic at the crossing is 9,400.

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

- Removing the traffic signals and replace with a roundabout at the SR 49/Borland Avenue/Lincoln Way intersection, east of the SR 49 underpass.
- Constructing a new raised median extending from near the roundabout to underneath the underpass.
- Reconstructing the sidewalks, including adjacent 8-inch-high curbs, that extend underneath the underpass on both sides of SR 49. The sidewalks shall meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.
- Installing ADA compliant curb ramps.

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

and summarized above. Caltrans must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

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

This project is statutory exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code, Section 21080.13] as Caltrans has filed a Negative Declaration with the State Clearinghouse and complies with GO 88-B, Section 5.12.

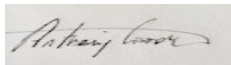
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence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

If you have any questions, please contact Marvin Kennix at (916) 597-5760 or email at mlk@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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