

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Leavenworth and Washington St  
San Francisco, San Francisco County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Leavenworth and Washington Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 125PH-1.07-C, in the City and County of San Francisco.**

Dear Ms. Kobayashi:

This refers to your letter received by us on October 21, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Leavenworth and Washington Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) in the City of San Francisco (City), San Francisco County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 125PH-1.07-C.

The single-track, one way eastbound, street running, passive crossing operates with Washington Street traffic with "STOP" signs at the intersection for north and south bound Leavenworth Street traffic. There are an estimated 135 trains at the crossing per day along with an average daily vehicular traffic of 11,136.

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

- Signalizing the intersection with both vehicular and pedestrian signals.
- Installing traffic control cabinets.
- Installing transit priority preemption for light rail vehicles to minimize stopping on an incline.
- Installing emergency vehicle preemption. The light rail preemption has priority over the emergency vehicle preemption.
- Modifying the curb ramps to meet American with Disabilities Act standards.
- Repaving of the intersection.
- Restriping the crosswalks.

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

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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 Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

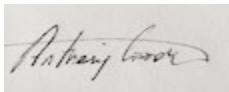
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21084].

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. 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, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SFMTA 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 Commission 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 Sia Mozaffari at (415) 703-1815 or [sm4@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:sm4@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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