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California and Larkin 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 California and Larkin Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 125C-1.26, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Yeung:

This refers to your letter received by us on October 27, 2020, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the California and Larkin Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) tracks in the City of San Francisco (City), San Francisco County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 125C-1.26.

California Street is a two lane east west running street with the SFMTA tracks running in the center. Larkin Street consists of two lanes running north south on the northern portion, and two northbound only lanes on the southern portion of the street. The crossing is currently protected by traffic signals. There are an estimated 250 trains at the crossing per day along with an average daily vehicular traffic of 4,440.

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

- Upgrading the existing traffic signals including new larger signals, new posts, and traffic signal masts.
- Upgrading street lighting for improved illumination.
- Installing pedestrian signals on all four quadrants including accessible push buttons.
- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings.

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.

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.

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All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

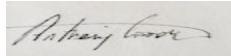
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environment Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code 21084].

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.

If you have any questions, please contact Sia Mozaffari at (415) 703-1815 or sm4@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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