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Via de la Valle
City of Del Mar, San Diego County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Via de la Valle Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-242.70-A, and DOT Crossing Number 026832S, in the City of Del Mar, San Diego County.

Dear Ms. Anderson:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on April 14, 2021, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the Via de la Valle grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) at the North County Transit District (NCTD) Coaster track in the City of Del Mar (City), San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-242.70-A and DOT Crossing Number 026832S.

The crossing consists of a roadway bridge with four lanes for vehicular traffic and two lanes for bicycle traffic over a single set of railroad tracks. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) plans to construct an additional railroad track beneath the bridge. NCTD operates and maintains the railroad track.

SANDAG proposes to make the following alterations:

- Shift existing mainline track and construct a second track on the west side of the existing mainline track with 15 feet 2 inches minimum track centers.
- Relocate fiber optic structure from the west side to the east side of the existing mainline track.
- Construct a drainage ditch on the east side of the tracks on the railroad right of way.
- Construct drainage pipes on the west side of the tracks on the railroad right of way.

The proposed minimum vertical and horizontal clearances comply with Commission GO 26-D. No temporary clearance exceptions are requested.

This project is statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended [California Public Resources Code §21080.13]

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANDAG, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As SANDAG, City, and NCTD are in agreement as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the improvements as described in your request dated April 14, 2021, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including all Commission General Orders.

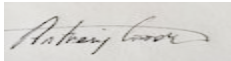
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the work is not completed within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence letters by involved parties in support of the time extension. If an extension is requested, RCEB may re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

Within 30 days after completion of this project, SANDAG 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.

At the conclusion of the project, NCTD shall submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA, reflecting the changes.

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 308-0533.

Sincerely,



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