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File Number: XREQ 2021040007
Oceanside Transit Center Ped (Sprinter)
City of Oceanside, San Diego County

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810 Mission Ave.
Oceanside, CA 92054

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the Oceanside Transit Center At-Grade Pedestrian-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106E-99.35-D, and DOT Crossing Number 943862N, in the City of Oceanside, San Diego County.

Dear Mr. Shroyer:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on April 19, 2021, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) at-grade pedestrian-rail crossing (crossing) at the North County Transit District (NCTD) Sprinter tracks in the City of Oceanside (City), San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106E-99.35-D and DOT Crossing Number 943862N.

The crossing is comprised of one set of tracks which crosses the spur track on the east side of the Sprinter platform. Pedestrian traffic is channelized by pedestrian railing along the south end of the Sprinter platform and the pedestrian pathway from the OTC parking lot to the crossing. There are currently no active warning devices at the crossing. NCTD is proposing to extend the crossing across the second track on the west side of the Sprinter platform to allow pedestrian traffic to Platform 3, where they can access Coaster trains.

NCTD proposes to make the following alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments:

- Install concrete crossing panels between the Sprinter platform and Platform 3 for pedestrian access.
- Install three sets of Commission Standard 8 warning devices with multiple sets of flashers along pedestrian crossing.
- Install four sets of pedestrian swing gates at the entrance/exits to the Sprinter main track and Sprinter pocket track.
- Install detectable warning panels at the end of Sprinter platform and Platform 3.
- Replace and install additional and modified signage.
- Create an emergency platform exit path located at the south end of the Sprinter platform.
- Relocate the NCTD communication cabinet south along Platform 3 to increase visibility of approaching trains.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by NCTD, and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. The improvements as described in your GO 88-B request letter dated April 19, 2021 and summarized above are authorized. NCTD shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs. NCTD must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

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

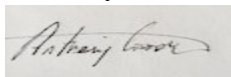
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if proposed project is not completed, within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include 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, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossing and Separations*. 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. 49 CFR 234 Section 234.409 requires the railroads to submit periodic crossing inventory updates a minimum of once every three years. RCEB request a concurrent copy of the updated inventory from the submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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

Sincerely,



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