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File Number: XREQ 2021050003
Sierra Highway
Unincorporated Los Angeles County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Sierra Highway At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing Number 101VY-65.56 and DOT Number 750600W in Unincorporated Los Angeles County

Dear Ms. Thorpe:

This refers to your letter, dated March 22, 2021 and received by us March 29, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to modify the Sierra Highway at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA) Valley Division, in unincorporated Los Angeles County (County). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 101VY-65.56 and DOT No. 750600W.

The crossing consists of a single track and a two-lane roadway with one lane in each direction, where the roadway crosses between the east and west side of the railroad right-of-way at a 45-degree angle. The crossing is equipped with two Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. At the crossing, SCRRA and Union Pacific Railroad operate 20 passenger and five freight trains daily with maximum speeds of 79 and 40 miles per hour, respectively. The average daily traffic through the crossing is approximately 7,323 vehicles.

The SCRRA proposes the following alterations to the crossing:

- Install one cantilever on each crossing approach to upgrade existing warning devices to Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices.
- Replace and relocate the existing W10-1 warning signs with flashers with new solar powered W10-1 warning signs with flashers on each approach.
- Remove and relocate "RXR" pavement markings on each approach.
- Remove and relocate 24-inch-wide stop bars on each approach.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by SCRRA and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the County and SCRRA 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 letter dated March 22, 2021, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission GOs and the current version of California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD), published by

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California Department of Transportation. The City must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the current version of the CA MUTCD. Refer to CA MUTCD Section 6G.18 and Figure 6H-46 regarding "Work in the Vicinity of a Grade Crossing."

SCRRA must ensure that Emergency Notification Systems signs are installed to comply with CFR 234.309.

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

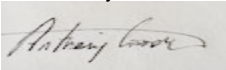
This authorization shall expire if the above conditions are not complied with, or if the work is not completed, within three years of the date of this letter. Upon written request to RCEB, the time to complete the project may be extended. Any written request for a time extension must include concurrence 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, the County shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed, by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G titled *Report of Changes at Highway Grade Crossings and Separation*. Form G requirements and forms can be obtained at the CPUC 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, SCRRA should electronically 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. Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Cervantes at (213) 266-4716, or mci@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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