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Richards Boulevard
City of Sacramento

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Richards Boulevard At-Grade Highway-Light Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 083A-1.35 in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Dear Mr. Webber:

This refers to your letter, dated and received by us on July 15, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Richards Boulevard at-grade highway-light rail crossing (crossing) of Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) tracks in the City of Sacramento (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 083A-1.35.

Richards Boulevard forms a four-way intersection with North 7th Street at the crossing location. Richards Boulevard is a four-lane street running east-to west. The double-track crossing is traffic signal controlled with four Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning signs. SRTD runs 58 light-rail trains per day at a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Richards Boulevard is 22,293 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the California Department of General Services (DGS) request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of:

- Installing a two-way cycle track along the west side North 7th Street that terminates at the south side of the intersection.
- Modifying the traffic signals at the intersection with no change to the existing signal phasing.
- Relocating the detector loops on the west leg for eastbound motorists.
- Installing colored bike lane markings on all four intersection approaches.
- Realigning the crosswalk on the west side of the intersection.
- Modifying curb returns in the northwest and southwest quadrants.
- Applying the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, R26 (CA) "NO STOPPING ANYTIME" signs, and "RXR" and railroad limit pavement markings.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by the DGS and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the DGS, the City and SRTD agree

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as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the DGS may proceed with the alterations as described in its request letter and attachments and summarized above. The DGS must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

SRTD must ensure that Emergency Notification System signs are installed to comply with Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 234.309.

The DGS shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CAMUTCD, published by California Department of Transportation.

All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

Within 30 days after completion of this project, the DGS shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is completed by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements can be obtained at the Commission website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/Crossings>. This report may be submitted electronically to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

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.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (916) 928-2515 or atm@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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