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Hwy 50 Camellia City Viaduct
City of Sacramento

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Highway 50 Camellia City Viaduct Grade Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing Nos. 004-137.55-A, 083A-1.73-A and DOT No. 833780D in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County.

Dear Mr. Estrada:

This refers to your letter, dated July 9, 2021, received by us on August 10, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Highway (Hwy) 50 Camellia City Viaduct grade separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) and Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) tracks in the City of Sacramento (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Nos. 004-137.55-A, 083A-1.73-A and DOT No. 833780D.

The Hwy 50 Camellia City Viaduct is an east-west bound, grade separated crossing over two SRTD light rail tracks and a single UPRR track. One Hundred thirty-three SRTD light rail trains at a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour and 4 UPRR freight trains at a maximum speed of 40 miles per hour operate per day at the crossing. The crossing average daily traffic is 251,000 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of widening both the eastbound and westbound Hwy 50 Camellia City Viaduct structures to add bus and carpool lanes.

During construction, Caltrans is requesting a temporary impaired vertical clearance of 21 feet 6 inches. Commission General Order (GO) 26-D, Section 2.1, requires a minimum vertical clearance of 22 feet 6 inches. Caltrans requests a temporary deviation from the vertical clearance requirements of GO 26-D. The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) contacted UPRR regarding the temporary deviation, and their representative indicated they do not oppose the request. The final minimum vertical clearance will be 23 feet 3 inches.

The RCEB investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans, SRTD, and UPRR agree to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the alterations as described in its request letter and summarized above. Caltrans must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

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Caltrans shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) Revision 6, published by Caltrans.

Pursuant to Commission Resolution SX-76 and Section 16.2 of GO 26-D, Caltrans is granted a temporary deviation from GO 26-D, Section 2.1 and is authorized a temporary overhead vertical clearance of not less than 21 feet 6 inches above the top of the highest rail to the lowest point on the overhead vehicular bridge structure during construction, including construction false work.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request by Caltrans and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As Caltrans, UPRR, and SRTD agree as to the design and apportionments of the cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, Caltrans may proceed with the alterations as described in its request letter and attachments and summarized above. Caltrans must complete all the proposed alterations mentioned above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and the latest version of the CAMUTCD.

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

Within 30 days after completion of this project, Caltrans 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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