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Autumn Parkway
San Jose, Santa Clara County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Autumn Parkway At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 001DA-17.25, and DOT No. 924191R, in the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Dear Ms. Pong:

This refers to your application dated May 12, 2021, and received by us on May 14, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Autumn Parkway, at-grade highway-rail crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) tracks in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 001DA-17.25 and DOT No. 924191R.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) staff were tardy in reviewing the request per GO 88-B, resulting in missing the 45-day review period.

Autumn Parkway is a single-track crossing and is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm), two median-mounted Commission Standard 9, and two Commission Standard 9 pedestrian warning devices. Autumn Parkway is a four-lane street running north-south with two lanes in each direction of travel. UPRR operates seven freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 20 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Autumn Parkway is 11,430 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments, shall consist of:

- Installing a driveway in the southwest quadrant. The driveway will be flared to the right to force a right turn out and to prevent southbound vehicles on Autumn Parkway from turning right into the driveway.
- Installing an R3-5R "Right Turn Only" Sign for the new driveway.

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

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UPRR must also ensure that Emergency Notification Signs are installed to comply with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 234.309.

The City shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by the California Department of Transportation.

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

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

At the conclusion of the project, UPRR must submit an updated electronic inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration reflecting the changes. The Commission requests a concurrent copy of the updated inventory form be submitted to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.

Within 30 days after the completion of this project, the City shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is complete by submitting a completed Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirements and forms 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 complete 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, the RCEB may reevaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

If you have any questions, please contact Eyitejumade 'Ade' Sogbesan at (415) 703-1869 or es3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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