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File Number: XREQ 2021100001
N. Capitol Avenue and Hostetter Road
San Jose, Santa Clara County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the N. Capitol Avenue and Hostetter Road At-Grade Highway-Light Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 082C-9.00, in the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Dear Mr. Khattab:

This refers to your email application dated and received by us on October 15, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the N. Capitol Avenue and Hostetter Road at-grade highway-light rail crossing of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 082C-9.00.

The double-track crossing is equipped with traffic signals controlling the intersection. N. Capitol Avenue is a seven-lane street running in the north-south direction with VTA light rail trains traveling through the median. N. Capitol Avenue has two turn lanes at the crossing. Hostetter Road is a seven-lane roadway running east-west with three total turn lanes at the crossing. VTA operates 110 transit trains per day over the crossing at a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour. The average daily traffic on Hostetter Road is 21,466 vehicles.

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

- Installing bike lanes on the west leg of the Capitol Avenue and Hostetter Road intersection.
- Installing a shared bike and right turn lane featuring sharrows with a bike box on the east leg of the Capitol Avenue and Hostetter Road intersection.
- Installing solid green pavement color on the approaches and departures of the intersection on all bike lanes.
- Applying the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including "KEEP CLEAR" and "RXR" and railroad limit pavement markings.

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

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complete all the proposed alterations described above for RCEB to consider this GO 88-B application closed.

The City shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the CAMUTCD, 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 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 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 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, 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 Eyitejumade.Sogbesan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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