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File Number: XREQ 2021110006
San Luis Bike Trail
City of Oceanside, San Diego County

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SENT VIA E-MAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Modify the San Luis Bike Trail Grade-Separated Highway-Rail Crossing, Identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-225.54-BD and DOT Crossing Number 943878K, in the City of Oceanside, San Diego County.

Dear Mr. DeWitt:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on November 12, 2021, requesting authorization pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC/Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B to modify the San Luis Bike Trail grade-separated highway-rail crossing (crossing) at the North County Transit District (NCTD) track in the City of Oceanside (City), San Diego County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-225.54-BD and DOT Crossing Number 943878K.

The crossing is comprised of a single-track bridge structure over the San Luis Bike Trail. The NCTD, Southern California Regional Rail Authority, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, BNSF Railway, and Pacific Sun Railroad operate a total of 68 passenger trains and 6 freight trains daily at a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour.

The San Diego Association of Government (SANDAG) proposes to make the following alterations as indicated in the request letter and/or shown in the attachments:

- Remove existing mainline rails and bridge.
- Construct new mainline bridge with new double tracks to the east.
- Realign existing 8-foot wide bike trail adjacent to the south abutment of new bridge.
- Provide 10-foot minimum vertical clearance from the bridge soffit to the bike trail surface.
- Relocate and install 6-foot-high chain link fence with 1-inch mesh to match existing along both sides of the bike trail to restrict access to the bridge and tracks.
- Relocate the existing 10-foot wide bike trail on the west side of the tracks providing 50-foot clear to the nearest rail.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) investigated the request filed by SANDAG and finds that it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City, NCTD, and SANDAG 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 November 12, 2021, and summarized above, are authorized. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules,

including Commission General Orders and the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, published by Caltrans.

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

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 re-evaluate the crossing prior to granting an extension.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Howard Huie at howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov or (415) 308-0533.

Sincerely,



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cc: **(SENT VIA E-MAIL)**
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Scott Loeschke, NCTD