

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2021110009  
Center Street  
Millbrae, San Mateo County

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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Center Street At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 105E-12.63 and DOT No. 754873E in the City of Millbrae, San Mateo County.**

Dear Ms. Cocke:

This refers to your letter dated November 29, 2021, received by us on December 1, 2021, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Center Street at-grade highway-rail crossing (crossing) of Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) tracks in the City of Millbrae (City), San Mateo County. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing No. 105E-12.63 and DOT No. 754873E.

The double-track crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. Center Street is a two-lane, east-west running road with one lane in each direction of travel. Union Pacific Railroad operates four freight trains per day at a maximum speed of 50 miles per hour over the crossing. Caltrain operates 104 passenger trains per day at a maximum speed of 79 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Center Street is 5,000 vehicles.

The proposed alterations, as indicated in Caltrain's request letter and/or shown on its plans, shall consist of:

- Replacing the existing grade crossing predictors with a train detection system consisting of two new fixed approaches with additional track circuits to determine which fixed approach will activate the crossing warning system.
- Installing an overhead catenary system as part of the Caltrain's Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project.

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

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Caltrain shall install Emergency Notification Signs to comply with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 234.309.

Caltrain shall provide temporary traffic controls in compliance with Section 8A.08, Temporary Traffic Control Zones, of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (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 completing this project, Caltrain shall notify RCEB that the authorized work is complete by submitting a Commission Standard Form G. Form G requirement 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](mailto: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 Eyitejumade 'Ade' Sogbesan at (415) 471-6784 or [Eyitejumade.Sogbesan@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Eyitejumade.Sogbesan@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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