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Lincoln Avenue
San Jose, Santa Clara County

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Lincoln Avenue At-grade Highway-Rail Crossing, CPUC Crossing No. 82D-3.90 and DOT No. 750155L, in the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County.

Dear Mr. Khattab:

This refers to your email application dated April 25, 2022, received by us on April 27, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Lincoln Avenue at-grade highway-rail crossing (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. 82D-3.90 and DOT No. 750155L.

Due to a large number of applications received by the Commission just prior to the City's submittal, the Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) required additional time to review the City's request.

The double-track crossing is equipped with four Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices. Lincoln Avenue is a four-lane street running north-south. VTA operates 116 transit trains per day over the crossing at a maximum speed of 55 miles per hour (MPH). Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) runs two freight trains per week at a maximum speed of 10 MPH over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Lincoln Avenue is 9,765 vehicles.

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

- Installing 100 feet of channelizers with a yellow retroreflective stripe at the top of the posts on the medians on each approach.
- Removing the R15-8 "Look" regulatory signs.
- Replacing the diagonal stop bar with a horizontal stop bar.
- Installing double-sided W10-9P "No Train Horns" and W82-1CA "Look both Ways" signs at the pedestrian approaches to the tracks.
- Installing an R6-1 or R6-2 "One Way" sign in the median facing the driveways on the east and west side of the roadway.

- Applying California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 advance warning signs, W48 "2 TRACKS" advance warning signs, and RXR and railroad limit pavement markings as shown on plans.

The RCEB staff investigated the request by the City and finds it adequately addresses compliance and safety. As the City and VTA agree 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.

VTA 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 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].

At the conclusion of the project, VTA must submit an updated inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), 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 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.

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

Sincerely,



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