

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2022050004  
Ahern Street  
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County

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**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Ahern Street Rail Crossing**

Dear Craig Norman:

This refers to your letter dated July 22, 2022, received by us on July 27, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Ahern Street at-grade rail crossing (crossing) of the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) tracks, in the City of Sacramento (City), County of Sacramento. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 083N-1.62.

This letter supplants the SRTD GO 88-B authorization request dated May 20, 2022, which included inaccurate train and traffic counts

The crossing is a north-south, 2-lane roadway that consists of 2 tracks. The crossing is equipped with 2 curb-mounted Commission Standard 1-R (crossbuck sign on a post) warning devices and California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) R3-2 "NO LEFT TURN" activated blank-out signs. SRTD runs approximately 135 light rail trains per day at a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour over the crossing. The average daily traffic on Ahern Street is 629 vehicles.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the SRTD. As the City and SRTD agree on the alterations and apportionment of cost under the provisions of GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

- Relocate both tracks approximately 15 feet to the east.
- Construct 6-foot-wide sidewalks with curb and gutter on the east side of the crossing with Americans with Disabilities compliant curb ramps.
- Install a continental design crosswalk on the east side of the intersection.
- Construct a 20-foot long and 3 to 5-foot wide unmountable raised median in the southwest quadrant.
- Construct a 70-foot long and 5 to 14-foot wide unmountable raised median in the northwest quadrant.
- Install tack down curbs between the tracks.

- Relocate all existing warning devices and install two new R3-2 blank out signs on the northern and southern median islands to accommodate the track realignment.
- Apply CA MUTCD compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-1 and W48 (CA) advance warning signs, R3-1 “NO RIGHT TURN”, R8-8 “DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS”, R6-1 “ONE WAY” signs, and “RXR” and railroad limit pavement markings.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the CA MUTCD, published by the California Department of Transportation. All parties shall comply with all applicable rules, including Commission General Orders and CA MUTCD.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. SRTD may request a time extension to complete the project in writing to RCEB at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. The time extension request shall include evidence of agreement by involved parties. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so requires.

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

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

- The crossing shall have the configuration and operational characteristics as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, SRTD shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:rceb@cpuc.ca.gov). Form G requirements and forms are available on the CPUC web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

If you have any questions, please contact David Stewart at (415) 806-0490 or [david.stewart@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:david.stewart@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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