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File Number: XREQ 2022050005
Sproule Avenue
City of Sacramento, Sacramento County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Sproule Avenue 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 Sproule Avenue 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-1.64.

This letter supplants the SRTD CPUC GO 88-B authorization request dated May 20, 2022.

The crossing is a north-south, 2-lane roadway that consists of 2 tracks. Sproule Avenue and North 12th Street form a two-phase traffic signalized intersection at the crossing location. The crossing is equipped traffic signals 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 Sproule Avenue is 411 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 costs 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 a new light-rail station platform with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant sidewalk access in the northwest quadrant.
- Construct a 6-foot-wide sidewalk with curb and gutter in the northeast quadrant of the crossing with ADA-compliant curb ramps and tactile strips placed 12 feet from the nearest track.
- Install a continental design crosswalk on the west side of the tracks.
- Install a crosswalk with pedestrian push buttons across North 12th Street in the northwest quadrant.

- Realign the existing crosswalk in the southwest quadrant through the new median approved in XREQ2022050004.
- Install tack-down curbs between the tracks.
- Replace the existing two-phase traffic signal timing with three-phase signal timing with light rail pre-emption.
- Relocate the existing CA MUTCD R3-2 blank-out signs. One will be placed on the signal arm mast on the south leg of the intersection. The other R3-2 blank-out sign will be placed with a W10-7 TRANSIT VEHICLE APPROACHING blank out sign to the new median.
- Install a new CA MUTCD W10-7 blank-out sign facing Sproule Avenue.
- Apply CA MUTCD-compliant signage and pavement markings as shown on the plans, including W10-1 and W48 (CA) advance warning signs, R3-1 “NO RIGHT TURN”, 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 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 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.
- The SRTD shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified interconnection is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- 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. 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.

Sincerely,



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