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Bascom Station West Pedestrian Crossing
City of San Jose, Santa Clara County

SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Bascom Station West Pedestrian Crossing

Dear Mr. Aoun:

This refers to your letter dated May 7, 2022, received by us on June 10, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the at-grade Bascom Station West Pedestrian Crossing (crossing) of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) light-rail track(s), in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 082D-5.76-D and DOT Number 925809E.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering (RCEB) staff provides this authorization past the 45-day requirement.

The crossing spans three light-rail tracks running in the north-east south-west direction. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning devices and manually operated pedestrian swing gates at all quadrants.

The Commission's RCEB reviewed the request by the City. As the City and VTA 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:

- Remove the two Commission Standard 8 warning devices, all pedestrian swing gates, and all detectable warning surfaces.
- Install four Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices with pedestrian gates, emergency egress swing gates, and detectable warning surfaces in front of the gates in all quadrants of the crossing.
- Modify the fences to close gaps between pedestrian gates and fence lines.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and 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. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety requires. The City may request for a time extension to complete the project at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. The time extension request shall include evidence of agreement by involved parties.

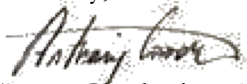
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

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, City and/or VTA 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 website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.
- VTA shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA per 49 CFR § 234.411(c).

If you have any questions, please contact Eyitejumade “Ade” Sogbesan at (415) 370-1869 or es3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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