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South Linden Avenue
City of South San Francisco, San Mateo County

Stacy Cocke
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San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the South Linden Avenue Rail Crossing

Dear Stacy Cocke:

This refers to your letter dated July 13, 2022, received by us on August 11, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the South Linden Avenue rail crossing (Crossing) of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) tracks, in the City of South San Francisco (City), County of San Mateo. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 105E-10.13 and DOT Number 754866U.

South Linden Avenue is a two-lane roadway running in the northwest-southeast direction. The double-track crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning device assembly, one Commission Standard 9-A (Commission Standard 9 and Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning device assembly, four Commission Standard 9 Pedestrian warning device assemblies, and traffic pre-signals.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the Caltrain. As the City and Caltrain 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:

- Install an overhead catenary system as part of the Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project.
- Replace the constant warning time crossing activation system with a two-speed check system.
- Replace the Commission Standard 9 gate arm in the southwest quadrant with an articulated gate arm.
- Replace the automatic pedestrian gates in the northeast and southwest quadrants with stand-alone Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate assemblies.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including R8-8 DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS and R3-1 (Active) NO RIGHT TURN signs.

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. Caltrain 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. This 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.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, City and/or Caltrain 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>.
- Caltrain shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA per 49 C.F.R. § 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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