

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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N. Capitol Avenue and McKee Road
City of San Jose, Santa Clara County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the At-Grade N. Capitol Avenue and McKee Road Light-Rail Crossing.

Dear Zahi Khattab:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on September 14, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the At-Grade N. Capitol Avenue and McKee Road light-rail crossing (crossing) of the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks, in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 82C-12.00.

N. Capitol Avenue is a six-lane roadway running in the north-south direction that consists of two light-rail tracks in the median. McKee Road is an eight-lane road running in the east-west direction. The crossing is equipped with traffic signals interconnected with the railroad, KEEP CLEAR pavement markings, and alternating W10-7 TROLLEY APPROACHING and R3-2 NO LEFT TURN blank-out signs in the median.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (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:

- Extend the east-west bike lane striping through the intersection.
- Install concrete curb separation between the bike lanes and the vehicle lanes on the east leg.
- Replace the intersection crosswalks with high-visibility ("ladder" or "piano key") crosswalks.
- Install table-top crosswalks on the east leg between the pork chop islands and the curbs.
- 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. The City 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. 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 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 web site at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

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

Sincerely,



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Rail Safety Division

cc: **(SENT VIA EMAIL)**
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