

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 2022100004  
W. Payran Street  
City of Petaluma, Sonoma County

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

Dear Bill Gamlen:

This refers to your letter dated October 12, 2022, received by us on October 20, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the W. Payran Street rail crossing (crossing) of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) tracks, in the City of Petaluma (City), County of Sonoma. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 005-39.20 and DOT Number 498685J.

Due to workload constraints, CPUC's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) is not responding to SMART's request to alter this crossing within 45 days of the date that SMART submitted the request.

The crossing is an east-west two-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning devices.

The RCEB reviewed the request by the SMART. As the City and SMART 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:

- Install curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices in the northwest and southeast quadrants.
- Install side flashers on existing eastbound Commission Standard 9 warning device.
- Install a striped continental crosswalk with Americans with Disabilities Act compliant pedestrian ramps with detectable warning strips on the west side of the crossing.
- Create a 6-foot-wide gap in existing raised median on west side of the crossing to accommodate new crosswalk.
- Extend SMART's multi-use pathway south of the crossing on the west side of the tracks.
- Install 4-foot high and 150-foot long fence between new pathway and tracks in the northwest and southwest quadrants.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including "KEEP CLEAR" markings between

westbound lane stop bar and new crosswalk, push button activated LED Enhanced R1-5 “YIELD HERE TO PEDESTRIANS”, R8-8 “DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS”, W11-15 and W16-7P crosswalk warning signs, and twenty-four-inch-wide STOP bars as shown on plans.

- Install CA MUTCD R1-1 “STOP” sign, 12” stop line, street name sign at pathway approaches to crossing where the path intersects with the sidewalk at W. Payran Street.

SMART shall study the pedestrian use of the new crosswalk by video monitoring the site over a seven-day period and present the findings to RCEB staff as specified in request letter.

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. SMART 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.

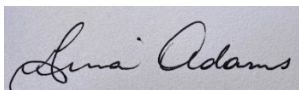
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

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.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, SMART 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>.
- SMART 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 David Stewart at (415) 806-0490 or [david.stewart@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:david.stewart@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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