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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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March 29, 2023

File Number: XREQ 2022040006 Mission Bay Drive

City and County of San Francisco

Aaron Marx Crossing Optimization Project Manager Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board 1250 San Carlos Avenue San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Mission Bay Drive Rail Crossing

Dear Aaron Marx:

This refers to your letter dated March 7, 2022, received by us on March 10, 2022, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Mission Bay Drive rail crossing (crossing) of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) tracks, in the City and County of San Francisco (City). The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 105E-0.62 and DOT Number 922712X.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) is late in submitting this GO 88-B request authorization. After receiving the GO 88-B request to alter the crossing, RCEB staff requested clarification from Caltrain regarding this project and future projects. RCEB and Caltrain staff discussed the clarification on March 21, 2023.

The crossing is an east-west, five-lane roadway that consists of three tracks. The crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning device, one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (Commission Standard 9 and additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning device, two median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices, and two Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices.

RCEB reviewed the request by the Caltrain. As the City and Caltrain agree on the alterations and apportionment of costs under the provisions of GO 88-B, the following alteration, as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments, is authorized: install updated application logic to integrate positive train control (PTC) crossing controls with the grade crossing warning system.

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 a time extension 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.

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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.
- At least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified train detection is placed in service, Caltrain shall notify RCEB of the scheduled date of the signal cutover by sending a notification to reeb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, Caltrain shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to receb@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 Sia Mozaffari at (415) 471-4129 or sm4@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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cc: Brian Dusseault, Senior Engineer, City of San Francisco