

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 2022080004
Civic Center Drive
City of San Rafael, Marin County

April Miller
Director of Public Works
City of San Rafael
111 Morphew Street
San Rafael, CA 94901

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

Dear April Miller:

This refers to your letter dated November 15, 2022, received by us on January 12, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Civic Center Drive rail crossing (crossing) of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) track, in the City of San Rafael (City), County of Marin. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number. 005-19.70 and DOT Number 863511T.

The crossing is a north-south three-lane roadway that consists of one track. The crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm), one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (Commission Standard 9 and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm), and two Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices in combination with emergency exit swing gates in the west sidewalk approaches.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the City. 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 railroad pre-emption with hardwired connection to SMART's signal cabinet as outlined in the request letter.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (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 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.

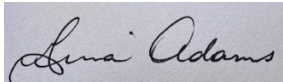
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

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.
- The City shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified interconnection is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- 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. 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.

Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gina Adams".

Gina Adams
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: Bill Gamlen, SMART