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Cedar Street
City of San Diego, San Diego County

Sharon Humphreys
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Cedar Street Rail Crossing

Dear Sharon Humphreys:

This refers to your letter dated February 7, 2023, received by us on March 7, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Cedar Street rail crossing (crossing) of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and North County Transportation District (NCTD) tracks, in the City of San Diego (City), County of San Diego. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-267.20, 081MV-0.44 and DOT Number 026868A.

The crossing is an east west direction, two-lane roadway that consists of four tracks. The crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm and Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning device, one median-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning device, one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-E (Commission Standard 9 installed on the departure side of the at-grade crossing, also known as an exit gate) warning device, one median-mounted Commission Standard 9-E warning device, and three curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning devices - two for the southern sidewalk approaches and one for the MTS County Center/Little Italy station west platform approach.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by SANDAG. As SANDAG, the City, and MTS 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 new traffic signals at the intersection of Kettner Blvd & Cedar Street, approximately 180-feet east of the crossing.
- Interconnect the new Type 170E traffic signal controller at the Kettner Blvd & Cedar Street intersection to the existing Cedar Street railroad crossing equipment.
- Install new railroad interface panels in the Kettner Blvd & Cedar Street and Pacific Highway & Cedar Street controller cabinets.

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 the CA MUTCD.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. SANDAG 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.

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.
- SANDAG, the City and/or MTS 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, SANDAG 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>.
- MTS 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 Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533 or howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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