

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



June 28, 2023

File Number: XREQ 2023050003
North First Street & Technology Place
City of San Jose, Santa Clara County

Jason Hu
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City of San Jose
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the North First Street & Technology Place Rail Crossing

Dear Jason Hu:

This refers to your letter dated April 24, 2023, received by us on May 19, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the North First Street & Technology Place rail crossing (crossing) of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) track(s), in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 082B-1.26.

The crossing is a northwest-southeast, four-lane roadway that consists of two light rail transit track(s). The crossing is equipped with traffic signals controlling the combined intersection and rail crossing.

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:

- Install Class 2 bicycle lanes on Technology Place.
- Install a buffer with Type G markers and pavement markings between the bicycle lanes and vehicle lanes.
- Install bicycle lane loop detectors.
- Replace the existing crosswalks with high visibility continental striped crosswalks.
- Replace the existing W82 (CA) "Light Rail Trolley" and "Trolley Xing" signs adjacent to the "RXR" pavement markings with 36-inch W10-1 and W48 "2 Tracks" signs.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including W11-2 "Pedestrian Crossing", W16-7P, R49 (CA) "No Pedestrian Crossing", and R1-5L "Yield to Pedestrians" regulatory signs.

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 at least 30 days prior to the expiration date.

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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, the 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) 703-1869 or ES3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond".

Matthew Bond, P.E.
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: Stacey Lu, City of San Jose
Susan Lucero, VTA