

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2023050007
Stokes Street
City of San Jose, Santa Clara County

Jason Hu
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Stokes Street 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 Stokes Street 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 082D-5.57 and DOT Number 750163D.

The crossing is an east-west, three-lane roadway that consists of two light rail transit tracks and one freight track. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices, one median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device, one curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning device, and a traffic pre-signal with railroad preemption for eastbound motorists.

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:

- Replace the existing Class 3 bicycle lanes with Class 2 bicycle lanes on the east leg of the Stokes Street and Southwest Expressway intersection.
- Install bicycle loop detectors.
- Replace an existing crosswalk with a high visibility continental striped crosswalk.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including R81 (CA) "Bike Lane", R5-2 "No Trucks", R4-11 "May Use Full Lane", and W10-9P "No Train Horn" regulatory signs and red curb pavement markings.

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.

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>.
- VTA shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA per 49 CFR § 234.411(c).

If you have any questions, please contact Eyitejumade “Ade’ Sogbesan at (415) 703-1869 or ES3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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cc: Stacey Lu, City of San Jose
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