

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



August 3, 2023

File Number: XREQ 2023070002
Capitol Avenue and Pentencia Creek
Road
City of San Jose, Santa Clara County

Jason Yan
Associate Engineer
City of San Jose – Department of Public Works
200 E Santa Clara Avenue
San Jose, CA 95112

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Capitol Avenue and Pentencia Creek Road Light Rail Crossing

Dear Jason Yan:

This refers to your letter dated June 5, 2023, received by us on June 7, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (G.O.) 88-B, to alter the Capitol Avenue and Pentencia Creek Road light rail crossing (crossing) of the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks, in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 082C-10.40.

Due to workload constraints, the CPUC is late in providing this authorization.

The crossing is an east-west, four-lane roadway that consists of two light-rail transit tracks. The crossing is equipped with traffic signals controlling combined intersection/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 G.O. 88-B, the following alterations, as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments, are authorized:

- Install new pedestrian push buttons in all quadrants.
- Reconstruct the existing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant curb ramps in the northwest, southeast, and southwest quadrants.
- Install a new crosswalk on the south leg of the Capitol Avenue and Pentencia Creek Road intersection.
- Install bicycle lanes in the east, south, and west legs of the Capitol Avenue and Pentencia Creek Road intersection.
- Install Class IV bicycle lanes along both sides of Capitol Avenue between Pentencia Creek Road and Gilchrist Drive.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and 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.

Jason Yan
XREQ 2023070002
August 3, 2023
Page 2 of 2

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 the involved parties. This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety requires.

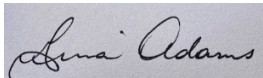
This project is categorically exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code §21084].

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 CityVTA 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 website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

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

Sincerely,



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

cc: Susan Lucero, Valley Transportation Authority