

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 2023100011  
26th Street  
City of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County

Jay Dinkins  
Principal Traffic Engineer  
City of Santa Monica  
1685 Main Street, Mail Stop 38  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 26th Street Rail Crossing**

Dear Jay Dinkins:

This refers to your letter dated and received by us on October 6, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 26th Street rail crossing (crossing) of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) tracks, in the City of Santa Monica (City), County of Los Angeles. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 084S-112.40.

The crossing is a North-South, three-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices, two 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 devices, and four Commission Standard 9 Pedestrian Gate warning devices with emergency egress swing gates.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by the City. As the City and LACMTA 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:

- Remove the pedestrian refuge island and reconstruct the curb at the northeast corner of the Olympic Boulevard intersection with 26th Street.
- Restripe the crosswalks on the north and east legs of the intersection.
- Install a crosswalk on the west leg of the intersection with new pedestrian signals.
- Install Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant curb ramps with detectable warning surfaces at the southwest, northwest, and northeast corners of the intersection.
- Install bike lane extension markings for the southbound 26th Street bike lane across the intersection leading to the southwest corner.
- Install flashing yellow arrow signal indications for right turns on southbound 26<sup>th</sup> Street and left turns on northbound 26<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Modify phase diagram for new signal configuration and maintain railroad preemption.

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 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, City shall notify RCEB of the alterations by submitting a Form G to [rceb@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto: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 Jose Pereyra at (213) 479-0181 or [Jose.Pereyra@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:Jose.Pereyra@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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

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

cc: Edward Boghossian, LACMTA  
Jacqui Swartz, City of Santa Monica