

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



October 16, 2023

File Number: XREQ 2023100012  
Grossmont Center Drive  
City of La Mesa, San Diego County

Michael Kinnard  
Engineering Project Manager  
Public Works  
8130 Alison Avenue  
La Mesa, CA 91942

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Grossmont Center Drive Grade-Separated Rail Crossing**

Dear Michael Kinnard:

This refers to your letter dated September 18, 2023, received by us on October 5, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Grossmont Center Drive grade-separated rail crossing of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) tracks, in the City of La Mesa (City), County of San Diego. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 036D-13.90-A and DOT Number 661995A.

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

- Widen the Grossmont Center Drive bridge from a width of 60 feet to 70 feet, upgrade the walkways and bridge railings on both sides, and add a bicycle lane in the northbound direction.
- Modify the existing Overhead Catenary System to accommodate the bridge widening.

The project proposes a minimum permanent vertical clearance of 25 feet 6 inches from the top of rail and a permanent horizontal clearance of 27 feet 4 inches from the centerline of the nearest track to the pier. No temporary clearance reductions are requested during construction. All proposed permanent clearances comply with minimum clearance requirements specified in Commission GO 26-D.

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 statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code 21080.13]

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

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- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, the 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 Howard Huie at (415) 308-0533 or [howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:howard.huie@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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

Matthew Bond, P.E.  
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Rail Safety Division

cc: Sharon Cooney, SDMTS