

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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File Number: XREQ 2023110003  
Leucadia Blvd  
City of Encinitas, San Diego County

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505 South Vulcan Ave  
Encinitas, CA 92024

**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Leucadia Blvd Rail Crossing**

Dear Matthew Edgeworth:

This refers to your letter dated November 22, 2023, received by us on November 27, 2023, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Leucadia Blvd rail crossing (crossing) of the North County Transit District (NCTD) track, in the City of Encinitas (City), County of San Diego. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-236.50 and DOT Number 026827V.

The crossing is an east-west direction, four-lane roadway that consists of one track. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm and Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning devices.

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

- Protect-in-place existing Commission Standard 9-A warning devices.
- Replace existing traffic controller cabinet.
- Modify traffic signal poles and signal heads at the Vulcan Ave/Leucadia Blvd and N Coast Hwy 101/Leucadia Blvd intersections.
- Update traffic signal phasing at the Vulcan Ave/Leucadia Blvd and N Coast Hwy 101/Leucadia Blvd intersections.
- Update track clearance green duration to be 15 seconds.
- 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.

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, 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>.
- NCTD shall electronically submit an updated Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) inventory form (Form F6180.71) to the FRA per 49 C.F.R. § 234.411(c).

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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cc: Scott Shroyer, NCTD