

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 2024020008 & 2024020009
Massachusetts Ave Station & Encanto/62nd
Street Station
City of San Diego, San Diego County

Brian Riley
Chief Operating Officer-Rail
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1255 Imperial Ave
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Massachusetts Ave Station & Encanto/62nd Street Station Rail Crossings

Dear Brian Riley:

This refers to your letter dated February 15, 2024, received by us on February 21, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Massachusetts Ave Station & Encanto/62nd Street Station rail crossings (crossings) of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) tracks, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego. The crossings are identified as CPUC Number 036D-8.80-D and DOT Number 976625U (Massachusetts Ave Station) and CPUC Crossing Number 036D-7.00-D and DOT Number 976624M (Encanto/62nd Street Station).

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by MTS. As RCEB agrees to the alterations under the provisions of GO 88-B, the following alterations as described and specified in the request letter and its attachments are authorized:

Phase 1: Temporary Asphalt Crossings

- Remove existing crossing configuration at the stations.
- Install temporary asphalt crossings between the platforms at each station; one on each end of the platforms and one in the center of the platforms (3 total for each station)
- Paint "Look Both Ways" with arrows at dedicated areas of crossing.
- Install two Emergency Notification Systems (ENS) signs with Department of Transportation numbers and emergency phone number at each side of the station at the platform.

Phase 2: Permanent Concrete Crossing Panels

- Remove temporary asphalt crossings at the stations (3 total for each station)
- Install permanent concrete panel crossings between the platform at each station; one on each end of the platform and two mid-platform crossings (4 total for each station)
- Paint "Look Both Ways" with arrows at dedicated areas of crossing.
- Maintain ENS signs posted in the temporary condition above.

This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. MTS may request a time extension at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. 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 each phase of the authorized scope of alterations is complete, MTS 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>.
- MTS 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.

Sincerely,



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