

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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La Playa and Judah St.

City of San Francisco, San Francisco County

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1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7th Floor
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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the La Playa and Judah St. Rail Crossing

Dear Dustin White:

This refers to your letter dated February 8, 2024, received by us on March 21, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the La Playa and Judah St. rail crossing (crossing) of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) track, in the City of San Francisco (City), County of San Francisco. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 125N-13.58.

The crossing is a railroad track loop at the intersection of Judah and La Playa. Judah is a four-lane roadway that consists of a single track. La Playa is a two-lane roadway sharing the same track. The crossing is equipped with dynamic envelopes and bollards showing where the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) typically park and how far they swing out when moving around the bend.

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

- Terminate all vehicle movements across the area where LRVs park.
- Install pavement markings and bollards as shown in the plans.
- Eliminate parking on the east side of La Playa Street from Judah Street to 130 feet southerly to accommodate realigned travel lanes.
- Restrict northbound La Playa to right turn only onto Judah.
- Restrict southbound La Playa to left turn only onto Judah.
- Restrict westbound Judah to right turn only onto La Playa.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including R3-1 "NO RIGHT TURN" AND R3-2 "NO LEFT TURN" regulatory signs.

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.

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This authorization shall expire if the full scope of alterations is not complete within three years of the date of this letter. SFMTA 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, SFMTA 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>.

If you have any questions, please contact Sia Mozaffari at (415) 471-4129 or siavash.mozaffari@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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