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Encinal Ave, Glenwood Ave, Oak Grove Ave, and
Ravenswood Ave
City of Menlo Park, San Mateo County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Encinal Ave, Glenwood Ave, Oak Grove Ave, and Ravenswood Ave Rail Crossings

Dear Aaron Marx:

This refers to your letter dated February 2, 2024, received by us on February 2, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Encinal Ave, Glenwood Ave, Oak Grove Ave, and Ravenswood Ave rail crossings (crossings) of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) tracks, in the City of Menlo Park (City), County of San Mateo.

The crossings are identified as:

Crossing Name	CPUC Crossing Number	DOT Number
Encinal Ave	105E-28.24	754988Y
Glenwood Ave	105E-28.45	754989F
Oak Grove Ave	105E-28.65	754990A
Ravenswood Ave	105E-28.84	754991G

Because of unforeseen circumstances, Commission Rail Crossings and Engineering (RCEB) staff is late in submitting this approval letter.

Encinal Ave is a Northeast-Southwest, two-lane roadway that consists of two main tracks. The Encinal Ave crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices, and four curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices.

Glenwood Ave is a Northeast-Southwest, two-lane roadway that consists of two main tracks. The Glenwood Ave crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices, one curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly), and two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices.

Oak Grove Ave is a Northeast-Southwest, two-lane roadway that consists of two main tracks. The Oak Grove Ave crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices, and four curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices.

Ravenswood Ave is a Northeast-Southwest, four-lane roadway that consists of two main tracks. The Ravenswood Ave crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning device, one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (Commission Standard 9 and Additional Flashing Light Signals over the Roadway on a Cantilevered Arm) warning device, two median-mounted Commission Standard 9 warning devices, and four curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 pedestrian gate warning devices.

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

- Install In-Service Wayside Crossing Controller Programming Application Logic update to integrate positive train control (PTC) crossing controls with the grade crossing warning system.

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. Caltrain 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.
- At least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified train detection is placed in service, Caltrain shall notify RCEB of the scheduled date of the signal cutover by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, City and/or Caltrain 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>.
- Caltrain 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 Eyitejumade "Ade" Sogbesan at (415) 471-6784 or es3@cpuc.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

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

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

cc: Nikki Nagaya, City of Menlo Park
Stacy Cocke, Caltrain