

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Blossom Hill Road

City of San Jose, Santa Clara County

Jason Hu
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San Jose, CA 95113

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Blossom Hill Road Rail Crossing

Dear Jason Hu:

This refers to your letter dated July 18, 2024, received by us on July 18, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Blossom Hill Road rail crossing of the Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks, in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 082L-0.74.

Commission Rail Crossings and Engineering (RCEB) staff is late in submitting this approval letter due to transitioning to a new database system.

The crossing is an East-West, six-lane roadway with two sidewalks that consists of one transit track. The crossing is equipped with two median Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) and two curb Commission Standard 9-A (Commission Standard 9 and additional flashing light signals over the roadway on a cantilevered arm) warning devices.

RCEB reviewed the request by the City. As the City and VTA 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:

- Upgrade the existing bike facility from Class 2 to protected Class 4 with buffered space and bollards.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including R8-8 "DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS", W82 (CA) "TROLLEY", R81 (CA) "BIKE LANE", R3-18 "NO LEFT OR U-TURN", and R26 "NO PARKING" signs, and "KEEP CLEAR" 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.

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 and/or VTA 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 Eyitejumade "Ade" Sogbesan at (415) 471-6784 or es3@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew Bond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matthew" and the last name "Bond" clearly distinguishable.

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

cc: Susan Lucero, VTA