

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Grape Street
City of San Diego, San Diego CountyMargaret McCormick
Deputy Director
City of San Diego, Transportation Department
8050 Othello Ave
San Diego, CA 92111**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Grape Street Rail Crossing**

Dear Margaret McCormick:

This refers to your letter received by us on August 22, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Grape Street rail crossing (crossing) of the North County Transit District (NCTD) tracks and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) tracks, in the City of San Diego (City), County of San Diego. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 106-267.00 and DOT Number 026867T.

The crossing is a one-way (east-only) three-lane roadway that consists of two at-grade tracks for NCTD and two grade-separated tracks for MTS. The crossing is equipped with two curb-mounted Commission Standard 9-A (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm and a cantilever arm over the roadway) warning devices, two curb-mounted Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) pedestrian warning device and one curb-mounted Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly and automatic gate arm) warning device.

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

- Remove/eliminate parking spaces on both sides of Grape Street.
- Restripe the roadway through the crossing to add an additional traffic lane and bike lane on Grape Street.
- Replace the existing Grape Street queue cutter 170E traffic controller at California Street with the 2070 ATC traffic controller.
- Replace queue cutter loops on eastbound Grape Street to accommodate an additional traffic lane.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including applicable warning and 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.

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.
- The City shall notify RCEB at least 45 days prior to the date that the new or modified interconnection is placed in service by sending notification to rceb@cpuc.ca.gov.
- 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. 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.

Sincerely,



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