

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 20240900005,
XREQ 20240900006, XREQ 20240900007
54th Street, 66th Street, and 68th St
City of San Diego, San Diego County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 54th Street, 66th Street, and 68th St Pedestrian Rail Crossings

Dear Heather Furey:

This refers to your letter dated October 13, 2024, received by us on October 17, 2024, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 54th Street, 66th Street, and 68th St pedestrian rail crossings (crossings) of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) tracks, in the City of San Diego (City), County of San Diego. The crossings are identified in the table below.

XREQ	Crossing	DOT No.	CPUC No.
20240900005	54 th Street Pedestrian	661904S	036D-6.00-D
20240900006	66 th Street Pedestrian	661909B	036D-7.40-D
20240900007	68 th Street Pedestrian	661910V	036D-7.60-D

The crossings are in a North/South direction, with a pedestrian path across two tracks. The crossings are equipped with two Commission Standard 8 (flashing light signal assembly) warning devices, one at each approach, with the exception at 66th Street, where the Commission Standard 8 warning device for the northbound approach is at the west end of the bus stop.

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

- Remove the existing Commission Standard 8 warning device at each approach.
- Remove the existing pedestrian pathway/crossing.
- Remove the existing signal case.
- Install new Commission Standard 9 (flashing light signal assembly with automatic gate arm) warning device with emergency egress swing gate at each approach.
- Install new lighting for crossing illumination.
- Install new pedestrian pathway/crossing.
- Install pedestrian fencing and treatments at each approach.
- Install a new signal case.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform 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. MTS may request a time extension at least 30 days prior to the expiration date. The time extension request shall include evidence of agreement by the parties involved. 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, 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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