

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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5th Avenue

City of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County

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Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 5th Avenue Rail Crossing

Dear Angela Obeso:

This refers to your request dated July 17, 2025, received by us on July 24, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 5th Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks, in the City of Sunnyvale (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 82B-9.79.

The crossing is a North-South, four-lane roadway that consists of three light rail transit tracks. The crossing is equipped with one curb-mounted and three median-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signals with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices.

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (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:

- Remove existing striping and re-stripe approximately 800 linear feet of 5th Avenue west of Mathilda Avenue.
- Remove the existing mid-block crosswalk on 5th Avenue between N. Mathilda Avenue and C Street.
- Install Class II buffered bike lanes along 5th Avenue, including the intersection of 5th Avenue and Mathilda Avenue.
- Install detection equipment for vehicles and bicycles.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including "KEEP CLEAR" Warning Signs, 'R10-11: NO TURN ON RED', "R73-6: NO U-TURN" regulatory signs, and other train activated blank-out 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 the involved parties. This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety requires.

This project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 requirements, 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, the 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 website at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

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If you have any questions, please contact Eyitejumade “Ade” Sogbesan at (415) 471-6784 or eyitejumade.sogbesan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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