

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

320 West 4th Street, Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013



May 5, 2025

File Number: XREQ 20250400005 & 20250500002

18th Street and 19th Street

City of National City, San Diego County

Stephen Manganiello, TE
Director of Public Safety/City Engineer
City of National City
1243 National City Blvd
National City, CA 91950

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the 18th Street and 19th Street Grade-Separated Rail Crossings

Dear Stephen Manganiello:

This refers to your letter dated January 26, 2025, received by us on April 24, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the 18th Street and 19th Street grade-separated rail crossings of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (SDMTS) tracks, in the City of National City (City), County of San Diego. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has jurisdiction of the Northbound I-5 Freeway ramp adjacent to the 18th Street crossing. The crossings are identified in the table below.

XREQ	Crossing	DOT #	CPUC #
20250500002	18th Street	662159W	036-5.25-B
20250400005	19th Street	975768N	036-5.26-BD

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

- Reconfigure 18th Street between McKinley Avenue and Wilson Avenue into a two-way vehicular roadway.
- Convert 19th Street between McKinley Avenue and Wilson Avenue into a two-way cycle track to connect to the Bayshore Bikeway.

Temporary traffic controls shall be provided in compliance with the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), published by Caltrans. 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 (3) 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 statutorily exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. [California Public Resources Code 21080.13]

The following requirements pertain to this authorization:

- Within 30 days after the authorized scope of alterations is complete, the 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>.
- SDMTS 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,

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

Matthew Bond, PE, TE
Program and Project Supervisor
Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch
Rail Safety Division

cc: Jose Luis Robles, Caltrans
Sharon Cooney, SDMTS