

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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November 4, 2025

File Number: XREQ 20251000001
Mitchell Lane
Town of Windsor, Sonoma County

Bill Gamlen, PE
Chief Engineer
Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit
5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200
Petaluma, CA 94954

Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the Mitchell Lane Rail Crossing

Dear Bill Gamlen:

This refers to your letter dated October 6, 2025, received by us on October 13, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the Mitchell Lane rail crossing (crossing) of the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) track, in the Town of Windsor (Town), County of Sonoma. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 005-61.70 and DOT Number 498575Y.

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

The Commission's Rail Crossings and Engineering Branch (RCEB) reviewed the request by SMART. As the Town and SMART 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:

- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) compliant signage and pavement markings, including, push button activated LED Enhanced R1-5 "YIELD HERE TO PEDESTRIANS", R8-8 "DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS", W11-15 and W16-7P crosswalk warning signs, "RXR" and twenty-four-inch-wide STOP bars as shown on plans.

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. SMART 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:

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- 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, SMART 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>.
- SMART 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 David Stewart at (415) 806-0490 or David.Stewart@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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

cc: Carl Euphrat, Town of Windsor