

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



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File Number: XREQ 20251100001
South Bascom Avenue
City of San José, Santa Clara CountyFlorin Lapustea
Division Manager
City of San José
200 East Santa Clara St, 8th Floor
San José, CA 95113**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the South Bascom Avenue Rail Crossing**

Dear Florin Lapustea:

This refers to your letter dated October 21, 2025, received by us on October 21, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter the South Bascom Avenue rail crossing (crossing) of the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks, in the City of San José (City), County of Santa Clara. The crossing is identified as CPUC Crossing Number 82D-5.87 and DOT Number 750164K.

The crossing is a North-South, six-lane roadway that consists of two tracks. 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, three median-mounted Commission Standard 9 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly with Automatic Gate Arm) warning devices, and one curb-mounted Commission Standard 8 (Flashing Light Signal Assembly) warning device.

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:

- Reduce the number of travel lanes on Bascom Avenue from 3 lanes in each direction to 2 lanes in each direction.
- Install new interconnected traffic signals at the intersections of Bascom Avenue/Southwest Expressway and Bascom Avenue/Palmar Avenue with a single traffic signal controller for both intersections.
- Install a curb/sidewalk extension along the southbound right turn from Bascom Avenue onto Borello Drive.
- Upgrade the existing bike lanes on Bascom Avenue to Class IV standards, including the installation of new raised islands between the bike and vehicle lanes.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-9: No Train Horn, W10-1: RXR Advance Warning (Circular), W82(CA): Light Rail (Trolley) Crossing, warning signs, AND R3-1: No Right Turn regulatory signs, including 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 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 and/or VTA 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 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>.
- VTA 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 Eyitejumade “Ade” Sogbesan at (123) 456-7890 or eyitejumade.sogbesan@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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