

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102



November 19, 2025

File Numbers: XREQs 20251100002,
20251100005San Fernando St and South First St;
San Fernando St and Second St
City of San Jose, Santa Clara CountyZahi Khattab
Principal Engineer
City of San Jose
200 E. Santa Clara St, 8th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113**Re: General Order 88-B Request for Authority to Alter the San Fernando St and South First St; San Fernando St and Second St Light Rail Crossings**

Dear Zahi Khattab:

This refers to your letter dated November 7, 2025, received by us on November 7, 2025, requesting authorization, pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) General Order (GO) 88-B, to alter two light-rail crossings (crossings) of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) tracks in the City of San Jose (City), County of Santa Clara.

The crossings are identified in the table below:

XREQ Number	Crossing Name	CPUC No.
20251100002	San Fernando & South First Street	082A-1.67
20251100005	Second and San Fernando Street	082AS-1.72

The crossings are East-West and North-South four-lane intersections that consist of one main track. The crossings are equipped with traffic signals controlling a combined intersection/rail crossing.

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 the existing flexible green bollards and replace them with 6" high median islands on both sides of the LRT crossings, and an extra median island at the SW corner of 2nd/San Fernando Street and the NE corner of 1st/San Fernando Street.
- Install bicycle loop detectors.
- Apply California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD)-compliant signage and pavement markings, including W10-7: "Advance Warning sign" and R15-6: "No Motor Vehicles on Tracks," R15-6a: "Do Not Drive on Tracks" and R10-7: "Do Not Block Intersection" 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 crossings 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, 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>.

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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