

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Consumer Protection and Safety Division Rail Transit Safety Section	Resolution ST-88 May 24, 2007
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RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ST-88 GRANTING APPROVAL OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S (VTA) CAPITOL EXPRESSWAY LIGHT RAIL SAFETY AND SECURITY CERTIFICATION PLAN DATED MARCH 2, 2007.

Summary

This resolution grants Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) request for approval of its Capitol Expressway Light Rail Safety and Security Certification Plan (SSCP) dated March 2, 2007.

Background

General Order 164-C, Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, requires Rail Fixed Guideway Systems to prepare project specific SSCP for each major project and ensure that all entities involved in design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the project shall comply with the requirements of the SSCP. The SSCP ensures that elements critical to the safety are planned, designed, constructed, analyzed, tested, inspected, implemented, training provided and rules and procedures followed. At the end of the project, a written Safety Certification Verification Report (SCVR) is required by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order 164-C. The SCVR shall be submitted to CPUC staff upon project completion. The SCVR is reviewed by CPUC staff and an approval letter is sent to the transit agency if the SCVR is acceptable.

On April 10, 2007, VTA submitted the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Safety and Security Plan dated March 2, 2007 to CPUC staff for review. On April 10, 2007, VTA also submitted a letter to CPUC staff requesting the Commission's approval for the Capitol Expressway Light Rail Safety and Security Plan dated March 2, 2007. The Capitol Expressway Light Rail Extension adds 3 miles of double track along Capitol Expressway. The segment extends the VTA light rail system from the Alum Rock Station to Nieman Avenue, entirely within the City of San Jose. The alignment traverses through a mixture of residential, commercial, industrial, and undeveloped areas. The

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alignment has four planned stations: Story Road Station (elevated), Ocala-Cunningham Station (at-grade), Eastridge Station (at-grade), and Nieman Station (at-grade).

Notices

Notice of the filing was made in CPUC Daily Calendar, April 24, 2007.

Protests

None.

Discussion

The SSCP is filed as required by General Order 164-C. VTA worked with CPUC staff to ensure the SSCP is comprehensive. Staff reviewed the SSCP and found it in accordance with General Order 164-C.

Comments

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 311(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Code and Rule 14.6(c)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is waived.

Findings

1. On April 10, 2007, VTA submitted its Capitol Expressway Light Rail Safety and Security Plan dated March 2, 2007 to CPUC staff for review.
2. On April 10, 2007, VTA's letter to CPUC staff requested the Commission's approval of the VTA Capitol Expressway Light Rail SSCP dated March 2, 2007.
3. The proposed system is a 3-mile double track extension along Capitol Expressway. The segment extends the VTA light rail system from the Alum Rock Station to Nieman Avenue, entirely within the City of San Jose.
4. Staff reviewed the SSCP and found it in accordance with General Order 164-C.

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Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA) request for approval of its Capitol Expressway Light Rail Safety and Security Certification Plan dated March 2, 2007 is granted.
2. VTA shall submit the Safety Certification Verification Report to CPUC staff upon project completion.
3. This resolution is effective today.

I certify that this resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting held on May 24, 2007.

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