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Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Sent via email: krinjal.mathur@sanjoseca.gov

**Re: SOUTH BASCOM GATEWAY STATION
SCH 2019069109 — *Mitigated Negative Declaration***

Dear Krinjal Mathur:

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission/CPUC) has jurisdiction over rail crossings (crossings) in California. CPUC ensures that crossings are safely designed, constructed, and maintained. The Commission's Rail Crossings Engineering Branch (RCEB) is in receipt of the *Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)* for the proposed South Bascom Gateway Station (Project). The City of San Jose (City) is the lead agency.

The City proposes to develop 600 residential units, 300,000 square feet of commercial space, and a 200,000 square feet office building.

The proposed Project will be located adjacent to the following three rail crossings:

- Bascom Station Pedestrian Crossing East, 082D-5.71-D
- Bascom Station Pedestrian Crossing West, 082D-5.76-D
- South Bascom Ave, 082D-5.87

Any development adjacent to or near the railroad or light rail transit right-of-way (ROW) should be planned with the safety of the rail corridor in mind. New developments may increase pedestrian or vehicular traffic volumes not only on streets and at intersections, but also at nearby rail crossings. Traffic impact studies should analyze rail crossing safety and potential mitigation measures. Safety improvement measures may include the planning for grade separations or improvements to existing at-grade crossings. Examples of improvements may include but are not limited to: addition or upgrade of crossing warning devices, detectable warning surfaces and edge lines on sidewalks, and pedestrian channelization. Pedestrian and bicycle routes should be designed to clearly prohibit and discourage unauthorized access (trespassing) onto the tracks, except at authorized crossings.

The CPUC recommends the project:

- Install Commission Standard 9 pedestrian automatic gates with EXIT swing gates and channelization at both pedestrian station crossings.
- Relocate the detectable warning strips outside of the swing gates at the two pedestrian station crossings.
- Install Commission Standard 9 pedestrian automatic gates with EXIT swing gates and channelization on the sidewalk approaches at the South Bascom Ave crossing.

In addition, construction or modification of public crossings requires authorization from the Commission. RCEB representatives are available to discuss any potential safety impacts or

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concerns at crossings. Please continue to keep RCEB informed of the project's development. More information can be found at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/crossings>.

If you have any questions, please contact Felix Ko at (415) 703-3722, or fko@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felix Ko', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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