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Decision No. 13152

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application of)
the City of Redlands for permission)
to change highway crossing over the)
main line of the Southern Pacific)
Railroad at Brookside Station in the)
City of Redlands.) Application No. 9585.

F. A. Lennard, for applicant.
F. W. Mielke, for Southern Pacific Company,
I. R. Deist, protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application the City of Redlands asks permission to relocate a crossing at grade over the main track of Southern Pacific Company at Brookside Station in the City of Redlands.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Williams on January 11, 1924 in Redlands.

San Timoteo Canyon Road, upon which the proposed crossing change is located, extends northwesterly from Beaumont through San Timoteo Canyon to a connection with highway leading to Loma Linda and Colton. Through San Timoteo Canyon the road extends northwesterly along the southwesterly side of the railroad right of way to Brookside station, thence crosses the main line and a passing track at an angle of about forty-five degrees and extends in a northerly

direction to a connection with the highway leading to Loma Linda and Colton.

The City of Redlands proposes to move the crossing approximately 2700 feet southeasterly from its present location to a point which is approximately one hundred and fifty feet southeasterly from the east end of the passing track, thereby crossing one track only. It is also proposed to build a new stretch of highway along the northeasterly side of the railroad right of way from the existing crossing to the proposed crossing and to close the existing crossing.

Southern Pacific Company plans to construct a passenger station building at Brookside to serve as a main line stop for Redlands. The best location for this station building is on the northeast side of the track and in part upon ground occupied by the existing crossing. This location for the station will most advantageously serve Redlands as it will be on the shortest route to the business and residential districts.

An interested property owner appeared to protest the granting of this application and contended that in changing the location of the crossing the existing road between the two crossings would be closed so that the property owners adjacent to this road would be deprived of an outlet. Applicant, however, stated that it proposes to close the existing crossing only and not the road, and that therefore no one would be deprived of an outlet.

The Southern Pacific did not oppose the granting of this application. In fact, it appears that by relocating the crossing both the railroad company and the city will be benefitted in that the railroad will have a better location for its station building, and the highway will cross one less track than at the location of the existing crossing. The view of approaching trains will be less obstructed at this new point of crossing.

The railroad operates ten passenger and from ten to twenty freight trains per day over the crossing. It is estimated that about two hundred automobiles cross the tracks at the present time and undoubtedly this traffic will increase when the station is built and the road improved. This increased traffic would appear to justify the installation of an automatic flagman for the protection of the crossing whether or not it is relocated. Such protection will therefore be required.

In view of these joint benefits, it appears that the cost of relocating the crossing and the cost of installing an automatic flagman for its protection should be equally divided between the City of Redlands and Southern Pacific Company.

O R D E R

The City of Redlands having applied to the Commission for an order authorizing the relocation of a grade crossing of the San Timoteo Canyon Road over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company in the City of Redlands, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the City of Redlands be and it is hereby authorized to construct a highway crossing at grade over the track of Southern Pacific Company at Brookside station in the City of Redlands, County of San Bernardino, State of California as shown on the map attached to the application, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Fifty (50) per cent. of the cost of constructing the crossing shall be borne by applicant and fifty (50) per cent. of the cost of constructing the crossing shall be borne by Southern

Pacific Company. The cost of maintenance up to lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by applicant. The maintenance of that portion of the crossing between lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty-four (24) feet and at an angle of ninety (90) degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than three (3) per cent; shall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) An automatic flagman shall be installed for the protection of said crossing. Fifty per cent. of the cost of installing said automatic flagman shall be borne by applicant and fifty (50) per cent. of the cost of installing said automatic flagman shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company. The maintenance of said automatic flagman shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company. Said automatic flagman shall be of a type and installed in accordance with plans or data approved by the Commission.

(4) The existing public crossing located at Engineer's Station 4482 plus 87 shall be legally abandoned and effectively closed to public use and travel.

(5) Applicant shall within thirty (30) days thereafter notify this Commission in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossing.

(6) If said crossing shall not have been installed within one year from the date of this order the authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(7) The Commission reserves the right to make such further

orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing as to it may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

This order shall become effective ten (10) days from the date of this order.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of February, 1924.

C. J. Spawey
H. B. Bunting
Dwight Martin

Commissioners.