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Decision No. 13541

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the application)
of the City of Long Beach, a mun-)
icipal corporation, for a street) Application No. 9495.
crossing over the Pacific Electric)
Railway Company's tracks in said)
city.)

G. W. Trammell, for Applicant.

R. E. Wedekind, for Pacific Electric Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this application the City of Long Beach, requests permission to construct Coronado Avenue at grade across Pacific Electric Railway Company's so-called Long Beach-Seal Beach Line which is a double track electric railroad at Coronado Avenue.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Williams in Long Beach, March 24, 1924.

Coronado Avenue north of the proposed crossing is a sixty foot street serving a well built up residential district. To the south of the proposed crossing the existing street is known as Quito Avenue which is a seventy-five foot highway leading to the business district of the City of Long Beach. The nearest grade crossing over the track involved herein to the west is at Obispo Avenue a distance of approximately three hundred feet; the nearest crossing to the east is at Redondo Avenue some five

hundred and fifty feet distant.

The city has recently opened Coronado Avenue north of the proposed crossing to Broadway a distance of approximately one hundred and thirty feet and now desires to extend this street over the Pacific Electric's tracks which will admit traffic to pass from Quito Avenue to Coronado Avenue and also to turn off Second Street into Coronado Avenue. In the event this application is granted the city propose to pave Coronado Avenue north of Second Street. When this improvement is effected there will undoubtedly be considerable vehicular traffic on Coronado Avenue at the proposed crossing.

It would appear that the hazard incident to the construction of Coronado Avenue as proposed herein would not be greater than that of an ordinary grade crossing of a city street over an electric railroad performing local service. The view conditions are rather good at the proposed crossing especially on the south side as Second Street permits of a good view of approaching trains.

At present there are some seventy electric train movements over the tracks involved in this application per day. The trains perform local service in the vicinity of Coronado Avenue and travel at slow rates of speed.

There were no serious objections presented to oppose the granting of this application. From the evidence it appears that public convenience and necessity justify the granting of this application and it will be so ordered.

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City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of

California, having applied to the Commission for permission to construct Coronado Avenue at grade across tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company, 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 Long Beach be and it is hereby authorized to construct Coronado Avenue at grade over the tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company's so-called Long Beach-Seal Beach line in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as shown on the map attached to the application subject to the following conditions, viz:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing, shall be borne by applicant. The cost of its maintenance up to lines two (2) feet outside of the outside rails shall be borne by applicant. The maintenance of that portion of the crossing between lines two (2) feet outside of the outside rails shall be borne by Pacific Electric Railway Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than forty (40) feet and at an angle of sixty-one (61) degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than one per cent; shall be protected by suitable crossing signs and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.

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

(4) 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.

(5) 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 if, in its judgment, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

This order shall become effective three (3) days from the making thereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of May, 1924.

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Commissioners.