

Decision No. 13786

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Santa Cruz County for temporary )  
use of Grade Crossings in Santa )  
Cruz County. )

**ORIGINAL**  
Application No. 10,245.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 3rd day of July 1924, asking for authority to construct the public road running from Santa Cruz to Davenport, temporarily, at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Company's Davenport Branch at three points, where farm crossings are already in existence in order to provide a detour for traffic during the reconstruction of about three and one half miles of this road with oiled macadam pavement. It appears to this Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable to provide separated grade crossings at the points mentioned in this Application or to avoid the use of the said farm crossings as temporary public grade crossings with said tracks, and that this Application should be granted, subject to the conditions hereinafter specified,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to the Board of Supervisors

of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, to construct the Santa Cruz - Davenport county road temporarily at grade across the tracks of Davenport Branch of the Southern Pacific Company at three points where farm crossings are already in existence, namely, near Engineer Stations 248 + 00, 348 + 00 and 450 + 00 respectively; subject, however, to the following conditions:

(1) The entire expense of reconstructing the existing farm crossings into public crossings and the cost of their maintenance shall be borne by applicant.

(2) The crossings shall be constructed of a width not less than sixteen (16) feet; 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 crossings.

(4) Upon the completion of the oil macadam surfacing of said county road, the temporary crossings herein granted shall be closed to public travel and returned to their present status as farm crossings and equipped with gates.

(5) The authorization herein granted for the installation of said temporary crossing will lapse and become void on January 1st, 1925, whereupon said crossings shall be restored as farm crossings and effectively closed to public use and travel, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(6) The cost of abandoning the temporary crossings and restoring them as farm crossings shall be borne by applicant.

(7) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossings 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1924.

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Commissioners.