

Decision No. 14906

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of the City of Santa Paula, a)
Municipal Corporation, for an) Application No. 10900.
order authorizing construction)
of crossing of railroad by public)
highway or street..)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

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In the above entitled application, authority is sought to construct Twelfth Street at grade across Southern Pacific Company's track in the City of Santa Paula, Ventura County, California. The Commission's engineers have made a field investigation of this matter.

Twelfth Street is one of the longest north and south streets of the City of Santa Paula, extending from the southerly city limits to Richmond Road, a distance of about 1.3 miles, excepting that portion over Southern Pacific Company's 100' right of way, and affords a connection with a county road to the north, leading to Sulphur Mountain Springs and Ojai, and to the south with the county road known as Willard Avenue, leading to Bardsdale and the oil leases.

The Commission is informed that the City of Santa Paula proposes to construct a grammar school between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, one block north of the said railroad, and now desires to improve Twelfth Street throughout its entire length; that it is neither reasonable nor practical at this time to provide a grade separation or to avoid a grade crossing with said tracks

at the point mentioned in this application; that there is an unauthorized grade crossing over said Southern Pacific Company's track at Thirteenth Street, located about 600 feet easterly from the crossing proposed herein, which has been in existence for a number of years. The Commission's engineers' report shows that the volume of vehicular traffic passing over the railroad at Thirteenth Street is comparatively small, that this crossing is not maintained in good condition, and that the view is seriously obstructed by a building on the southwest corner of the intersection.

It now appears that public convenience and necessity justify the granting of this application, and that with a public crossing over the railroad at Twelfth Street there will be little public necessity for the continuance of the Thirteenth Street crossing, and that this application should be granted contingent upon closing the said crossing at Thirteenth Street.

O R D E R

The City of Santa Paula, applicant herein, having on March 6, 1925, made application to the Commission for an order authorizing the construction of Twelfth Street at grade across Southern Pacific Company's track in the City of Santa Paula, Ventura County, California, as shown more particularly on the map attached to the application, and it appearing to the Commission that a public hearing in this matter is not necessary, and that this application should be granted subject to certain conditions hereinafter specified:

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

the City of Santa Paula, County of Ventura, State of California, to construct Twelfth Street at grade across Southern Pacific Company's track, as shown on the map attached to the application; said crossing to be constructed subject to the following conditions:

(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 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 grade of approach not greater than six (6) 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) 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 then lapse and become void, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(5) The existing crossing over Southern Pacific Company's track at Thirteenth Street shall be abandoned and effectively closed after the completion of the crossing at Twelfth Street applied for herein.

(6) 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.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 12th day of May, 1925.

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