Decision No. 1. 067

BEFORE THE RAILFOAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application) of the CITY OF VERNON, a municipal) corporation, for a permit to con-) struct a railroad crossing.)

Application No. 11187.

BY THE COMMISSION:

PRELIMINARY OPINION

In the above entitled application the City of Vernon asks two things: First, permission to construct a permanent grade crossing at the intersection of 49th and Alameda Streets crossing the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company. Second, permission to construct a temporary crossing at grade 100 feet north of the intersection of 51st and Alameda Streets over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, pending the construction of said permanent grade crossing at 49th Street.

Representations have been made both by the applicant and Southern Pacific Company that the temporary crossing is urgently needed to give public access to a newly constructed freight station of Southern Pacific Company.

It appears to the Commission that a permanent grade crossing in this vicinity should be authorized, if at all, only after a thorough investigation and a public hearing but from the representations that have been made, it appears in the public interest that the temporary crossing sought in this application should be authorized without a public hearing, for a period of 90 days, subject however to the protection of such temporary crossing by a human flagman. A preliminary order in this matter should therefore be made accordingly.

PRELIMINARY OFDER

The City of Vernon having made application for permission to construct a permanent grade crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company at the intersection of 49th and Alameda Streets in the City of Vernon and further application for permission to construct a temporary grade crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company at a location approximately 100 feet north of the intersection of 51st and Alameda Streets in the City of Vernon, pending the authorization and construction of said permanent crossing.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission be and it is hereby granted the City of Vernon to construct a temporary crossing at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Company at a point approximately 100 feet north of the intersection of 51st and Alameda Streets in the City of Vernon, as shown by the map attached to the application, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the temporary crossing shall be borne by applicant. The cost of the maintenance of said temporary crossing shall be borne by the Southern Pacific Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than 24 feet and at an angle of 90 degrees to the railroad, with grade of approach not greater than 4 per cent, shall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) Said temporary crossing shall be protected by a human

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flagman, maintained at the expense of Southern Pacific Company, between the hours of 7 A. M. and 6 P. M. daily except Sundays.

(4) The authority for said temporary crossing herein granted shall lapse and become void 90 days after the date of this order unless otherwise provided by subsequent order of this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the above entitled application be and it is hereby set for hearing and determination and that a public hearing be had before <u>EXAMINER WILLIAMS</u> on <u>July 28.</u>, 1925, at 10:00 A. M. in the Court Room of the Commission in the City of Los Angeles, California.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER OFDERED, that the Secretary be and he is directed to serve upon the City Clerk of the City of Vernon and upon the General Counsel of the Southern Pacific Company, and each of them, a true and correct copy of this order, together with notice of hearing.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}}$ asy of June, 1925.

Commissioners.