

Decision No. 15-5-15

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, for permission to construct a single track at grade across Shorb Avenue in the City of Watts, California, and for authority to construct railway track with impaired clearance.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 11699.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 14th day of September, 1925, asking for authority to construct a side track with impaired clearance and for authority to construct said side track at grade across Shorb Avenue in the City of Watts, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as hereinafter set forth. The necessary franchise or permit (Ordinance No. 374) has been granted by the Board of Trustees of said City of Watts for the construction of said crossing at grade. 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 at this time to provide a grade separation, or to avoid a grade crossing at the point mentioned in this application with said Shorb Avenue 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 Pacific Electric Railway Company to construct a side track at grade across Shorb Avenue, in the City of

Watts, County of Los Angeles, State of California, as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Shorb Avenue, in the City of Watts, said point being westerly measured along the northerly line of said Shorb Avenue 89.25 feet, more or less, from the easterly line of the right of way of the Pacific Electric Railway Company; thence southerly parallel with and 18.5 feet westerly from the most westerly track of the present constructed four track line of the Pacific Electric Railway Company a distance of 60.00 feet, more or less, to a point in the southerly line of said Shorb Avenue, said point being westerly 89.25 feet, more or less, from the easterly line of the right of way of the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

and as shown by the map (C.E. 5901-a) attached to the application; said crossing to be constructed subject to the following conditions, viz:-

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing, together with the cost of its maintenance thereafter in good and first-class condition for the safe and convenient use of the public, shall be borne by applicant.

(2) Said crossing shall be constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No. 2A or 2B, as specified in General Order No. 72 of this Commission and shall be constructed of a width to conform to that portion of said Shorb Avenue now graded, with the tops of rails flush with the roadway and with grades of approach not exceeding two (2) 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) 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.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED, that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to construct said side track between the north line of Pershing Avenue (Ruoff Street) and the south line of Shorb Avenue with center line thirteen feet distant from center line of adjoining main track to the east, instead of the eighteen foot distance prescribed for side tracks other than passing tracks in General Order No. 26-a of this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing and relative to said impairment of clearance 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.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of October, 1925.

H. H. Brundage
C. Seamy
George D. Squires
Leon Wilson

Commissioners.