

Decision No. 16953.

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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.

Application No. 12918.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

County of Santa Cruz, State of California, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 5th day of June, 1926, asking for temporary authority to construct the public road running from Santa Cruz through Davenport at grade across the tracks of the Davenport Branch of Southern Pacific Company in said County at or near Engineer's Stations 574 and 625, located opposite the Ocean View Hotel, Davenport, and the "Y" at the Cement Plant of the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Company, respectively. Farm crossings exist at these two points at the present time. The use of said farm crossings is required to detour traffic during the reconstruction of the highway. The Southern Pacific Company has signified by letter that it has no objection to the temporary use of said crossings at grade, and 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 grade separations or to avoid a temporary grade crossing with said tracks at the points mentioned in this application, 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 County of Santa Cruz, State of California, to construct the Santa Cruz-Davenport Highway temporarily at grade across the tracks of the Davenport Branch of Southern Pacific Company at the location of two existing farm crossings at or near Engineer's Stations 574 and 625, said crossings to be constructed subject to the following conditions, namely:

(1) The entire expense of constructing, maintaining and abandoning the temporary public crossings 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) Upon completion of the reconstruction of said County Road between said crossings, the temporary crossings herein granted shall be closed to public use and travel.

(4) The authorization herein granted for the installation of said temporary public crossings will lapse and become void on December 31st, 1926, whereupon said crossings shall be closed to public use and travel, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(5) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the closing of said crossings to public travel.

(6) 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1926.

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Commissioners.