

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 17171.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF YOLO
COUNTY for authority to widen Road
No. 339 and crossing of Sacramento
Northern Railroad at Hebron from
forty feet to fifty feet.

Application No. 12857.

A. G. Proctor, for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application under Section 2694 of the Political Code of the State of California, wherein the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo asks permission to widen Road No. 339 known as the Pole Line Road, at grade across the track of the Woodland Branch of Sacramento Northern Railroad approximately seventy-five feet North from the Southeast corner of Section 27, T. 10 N, R. 2 E, M.D.M. and in the vicinity of Hebron Station.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Austin in Woodland on June 24, 1926.

Yolo County proposes to widen Road No. 339 North from the Yolo County Highway, situated immediately South of and parallel to the right-of-way of the railroad, for a distance of one mile, from a width of fifty feet to sixty feet. At the crossing the improved

portion of the road is only wide enough to accommodate one vehicle. Without disturbing the cattle-guards, it is possible to widen the crossing to thirty feet with crushed rock or gravel at a very nominal expense.

The traffic over Road 339 is not heavy, very largely that of trucks hauling road material. Therefore a crossing of a width of thirty feet will be ample to care for this traffic. The railroad operates nine passenger trains (of one car units) and one freight train in each direction per day. The view of approaching trains is entirely unobstructed, and it appears that no protection is necessary other than the standard crossing sign.

The Railroad Company signified by letter that it had no objection to the widening of the crossing, provided it be not assessed with any of the cost. The applicant agreed to bear the entire cost of the widening of the crossing.

In the interest of public convenience the crossing of Road No. 339 over the track of Sacramento Northern Railroad should be widened.

O R D E R

The Board of Supervisors of Yolo County, having filed with the Commission, under the provisions of Section 2694 of the Political Code of California, a certified copy of a petition of freeholders of said County for the widening of County Road No. 339, together with a certified copy of the order of the Board of Supervisors appointing viewers to view said road, which road crosses the track and right-of-way of the Woodland Branch of Sacramento Northern Railroad in the vicinity of Hebron Station, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for de-

cision, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yolo, State of California, to widen County Road No. 339, at grade across the track of Sacramento Northern Railroad at a location as shown by applicant's Exhibit Number 1, said crossing to be widened subject to the following conditions, namely:

(1) The entire expense of widening said crossing shall be borne by applicant. The cost of maintenance of that portion of crossing outside of 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 Sacramento Northern Railroad. No portion of the cost herein assessed to applicant for the construction or maintenance of said crossing shall be assessed by applicant in any manner whatever to the operative property of Sacramento Northern Railroad.

(2) The crossing shall be widened to a width of not less than thirty (30) feet and at an angle of ninety (90) degrees to the railroad and grades of approach not greater than two (2) percent, shall be constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No. 2 as specified in General Order No. 72 of this Commission; 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 the Commission in writing of the completion of the widening of said crossing.

(4) 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.

(5) If said crossing shall not have been widened 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of

July 1926.

W. B. Rindge
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Leon O. Whitell

Commissioners.