

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 19311 .

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application) of The County of Los Angeles for) Order Authorizing Grade Crossing) Over the Pacific Electric Rail-) way at Carlyle Street in said) County.)	Application No. 14202.
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for Applicant.

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way Company.

John R. Berryman, Jr., for Los Angeles
County Grade Crossing Committee.

CARR, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by the County of Los Angeles,
for authority to construct Carlyle Street at grade across the
tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company in the Town of Gardena,
in the unincorporated portion of said County.

A public hearing in this matter was held in Los
Angeles on December 8th, 1927.

The railroad involved herein is Pacific Electric
Railway Company's Los Angeles-Redondo-San Pedro Line. This line
follows Vermont Avenue south to Palm Avenue where it turns to
the west into a private right-of-way located between 166th and
167th Streets. Vermont Avenue is improved on either side of
the railroad right-of-way to the north of 164th Street, each

driveway being about 30 feet in width; between 164th Street and Palm Avenue, which is a distance of one block, Vermont Avenue is opened only on the east side of the track and is paved to a width of 30 feet. To the south of Palm Avenue this highway has recently been paved to a width of 60 feet. Under the present conditions, considerable traffic crosses the track at 164th Street.

Granting the proposed crossing, together with the opening of certain streets, would afford an alternative route for Vermont Avenue traffic between 164th Street and a point to the south of Sherman Avenue as follows: West one block on 164th Street, thence southeast on Carlyle Street across the Pacific Electric track, which is the crossing involved herein, returning to Vermont Avenue at a point south of Sherman Avenue.

At the present time this traffic is offered the following alternative route: West two blocks on 164th Street, thence south on Benson Avenue, crossing the same tracks as are involved herein, thence east on 168th Street to Vermont Avenue. Except for a limited amount of development in the vicinity of Vermont Avenue and Palm Avenue, the district adjacent to the proposed crossing is practically undeveloped at this time.

The Pacific Electric Railway Company is opposed to the granting of this application and presented evidence to show it would present a rather hazardous situation and that there was little public necessity for the same as the grade crossing of Benson Avenue, one block west, reasonably meets the public necessity of a crossing over their tracks in this location at this time. The company also stated that it had received correspondence from representatives of the Town of Gardena, re-

questing a conference relative to the working out of a plan to widen Vermont Avenue from Palm Avenue to 164th Street and was willing and ready to work out some reasonable plan in this matter.

It appears that the route proposed by the County would serve some convenience to the through motorists only until such time as Vermont Avenue, between Palm Avenue and 164th Street, is widened, and that there is little public necessity for the proposed route to accommodate the local traffic.

After due consideration of the evidence, it appears that the proposed crossing will not provide a desirable permanent solution of the crossing situation in this matter and that public convenience and necessity does not justify the construction of an additional grade crossing at this point.

I therefore recommend the following form of order.

O R D E R

The County of Los Angeles having made application for authority to construct Carlyle Street across the tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company in the Town of Gardena, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter being under submission and ready for decision, therefore

It is hereby found as a fact that public convenience and necessity does not justify the granting of this

application, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled application be and it is hereby denied without prejudice.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of ~~January~~ February, 1928.

Leon Whipple

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Commissioners.