

Decision No. 13352.**ORIGINAL**

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 relocate that portion of its Watts-Redondo Line between the stations of Hermosillo and Bridgedale and also between the stations of Perry and El Nido, and to construct and maintain at grade tracks across certain public highways in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, in connection with such relocation.

Application No. 14227.

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CARR, COMMISSIONER:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, seeks authority to relocate two sections of its Watts-Redondo Line, viz. on San Pedro Street, between the stations of Hermosillo and Bridgedale, and on Electric Street, between the stations of Perry and El Nido, all in unincorporated sections of Los Angeles County. Such relocation requires the construction of twelve new grade crossings, the plan and profile for which are shown on applicant's Exhibits "A", "B" and "C", and the elimination of fourteen existing ones.

A public hearing on this matter was held at Los Angeles on January 10, 1928, at which time the matter was submitted.

The Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County plan to improve and pave San Pedro Street, between Hermosillo and Bridgedale, and Electric Street, between Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne

Avenue, and when these improvements are completed, vehicular traffic on these highways will undoubtedly be materially increased. Therefore applicant believes it will be more economical and in the interest of public convenience and necessity to abandon these portions of its line and relocate the tracks on private right-of-way.

The record plainly shows that public convenience and necessity require the granting of this application. I therefore recommend the following form of order.

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company, having made application for authority to abandon two portions of its Watts-Redondo line as indicated above, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts and the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

It is hereby found as a fact that public convenience and necessity justify the granting of this application, and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to abandon those portions of its Watts-Redondo line above mentioned and as shown in yellow on Exhibit "A" attached to the application and to construct single track lines in lieu thereof on private right-of-way as shown in red on said Exhibit "A", at grade across the following listed highways of Los Angeles County which crossings shall be identified by the numbers shown:

<u>Name of Highway</u>	<u>Identification No.</u>
1. Normandie Avenue	6R-14.12
2. New Hampshire Street	14.18
3. Main Street	14.29
4. Massachusetts Street	14.35
5. Moore Avenue	14.41
6. Lowell Street	14.59
7. Western Avenue	14.66
8. Illinois Street	14.91
9. Arlington Street	15.16
10. Cypress Avenue	15.66
11. Prairie Avenue	16.99
12. Hawthorne Avenue	17.49

Said relocated lines and crossings shall be constructed as shown by the maps, marked C.E. 7675, Exhibit "A", C.E. 7676, Exhibit "B", and C.E. 7677, Exhibit "C", all of which are attached to the application; said crossings to be constructed subject to the following conditions:

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

(2) Said crossings of New Hampshire Street, Maine Street, Massachusetts Street, Moore Avenue, Lowell Street, Illinois Street, Arlington Street, Cypress Avenue and Prairie Avenue shall be constructed equal or superior to Standard No. 2 as specified in General Order No. 72 of this Commission and said crossings of Normandie Avenue, Western Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue shall be constructed equal or superior to Standard No. 3 as specified in said General Order, and all of the crossings herein authorized shall be constructed of a width to conform to those portions of said streets now graded, with the tops of rails flush with the roadway or pavement; shall be protected by suitable crossing signs and shall in every way be made suitable for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) An automatic flagman shall be installed and maintained

at each of the following crossings: Normandie Avenue, Moore Avenue, Lowell Street, Western Avenue, Prairie Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue. Said automatic flagmen shall be of a type and installed in accordance with Standard No. 3 in General Order No. 75 of this Commission. The entire cost of installing said automatic flagmen and their maintenance thereafter shall be borne by the applicant.

(4) Applicant shall remove the tracks shown in yellow on the map marked C.E. 7675, Exhibit "A", attached to the application, as soon as the new tracks are in service.

(5) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossings.

(6) If any or all of said crossings 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.

(7) 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.

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 8th day of February, 1928.

Leon A. White
Chairman

Thos. S. R. Smith

M. J. Carr
Commissioners.