Decision No. 19332

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of the City of Torrance for permission to establish a crossing at grade over the Pacific Electric tracks and right of way in El Prado Street near Western Avenue in the City of Torrance.

) Application No. 14,445.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

The City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 24th day of February, 1928, asking for authority to establish a public street known as El Prado Street at grade across the track of Pacific Electric Railway Company, in the vicinity of Western Avenue in the said City of Torrance as hereinafter set forth. Said Pacific Electric Railway Company has signified by letter that it has no objection to the construction of said crossing 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 a grade separation or to avoid a grade crossing with said track at the point 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 City of Torrance, County of Los

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Angeles, State of California, to construct El Prado Street at grade across the track of Pacific Electric Railway Company at the location hereinafter particularly described and as shown by the map (Exhibit "A") attached to the application.

Description of Crossing

Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Lot C, Tract No. 1427 as recorded in Map Book No. 22, pages 82-83, Los Angeles County Records, point of beginning being South 76° Ol' 23" West 45 feet from the Westerly end of that certain curve in the Southerly line of said Lot C, Tract No. 1427 concave Northwesterly, having a radius of 1171.28'. Thence North 13° 58' 37" West 50 feet to a point in the Northerly line of said Lot C; thence along the Northerly line of Lot C - North 76° Ol' 23" East 45 feet; thence Easterly along the curve in the Northerly line of said Lot C, said curve having a radius of 1121.28 feet and a central angle of 2° 41' 25" - 52.65 feet to a point; thence South 16° 40' 03" East on a radial line 50 feet to the Southerly line of Lot C; thence Westerly along the curve in the Southerly line of said Lot C having a radius of 1171.28' - 55 Feet to the end of said curve, thence South 76° 01' 23" West 45 Feet to the point of beginning.

The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No. ... 6RCA-17.15.

Said crossing shall be constructed subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing shall be borne by applicant. The cost of maintenance of that portion of said crossing outside of lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by applicant. The maintenance of that portion of the crossing between lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by Pacific Electric Railway Company. No portion of the initial cost herein assessed to applicant for the construction of said crossing shall be assessed by applicant, in any manner whatsoever, to the operative property of Pacific Electric Railway Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than thirty five (35) feet nor more than one hundred (100) feet and at an angle of ninety (90) degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than two (2) per cent; shall be

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constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No. 3 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) An automatic flagman shall be installed and maintained for the protection of said crossing. Said automatic flagman shall be of a type and installed in accordance with Standard No. 3 in General Order 75 of this Commission. Said automatic flagman shall be installed at expense of applicant and maintained thereafter at expense of Pacific Electric Railway Company.

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

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, Californie, this 2 and day of 1928.