

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 19694

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	)	
construct a spur track at grade across	)	Application No.14329.
and upon the east roadway of	)	
Normandie Avenue in the City of	)	
Los Angeles, California.	)	

C.W.Cornell, for applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N.

This is an application of Pacific Electric Railway Company for permission to construct a spur track at grade across and upon the easterly roadway of Normandie Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles, near the boundary of the City of Torrance.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Williams on March 16, 1928, at Los Angeles, at which time the matter was duly submitted.

Normandie Avenue, the record shows, is at present an unimproved north and south street, carrying moderate travel. It is planned, however, that in the near future it will be widened and improved with the intent of developing an important major north and south traffic artery.

The main line of Pacific Electric Railway between Torrance and San Pedro is located parallel to and just west of Normandie Avenue. The spur track for which authority is sought takes off of the main line and crosses Normandie Avenue. This

track is already in existence but is not now used, having been authorized by Decision No. 15960 upon Application No. 12456, for a period of one year from February 8, 1926. The track was used during that period and is now desired for further and permanent use to serve the property and paving plant of the George R. Curtis Company.

The territory east of Normandie Avenue in the general vicinity of the property of the George R. Curtis Company, is suitable for industrial development. Applicant's Exhibit No.2 shows a comprehensive plan for serving this territory with rail facilities by use of a minimum number of grade crossings over Normandie Avenue, one of which is the crossing herein sought. While this plan is tentative and depends to some extent upon agreement of the property owners, the record indicates that it has been carefully worked out, and has the approval of a majority of the owners.

Applicant stipulated that it is willing to have inserted in the order in this matter a provision which will permit the extension of the proposed spur track to the easterly boundary of the George R. Curtis Company property, so that in the event the suggested trackage arrangement is carried out, it will not be necessary to install an additional track across Normandie Avenue at this location other than the one applied for. We find that, under the circumstances, the application as prayed for should be granted.

#### O R D E R.

Pacific Electric Railway Company, having filed the above entitled application with this Commission on the 9th day of January, 1928, a public hearing having been held, the matter being under submission and ready for decision,

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission

and authority be and it is hereby granted to Pacific Electric Railway Company to construct a spur track at grade across Normandie Avenue in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California, at the location hereinafter particularly described and as shown by the map (CEE 9434) attached to Application No. 12456.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CROSSING.

Beginning at a point in the east line of Normandie Avenue, distant southerly thereon 683.38 feet from the south line of East Road; thence southwesterly along a curve concave to the southeast and having a radius of 280 feet, a distance of 126.15 feet to a point in the west line of the east roadway of Normandie Avenue, distant southerly along said west line 789.02 feet from the south line of East Road.

The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No. 6RC-16.83-C.

Said crossing to be constructed subject to the following conditions, namely:

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

(2) Said crossing shall be constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No. 4, in General Order No. 72 of this Commission, and shall be constructed without superelevation and of a width to conform to that portion of said avenue now graded, with the tops of rails at same elevation as main line rails and flush with the roadway, and with grades of approach not exceeding two (2) per cent; shall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) Pacific Electric Railway Company and the owner of the industry for whose benefit this crossing is authorized, shall, before actual construction of said crossing is undertaken, file with the Commission a stipulation or stipulations containing provisions that, upon payment to them of a reasonable compensation, permission will be granted by them to such other person, persons or corporation as may desire to use said track, the right to operate over same and the right to construct a track across such portion of said owner's land as may be reasonably necessary to reach the property or business of such other person, persons or corporation, together with the right to operate cars over same.

(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, California, this 2<sup>d</sup>  
day of May, 1923.

Edmund D. [Signature]  
John D. [Signature]  
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Commissioners.