Decision No. 13784___

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application) of the City of La Mesa for permis-) sion to construct ALLISON AVENUE) across the tracks of the SAN DIEGO) & ARIZONA RAILWAY at grade.)

Application No. 14,597.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

In this application the City of La Mesa requests permission to construct Allison Avenue at grade across the track of the Lakeside Branch of San Diego and Arizona Railway Company in the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Rowell at San Diego on May 10th, 1928.

Allison is an east and west street, located about two blocks north of the railroad station, and serves to connect the areas on each side of the railroad. At present Allison Avenue is not improved, but it is the intention of the city to pave this highway. There exists at the present time an unimproved crossing at Allison Avenue. It is the proposal of the applicant to improve the crossing substantially in accordance with Standard No. 3 of this Commission's General Order No. 72.

Orange Avenue, located one block south of Allison Avenue, now crosses the railroad at grade, but, on account of the lowering of Railroad Avenue, adjacent to the west right of way line, this crossing is impassable. No objection was expressed to the closing of the Orange Avenue crossing to public use and travel.

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The railroad operates four freight trains each way per week over the track involved and the view of approaching trains at the proposed crossing is fairly good.

It appears from the testimony that public convenience and necessity justify the granting of this application, provided the said Orange Avenue crossing is closed.

O R D E R

The Board of Trustees of the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, having made application for permission to construct Allison Avenue at grade across the track of San Diego and Arizona Railway Company, 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 ORDERED that permission and authority be and it is hereby granted to the Board of Trustees of the City of La Mesa, County of San Diego, State of California, to construct <u>Alli-</u> son Avenue at grade across the track of San Diego and Arizona Railway Company at the location shown by the map attached to the applioation. The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing

No.36D-12.75.

(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 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 San Diego and Arizona Railway Company. 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 whatsoever, to the operative property of San Diego and Arizona Railway Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than thirty (30) feet and at an angle as shown by the map attached to the application to the railroad and with grades of approach

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not greater than six (6) per cent; shall be constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No. 3 as specified in General Order No. 72 of this Commission; shall be protected by a Standard No. 1 crossing sign as specified in General Order No. 75 of this Commission and shall in every way be made suitable for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) The existing public crossing of Orange Avenue, located approximately one (1) block south of the crossing herein authorized shall be legally abandoned and effectively closed to public use and travel.

(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

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