

Decision No. 21299

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of City of Santa Monica, a municipal
corporation, for an order authoriz-
ing the crossing of certain railroad
tracks of Southern Pacific Railroad
Company and Pacific Electric Railway
Company at grade at 12th Street
extended, in the City of Santa Monica.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 15165.

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C.W. McInerney, Jr., for Applicant.

C.W. Cornell, for Southern Pacific Company
and Pacific Electric Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding the City of Santa Monica requests permission to construct Twelfth Street at grade across the Santa Monica Air Line, owned by Southern Pacific Company and operated over by Pacific Electric Railway Company.

Public hearings were held in this matter before Examiners Rowell and Williams in Santa Monica on January 10th and June 3rd, 1929.

The Santa Monica Air Line runs in a general southwesterly and northeasterly direction and approximately parallel to and approximately 150 feet southeast of Colorado Avenue. The numbered streets run at right angles to Colorado Avenue. At the present time,

Eighth Street, also known as Lincoln Boulevard, and Fourteenth Street cross the Santa Monica Air Line at grade, leaving an interval of six blocks with no dedicated public crossing, although an unimproved and non-dedicated crossing is being used on approximately the line of Eleventh Street. The numbered streets in the vicinity of the proposed crossing carry almost solely local traffic, as the through traffic is handled by streets paralleling the railroad. The general street layout for the city is shown on Exhibit No. 3, filed in this proceeding.

It is contended by the applicant that the area on either side of the railroad is built up along Twelfth Street and that the opening of a crossing is necessary to accommodate local traffic. Many residents on Twelfth Street testified that the opening of that street across the railroad was necessary for their convenience and necessity. Under present conditions, it is necessary for them to go to either Eighth Street or Fourteenth Street to get across the railroad. On account of its poor condition, the Eleventh Street crossing attracts only a small volume of vehicular traffic. Applicant contends that it cannot improve the Eleventh Street crossing, as it is not dedicated as a portion of a public street.

At the point of crossing of Twelfth Street, a spur track leads off from the main line to the north for the purpose of serving an industry; it is shown, however, that this spur can be moved from the site of the crossing without interfering with service to the industry.

The Santa Monica Air Line is a single track railroad

extending from the ocean front in Santa Monica to Los Angeles, over which Pacific Electric Railway Company operates one passenger train and one freight train each way per day. These trains operate at a moderate rate of speed in the vicinity of the crossing and the view of approaching trains is reasonably clear.

Both the carriers and the Los Angeles Grade Crossing Committee agreed that an additional crossing was necessary between Eighth Street and Fourteenth Street but they suggest that the Eleventh Street Crossing be dedicated and improved, and that the application for a crossing at Twelfth Street be denied.

After carefully considering the record in this proceeding it appears that public convenience and necessity justify the opening of a public crossing at grade over the railroad at Twelfth Street, provided the unauthorized crossing at Eleventh Street is closed to traffic and that conditions do not at this time require the installation and maintenance of any special protection for a grade crossing at Twelfth Street, if and when constructed.

O R D E R

The City of Santa Monica having made application for permission to construct Twelfth Street at grade across the track

of Southern Pacific Company and Pacific Electric Railway Company, public hearings 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 City Council of the City of Santa Monica, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to construct Twelfth Street at grade across the track of Southern Pacific Company and Pacific Electric Railway Company at the locations hereinafter particularly described and as shown by the map attached to the application.

Description of Crossing

"Beginning at a point on the southeasterly line of Colorado Avenue, said point being the intersection of the northeasterly line of Twelfth Street produced southeasterly with the southeasterly line of Colorado Avenue; thence southeasterly along said northeasterly line of Twelfth Street produced southeasterly to its intersection with the southeasterly line of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company's 100 foot right-of-way; thence southwesterly along said southeasterly line of said 100 foot right-of-way to its intersection with the southwesterly line of Twelfth Street produced southeasterly; thence northwesterly along the southwesterly line of Twelfth Street produced southeasterly to its intersection with the southeasterly line of Colorado Avenue; thence northeasterly along the southeasterly line of Colorado Avenue to the point of beginning."

The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No. 6A-16.93.

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

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing, together with the cost of moving or relocating any railroad

facilities, 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 Southern Pacific Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than thirty (30) feet and at an angle of eight-five (85) degrees and forty-seven (47) minutes to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than four (4) per cent; shall be constructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 3, as specified in General Order No. 72 of this Commission; shall be protected by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs, 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 spur track located within site of said crossing shall be moved and relocated outside of the site of said crossing.

(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, opera-

tion, 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 28th
day of June, 1929.

Thos B. Lott

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Edmund C. ...

M. J. ...
Commissioners.