

Decision No. 21756

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application of) SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for permission) to widen crossing of Sickles Avenue over) its San Frencisco-San Bruno Branch rail-) Application No. 15999. road, and to remove crossing gates and substitute therefor traffic signals.

BY THE COMMISSION:

ORDER

Southern Pacific Company filed the above entitled application for permission to widen crossing of Sickles Avenue over the San Francisco-San Bruno Branch railroad and to remove crossing gates and substitute therefor traffic signals.

Applicant alleges that the City and County of San Francisco is improving and widening Sickles Avenue along its southerly side for a width of thirty (30) feet, making a total width of one hundred (100) feet with a seventy-eight (78) foot roadway, and in connection with the proposed improvement applicant desires to widen said crossing of Sickles Avenue, designated as No. EM-6.28, to correspond to the new width of Sickles Avenue.

Applicant also alleges that said City and County of San Francisco has requested that the crossing gates in operation at said crossing be removed and that there be substituted, in lieu thereof, a set of traffic control signels to be operated by the track circuits of applicant's tracks.

Applicant further alleges that said City and County of San Francisco will bear the entire cost of widening said crossing, together with the cost of said traffic control signals, except that

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applicant will assume the cost of installing the track circuits, which will operate the signals when the same indicate the approach of trains.

An inspection of this location has been made by the Commission's Engineering Department and it is recommended that the proposed improvement and substitution of traffic signals for crossing gates be authorized.

It appears to the Commission that the proposed changes are in the public interest and should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company be and it is hereby authorized to widen the crossing of Sickles Avenue, designated as No. EM-6.28, approximately thirty (30) feet and to install traffic signals and remove crossing gates at said crossing, subject to the following conditions:

(1) The traffic signals to be installed shall be located substantially as shown on blue-print drawing A-8793, attached to the application, and shall be so interconnected with the railroad track circuits that all signals will show the "stop" indication to highway traffic upon the approach of a train to the crossing.

(2) Applicant is authorized to remove the crossing gates as shown in yellow on said blue-print drawing A-8793 at Sickles Avenue (Crossing FM-6.28) and to discontinue the human flagman maintained at San Jose Avenue (Crossing FM-6.29) coincident with the installation of said traffic signals.

(3) The cost of widening said crossing No. EM-6.28, together with the installation and maintenance of traffic signals and the removal of gates, shall be borne in accordance with an agreement between the interested parties.

(4) Said crossing shall be constructed substantially in accordance with Standard No. 3 or Standard No. 4, as shown by General Order No. 72 of this Commission, and of a width to conform to the pavement of Sickles Avenue.

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

(6) 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.

(7) 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 <u>54</u> day of <u>November</u>, 1929.

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