

Decision No. 21882

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the application of
THE WESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY
for permission to make changes in the
grade of its tracks at various road
crossings in the Counties of San
Joaquin and Sacramento, State of
California.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 16016.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The Western Pacific Railroad Company, a corporation, filed the above entitled application with the Commission on the 16th day of October, 1929, asking for authority to change the grade of its main line tracks at various road and street crossings between Stockton, San Joaquin County, and Sacramento, Sacramento County, California.

Applicant alleges that the present grade on said line is, at numerous places, lower than the original grade existing at the time said line was constructed, due to the sinking of the track; that in carrying out reballasting operations, it is necessary that changes be made in the present grade at points where its main line and passing tracks cross over public roads and streets between Stockton and Sacramento; and that said changes involve the raising of the grade at the top of rails from two (2) to ten (10) inches at road crossings throughout that portion of its line hereinbefore referred to.

The Boards of Supervisors of San Joaquin County and Sacramento County, respectively, have signified, by letters, that they have no objection to the granting of this application. It

appears to the commission that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary, that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to avoid the alteration of the grade crossings at the locations referred to 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 Western Pacific Railroad Company to raise the grade of its main line tracks and passing tracks at various public road and street crossings at grade between Stockton, County of San Joaquin, and Sacramento, County of Sacramento, State of California, as shown in the application.

Said crossings to be altered or changed subject to the following conditions:

(1) The entire expense of reconstructing the crossings shall be borne by applicant, including the grading and resurfacing of the approaches.

(2) Said crossings shall be constructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 2, in General Order No. 72 of this Commission, but in no case shall the reconstructed crossing be of a type inferior to that now in place at said crossing, and said crossings shall be constructed of a width of not less than twenty-four (24) feet, with the tops of rails flush with the roadways, and the grades of approach shall not exceed the grades of approach now in existence, excepting that both approaches to Crossing No. 4-105.7 and the easterly approach to Crossing No. 4-112.5 may be reconstructed with grades in excess of those now in place but not in excess of six (6) per cent.

Each crossing shall be protected by 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 there- over of vehicles and other road traffic. Such crossings as are now being protected by automatic flagmen shall continue to be so protected.

(3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days there- after, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossings.

(4) If said crossings 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 fur- ther time is granted by subsequent order.

(5) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, oper- ation, maintenance and protection of said crossings 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 7th day of December, 1929.

Thomas D. Lott
Clarence
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Commissioners.