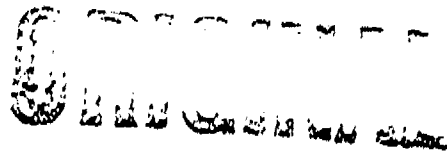


Decision No. 22442



BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the )  
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES for order author- )  
 izing the improvement of a grade crossing ) Application  
 of the Southern Pacific Company's tracks ) No. 16224  
 with Almond Avenue in Palmdale. )

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 Applicant.  
 C. W. Cornell, for Southern Pacific Company,  
 Protestant.

BY THE COMMISSION -

O P I N I O N

The County of Los Angeles, by its County Counsel,  
 has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order author-  
 izing the construction of a public street, known as Almond  
 Avenue, at grade across the wye track of the Southern  
 Pacific Company in the town of Palmdale, County of Los Angeles.

A public hearing on this application was conducted by  
 Examiner Handford at Los Angeles, the matter was duly submit-  
 ted and is now ready for decision.

Almond Avenue, extending in a northerly and southerly  
 direction, is an open unpaved street from the northerly  
 limits of Palmdale to Santa Barbara Street, which is an  
 east and west street, located approximately 400 feet north of  
 the proposed crossing.

The railroad involved is the tail track of Southern  
 Pacific Company's wye at Palmdale, which is used for the  
 turning of light engines.

Atlantic Avenue (State Highway) is constructed parallel  
 to and on the east side of the Southern Pacific Company's  
 main line right of way and one block west of Almond Avenue.  
 East and west streets connecting Almond Avenue and Atlantic  
 Avenue are constructed approximately 400 feet apart north of

Santa Barbara Street,

Applicant now proposes to construct Almond Avenue southerly from Santa Barbara Street to Anaverde Road, which is an east and west road approximately 600 feet south of the proposed crossing.

The territory adjacent to Almond Avenue south of Santa Barbara Street has been somewhat developed residentially, while south of Santa Barbara Street the territory is as yet undeveloped.

The record shows the only traffic which would probably make use of the crossing, if constructed, would be the residents along Almond Avenue desiring to go east on Anaverde Road. Applicant's witness testified that the vehicles used by the county in road maintenance work would use the proposed crossing. The traffic which would use the crossing is now required to go one block west to Atlantic Avenue and thence south to Anaverde Road.

The volume of traffic which would use the proposed crossing is very small and the present route now used by such traffic does not appear to be unduly circuitous, and there appears to be but little necessity for the establishment of a grade crossing at the proposed location.

After full consideration of the evidence in this proceeding, we are of the opinion and hereby conclude that public convenience and necessity do not warrant or require the construction of a crossing of Almond Avenue at grade over the track of Southern Pacific Company in Palmdale.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held on the above entitled application, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised and of the opinion that public convenience and necessity do not require the establishment

of a crossing at grade over the track of the Southern Pacific Company at Almond Avenue, Palmdale, in the County of Los Angeles,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this application be and the same is hereby denied.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1930.

Clarence  
Edwards

Thomas  
Lawrence

M. A. Lane  
COMMISSIONERS.