

Decision No. 22476

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**ORIGINAL**

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 the CITY OF TORRANCE for permission )  
 to establish a crossing at grade )  
 over the Pacific Electric tracks )  
 and right of way in El Prado Street )  
 near Western Avenue in the City of )  
 Torrance. )

APPLICATION NO. 14445

BY THE COMMISSION:

F I R S T S U P P L E M E N T A L  
C R D E R

The City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles have joined with the City of Torrance in the filing with this Commission of a first supplemental application in the above entitled matter, requesting authority to relocate the grade crossing of El Prado Street across the track of Pacific Electric Railway Company, which was granted by this Commission's Decision No. 19552, dated April 2, 1928, so as to be in line with the extension of Western Avenue across said track.

Applicants also request that the cost of constructing and maintaining the crossing previously allocated to the City of Torrance be now allocated to the County of Los Angeles.

Said Pacific Electric Railway Company has signified by letter that it has no objection to the construction of said crossing at grade, and it appears to this Commission that the present proceeding is not one in which a public hearing is necessary; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to provide a grade separation or to avoid a grade crossing with said track at the point mentioned 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 City Councils of the Cities of Los Angeles and Torrance and the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to construct Western Avenue at grade across the track of Pacific Electric Railway Company, at the location hereinafter particularly described and as shown by the maps (Exhibits "A" and "C") attached to the application.

Description of Crossing

That portion of Lot C of Tract No. 1427, as shown on map recorded in Book 22, pages 82 & 83, of Maps, records of Los Angeles County, within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at the most southerly corner of Lot 142 of Tract No. 4983, as shown on map recorded in Book 58, page 80 et seq. of Maps, records of said county, said point being the beginning of a curve in the northwesterly line of said Lot C, which is concave to the northwest, having a radius of 1121.28 feet, a radial of said curve to said point having a bearing of S. 30° 11' 40" E.; thence southwesterly along said curve 112.24 feet; thence S. 0° 22' 30" E. 33.82 feet; thence S. 2° 34' 40" E. 20.43 feet to the beginning of a curve concave to the northwest; concentric with first described curve and having a radius of 1171.28 feet; thence northeasterly along said last described curve 110.19 feet; thence N. 0° 22' 30" W. 57.23 feet to the point of beginning.

The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No.

6RCA-17.21.

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

1. The entire expense of constructing the crossing shall be borne by the County of Los Angeles. The cost of maintenance of that portion of said crossing outside of lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by the County of Los Angeles. The maintenance of that portion of the crossing between lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by Pacific Electric Railway Company. The actual work of constructing that portion of the crossing between lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be performed by Pacific Electric Railway Company.

2. The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than seventy-four (74) feet and at an angle of approximately seventy (70) degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than two (2) per cent; shall be constructed equal or superior to 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. Two Standard No. 3 wigwags, as specified in General Order No. 75 of this Commission, shall be installed and maintained for the protection of said crossing. The cost of installing said wigwags shall be borne by the County of Los Angeles. The cost of maintaining said wigwags shall be borne by Pacific Electric Railway Company.

4. The banks of dirt and the trees located adjacent to the crossing authorized herein shall be removed so as to provide a clear and unobstructed view of the tracks for a distance of two hundred (200) feet on either side of the center line of the crossing, from a point on the center line of the highway two hundred (200) feet on either side of the center of the crossing.

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.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Commission's Decision No. 19552, dated April 2, 1928, on the above entitled application, be, and the same is, hereby revoked.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23d day of

May, 1930.

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