

Decision No. 24232.**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of  
the CITY OF RICHMOND, a municipal  
corporation, for permission to alter  
Railroad Crossings.

Application No. 17541.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The City Council of the City of Richmond, County of Contra Costa, State of California, on July 18th, 1931, applied for authority to construct Fourteenth Street and Hall Avenue at grade across certain joint tracks of Southern Pacific Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in the City of Richmond, State of California, and on August 14th, 1931, filed its amendment to said application.

Both Fourteenth Street and Hall Avenue are existing dedicated but unimproved streets. In Decision No. 21814 (Application No. 16105), Decision No. 22609 (Application No. 16686), Decision No. 22769 (Application No. 16785) and Decision No. 23030 (Application No. 16945), said railroad companies were granted permission to construct the tracks herein involved at grade over said Fourteenth Street and Hall Avenue. The City of Richmond in granting its permission for these track crossings provided, in the event said streets were paved, that said railroad companies should bear the cost of constructing said streets over their tracks between points two (2) feet outside of the rails. Both Southern Pacific Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company have signified, in writing, that they have no objection to the granting of this

application. It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; that it is neither reasonable nor practicable at this time to provide grade separations or to avoid grade crossings with said tracks at the points mentioned and that the application should be granted, subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the City Council of the City of Richmond, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, is hereby authorized to construct Fourteenth Street and Hall Avenue at grade across the joint tracks of Southern Pacific Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, at the locations as shown by the map (Exhibit "C") attached to the application, subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

- (1) The above crossing shall be identified as follows:

Two yard tracks crossing Fourteenth Street,  
approximately three hundred (300) feet  
south of Dock Street - Crossing No. A-14.91-C.

Filice and Ferrelli spur - Crossing No. A-15.07-C.

Two tracks crossing Hall Avenue at Fourteenth  
Street - Crossing No. A-15.14-C.

- (2) The entire expense of constructing and maintaining those portions of the crossings between lines two (2) feet outside of the outside rails shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. The entire cost of constructing and maintaining those portions of said crossings outside of lines two (2) feet outside of the outside rails shall be borne by applicant.
- (3) The crossings shall be constructed of a width of not less than twenty-four (24) feet and at angles to the railroad as shown by Exhibit "C" attached to the application, with grades of approach not greater than three (3) per cent; shall be constructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 2 in our General Order No. 72; each crossing shall be protected by a Standard No. 1 crossing sign, as specified in our General Order No. 75, and shall in every way be made suitable for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.
- (4) Upon completion of the construction of said crossings and their opening to vehicular traffic,

no train, motor, engine or car shall enter upon said crossings unless traffic on the highway be protected by a member of the train crew, or other competent employee acting as flagman.

- (5) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossings and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (6) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof 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 crossings, as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1931.

C. C. Sawyer  
Leon Whitely  
M. J. Quinn  
W. B. Harris  
Fred G. Stewart  
Commissioners.