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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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In the matter of the application
of BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES for permis-
sion to install a grade crossing
over the tracks of the Pacific
Electric Railway on Broadway.)
Application No. 2737.

David A. Faries for applicant.
Frank Kerr and E. E. Morris for Pacific
Electric Railway Company.
Geo. H. Woodruff for Title Insurance &
Trust Company and Title Guarantee &
Trust Company, trustees for syndicates
owning the subdivision.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Two public hearings were conducted by
Myron Westover, Examiner, on above application to con-
struct Broadway at grade over the tracks of the Pacific
Electric Railway between 116th and 117th Streets, in
South Los Angeles, a new subdivision being developed and
improved south of Los Angeles.

The evidence shows that Broadway ex-
tends north and south through the center of a square tract of
160 acres which is being developed by two syndicates owning
the east and west halves respectively. The proposed cross-
ing is near the center of the tract and in the heart of the
proposed business district of the new townsite. Just east

of Broadway the three tracks to be crossed form a Y, a single track to the north extending westerly to the Hawthorne and vicinity, and a double track line curving southwesterly into Moneta Avenue and thence southerly and westerly to Redondo and vicinity. The terminus of one of the lines of the Los Angeles Railway system is in Moneta Avenue at 115th Street, just north of the Hawthorne track, and a half block north and a block west of the proposed crossing. The vicinity of the crossing is level open country, the only obstructions to the view being a few trees east of the crossing. Part of these are to be removed, leaving only a clump in the easterly part of the triangular park adjoining Broadway on the east and extending for about three-quarters of a block east.

The subdivision is being improved with graded and surfaced streets, cement curbs, gutters and walks. The work is finished on a considerable part of the east half of the property and the work is progressing on the remainder.

Five dwellings, a grocery store, a garage and a two story office building of hollow tile and plaster have been constructed during the last six months at a total cost of \$26,000 and 325 lots have been sold. The testimony shows that several lot owners have expressed an intention to construct buildings. Two families are living on the tract at present beside those engaged in grading, improving, and selling the property.

It appears that 40 families are now living on the tract adjoining on the northeast, and that

32 children from that tract attend public school at 120th Street and Vermont Avenue. The route to the school is south on Broadway over the proposed crossing and west on 120th Street to the school, about a half mile west.

Under the circumstances presented here, it appears that the present and future needs of the public justify the establishment of the crossing under the conditions found in the order.

O R D E R

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES having applied to the Railroad Commission for authority to construct and maintain a public highway crossing at grade over the right of way and tracks of the Pacific Electric Railway Company at the point where Broadway crosses said tracks between 116th and 117th Streets in Los Angeles County, south of Los Angeles, said proposed crossing being shown in detail on the plat attached to the petition; and a public hearing having been held upon said application and it appearing that public convenience requires the establishment of such a crossing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Railroad Commission of the State of California that permission be and it is hereby granted to the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County to construct a public highway crossing 60 feet wide at grade over the tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company at a point where Broadway crosses said tracks between 116th and 117th Streets in the County of Los Angeles, as shown upon plat attached to and filed with the

application herein.

The authority hereby granted is upon the following conditions:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing shall be borne by applicant.

(2) The expense of maintaining the crossing up to a line two (2) feet outside the rails of the Pacific Electric Railway Company shall be borne by applicant. The expense of maintaining the crossing between the rails and to a line two feet outside thereof shall be borne by the Pacific Electric Railway Company.

(3) The crossing shall be constructed of a width of not less than sixty feet with grades of approach not exceeding four (4) percent, shall be protected by suitable crossing sign, and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(4) The trees on the block bounded by the right of way of the Pacific Electric Company, Spring Street, Victoria Street and Broadway shall be removed by the applicant.

(5) 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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of March, 1917.

Max Thelen
H. H. Leonard
John H. Gordon
Edwin V. Edgerton
Frank W. Smith
Commissioners.