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Decision No. 4245

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the matter of the Application of )  
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for )  
authority to construct and maintain )  
at grade spur track railroads across )  
Vinedo Avenue, Huntington Drive, )  
Foothill Boulevard, Annie Street and )  
Bersa Street near Vinedo Station on )  
its Sierra Madre Line, in the County )  
of Los Angeles, State of California. )  
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Application No. 2775.

Frank Karr, for applicant

W. W. Patch, for State Highway Commission

GORDON, Commissioner,

O P I N I O N

In this application the Pacific Electric Railway Company asks permission to construct a spur track from its main line between Los Angeles and Sierra Madre, crossing at grade Vinedo Avenue, Huntington Drive, Foot Hill Boulevard, Annie Street and Bersa Street, all in Los Angeles County. Foot Hill Boulevard is a state highway; the other streets are county roads in the unincorporated town of Lamanda Park.

The Supervisors of Los Angeles County have granted a franchise permitting all these streets to be crossed but the State Highway Commission objected to the crossing of Foot Hill Boulevard and a public hearing was held in Los Angeles on March 20, 1917.

There was no question raised as to the convenience and necessity of this spur track. The Highway Commission based its objection on the ground that the Santa Fe crossed the Boulevard with a spur track parallel to the one projected and 450 feet away, and that one spur track would serve both companies.

It clearly developed at the hearing, however, that this could not be done. Aside from the difficulty in bringing about joint operation the facilities of the Santa Fe are so located and are at present so cramped that it was apparent that such a plan would be unsatisfactory

to both of the railroad companies and to the industries to be served. As these facts were developed at the hearing Mr. Patch, representing the Highway Commission, practically withdrew his objections to the crossing. The Commission, by letter, did later withdraw its objections.

The operation over the crossings will be light and as applicant proposes to stop all trains and have them flagged across Foot Hill Boulevard, the only street to be crossed which has extensive traffic, no unusual safety measures will be necessary.

I recommend the following form of order:-

O R D E R.

PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, having applied to the Commission for permission to construct its spur track at grade across Vinedo Avenue, Huntington Drive, Foothill Boulevard, Annie Street and Bersa Street near Vinedo Station on its Sierra Madre Line, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and a public hearing having been held, and it appearing that this application should be granted subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, That permission be and the same hereby is granted Pacific Electric Railway Company to construct its spur track across Vinedo Avenue, Huntington Drive, Foothill Boulevard, Annie Street and Bersa Street, at grade, at the points and in the manner shown by the maps attached to the application; said crossings to be constructed subject to the following conditions, viz.:-

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossings, together with the cost of their maintenance thereafter in good and first-class condition for the safe and convenient use of the public shall be borne by applicant.

(2) Said crossings shall be constructed of a width and type of construction to conform to those portions of the streets to be crossed now graded, with grades of approach not exceeding four (4) per cent; shall be protected by suitable crossing signs, and shall in every

way be made safe for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) All engines, trains, motors and cars of applicant shall, before proceeding over Foothill Boulevard, come to a full stop and shall not proceed until it has been ascertained that no roadway traffic will be endangered by so doing.

(4) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in regard 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, the public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of April, 1917.

Max Thelen

J. B. Howard

Wm. Gordon

Edwin O. Edgerton

Francis P. Drake

Commissioners.