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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the matter of the application of the CITY OF ARCADIA, a municipal corporation, for an order authorizing the construction of public streets or ways across the right of way and property of Southern Pacific Company and to effect the extension of Sunset Boulevard and Golden West Avenue.
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Application No. 2875.

James B. Baharr and Mark Ehle, for applicant

George D. Squires, for Southern Pacific Company

GORDON, Commissioner,

O P I N I O N

Sunset Boulevard and Golden West Avenue which the City of Arcadia wishes to open over the track of Southern Pacific Company are north and south streets in a new sub-division known as Arcadia Acres. The railroad to be crossed is the Duarte Branch of the Southern Pacific Company and runs approximately east and west in this vicinity.

The Arcadia Acres sub-division, which has recently been put upon the market, is between Baldwin Avenue on the east, a line about 560 feet west of Sunset Boulevard on the west, Huntington Boulevard on the north and Duarte Road on the south. The tracks of Southern Pacific Company are some 545 feet south of Huntington Boulevard, and just to the north, and adjacent to that boulevard, are the tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company. As most of the future residents in this sub-division will make daily trips to Los Angeles on the Pacific Electric it will be necessary for them to have access to that railroad. At the present time Baldwin Avenue is the only north and south street in the sub-division which is open across the Southern Pacific tracks and the people who purchase lots in this tract will be unable to reach

their suburban service without considerable inconvenience.

There are but very few families in this tract at the present time and although the train service of the Southern Pacific consists of only one train each way per day, operated at slow speed, the public convenience of the few residents of this tract would not appear great enough at this time to require an additional crossing. South of this tract, however, is the subdivision of Santa Anita Park, which contains some 140 families, many of which are also dependent upon the Pacific Electric car line for commutation service to and from Los Angeles. Both Sunset Boulevard and Golden West Avenue run through Santa Anita Park and many witnesses testified that the opening of these streets over the Southern Pacific tracks would add greatly to their convenience. This seems to me to be clear from the location of this sub-division; and as long as the track of the Southern Pacific is, to all intents and purposes, a spur track, I believe public convenience and necessity is great enough to justify the opening of these crossings.

I recommend the following form of order:

O R D E R

CITY OF ARCADIA having applied to the Commission for permission to open Sunset Boulevard and Golden West Avenue over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, a public hearing having been held and it appearing to the Commission that this application should be granted subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that permission be and the same hereby is granted City of Arcadia to construct Sunset Boulevard and Golden West Avenue over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company at the point and in the manner applied for, subject to the following conditions, viz.:-

(1) The entire expense of constructing these crossings, together with the cost of their maintenance thereafter in good and first-class condition shall be borne by applicant, except for those

portions between the rails and two (2) feet outside thereof, which shall be maintained by Southern Pacific Company.

(2) Said crossings shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty (20) feet, 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 and convenient for the passage thereover of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) 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, 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 2d day of June, 1917.

Max Thelen
Howard
Alex Gordon
Edwin O. Edgerton
Frank P. Devlin

Commissioners.