

Decision No. 9793

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
the CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, Cali-)
fornia, for orders authorizing the)
construction of public highways at)
grade across the tracks of The At-)
chison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway)
Company, a corporation, at eleven)
streets, in the City of Manhattan)
Beach, California.)

Application No. 1621.

Frank L. Perry for Applicant.
M. W. Reed for The Atchison, Topeka
and Santa Fe Railway Company.

BY THE COMMISSION.

SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION

By Decision No. 2510 of June 22, 1910, the Commission authorized the City of Manhattan Beach to construct eleven crossings over and under the tracks of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in the city. One of these was to be an under-grade crossing at Rosecrans Avenue. The city now requests authority to establish this crossing at grade instead of under the tracks.

A public hearing on the application was held by Examiner Westover at Manhattan Beach.

The crossing in question is in an outlying portion of Manhattan Beach. Rosecrans Avenue extends east and west and the railroad near the point of crossing intersects it at an angle of about 70°. The avenue is flanked on each side by tall eucalyptus trees, east and west of the crossing, seriously obstructing the view of approaching trains. There is but one regular train each way daily.

The street is to be graded so that the grade of approach from the west will be about 4.68% to a point about 100 feet west of the tracks, thence about level to a point about 60 feet east of the tracks, and thence 6.48% downward to the east.

If the trees were removed for a distance of 400 feet on each side of the tracks, a clear view of trains approaching from the south could be had for about a quarter mile, and of those from the north for about a mile.

As the center line of Rosecrans Avenue is the boundary line between Manhattan Beach and El Segundo on the north, the improvements are to be constructed in the south half of Rosecrans Avenue, which is 40 feet wide.

S U P P L E M E N T A L
O R D E R

A public hearing having been held upon the above application to modify Decision No. 2510, the matter being submitted and ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the City of Manhattan Beach be and it is hereby authorized to construct a crossing at grade on Rosecrans Avenue over the tracks of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

This authority is granted upon the following conditions:

(1) The entire expense of constructing the crossing shall be borne by the applicant. The cost of its maintenance up to a line two (2) feet outside the rails shall be borne by the applicant. The maintenance of that portion of the crossing between the rails and two (2) feet outside thereof shall be borne by the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

(2) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not less than twenty-four (24) feet and at an angle of seventy (70) degrees to the railroad and with grade of approach not greater

than six and 48/100 (6.48) per cent; shall be protected by a suitable crossing sign and shall in every way be made safe for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.

(3) All trees along the roadway on each side must first be removed for a distance of at least 400 feet east and west of the tracks.

(4) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossing.

(5) The authorization herein granted for the installation of said crossing shall lapse and become void one year from the date of this order unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(6) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said crossing as 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 30th day of July, 1921.

H. P. Underhill
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Commissioners.