

Decision No. 27278.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of the
People of the State of California on
relation of the Department of Public
Works, for an order authorizing the con-
struction of a crossing at separated
grades of the central east approach of
the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and
the tracks of the Key System, Ltd.,
located on Louise Street, in the City of
Oakland, County of Alameda.

Application No. 19547.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

The People of the State of California, on relation of the Department of Public Works, on July 23, 1934, applied for authority to construct a State highway designated as the central east approach to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, at separated grades over the main line tracks of the Key System, Ltd., located in Louise Street in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California. Said structure is proposed to be constructed with an overhead clearance less than that prescribed in our General Order No. 26-C.

The separation proposed herein is an extension of and forms an integral part of a traffic distribution structure which is planned to cross at separated grades above the tracks of Southern Pacific Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company near the intersection of Yerba Buena Avenue and Beach Street, in said City of Oakland.

East Bay approaches to said San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge have been studied not only by the Department of Public

Works but also by the East Bay Engineers' Committee, comprised of engineers of the various East Bay cities, and engineers of the Commission's Transportation Division. These studies indicate that the method of separating grades as herein proposed best meets public convenience and necessity.

Suggestion has been made by San Pablo Avenue District Development Association that the said central east approach be carried in a subway under Louise Street and the tracks of Key System, Ltd., rather than overhead as proposed herein. This suggested plan, however, does not appear to fit in with the major traffic distribution structure referred to above.

With the exception of the above suggestion, no objection has been raised to the proposed plan. It appears that the public bodies interested in this improvement are in accord with applicant in this proceeding.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein; that it is in the interest of public convenience and necessity to construct the overgrade crossing; and that the application should be granted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the People of the State of California, on relation of the Department of Public Works, are hereby authorized to construct a State highway, designated as the central east approach to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, at separated grades over the main line tracks of Key System, Ltd., located on Louise Street, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, at the location as shown by the map (Exhibit "A"), attached to the application, subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No. 7B-3.51-A.

- (2) The entire expense of constructing the crossing shall be borne by applicant. The cost of maintenance of the crossing shall be borne by applicant, except the cost of the tracks and power distribution system of the railroad, which shall be borne by Key System, Ltd.
- (3) Applicant shall file, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order, copy or copies of agreement or agreements covering the terms of construction and maintenance.
- (4) Applicant shall file, within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date hereof, and prior to the commencement of construction, a set of plans for said crossing, which plans shall have been approved by Key System, Ltd.
- (5) Said crossing shall be constructed with a vertical clearance above the top of rails of not less than twenty and forty-one hundredths (20.41) feet. All other clearances shall conform to the provisions of General Order No. 26-C.
- (6) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossing and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (7) The authority 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of August, 1934.

Leon A. Whidby

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Commissioners.