

Decision No. 27773.

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 construction of a traffic distribution structure on the easterly approaches to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, crossing at separated grades the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, Key System, Ltd., and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, near the intersection of Yerba Buena Avenue and Beach Streets, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda.

Application No. 19545.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The People of the State of California, on relation of the Department of Public Works, on July 23, 1934, applied for authority to construct an elevated highway traffic distribution structure as part of the easterly approach to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, crossing at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, Key System, Ltd., and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, near the intersection of Yerba Buena Avenue and Beach Street, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, California.

This traffic distribution structure is planned to provide for the distribution of the vehicular travel from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to the major traffic arteries of the East Bay metropolitan area and make direct connection with State Highway Routes Nos. 5, 14 and 69. Said distribution structure will be located at the point where the double track main line of Key System, Ltd., crosses under the main line of Southern Pacific Company and also tracks of

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. At the point of crossing, said distribution structure will be divided into two parts, the north lane and the south lane, respectively, separated from each other by approximately 175 feet.

Southern Pacific Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company have each signified, in writing, that it has no objection to the granting of this application, provided it is not assessed any of the costs of constructing said structure. Key System, Ltd., likewise signified, in writing, that it has no objection to the granting of the application, provided the order entered herein does not prescribe the terms of the necessary easements over its right of way and operative property for said structure.

It appears that the construction of said traffic distribution structure is necessary for the proper segregation of San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge traffic; that a public hearing is not necessary herein; and that the application should be granted, therefore,

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 highway traffic distribution structure on the easterly approach to the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, Key System, Ltd., and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company near the intersection of Yerba Buena Avenue and Beach Street, City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, substantially at the location and in accordance with the plan as shown by the drawing (Exhibit A) attached to and made a part of the application, subject, however, to the following conditions:

(1) Said crossings shall be identified as follows:

| <u>Description</u>  | <u>Crossing<br/>Number</u> |
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| North Lane over Southern Pacific Co's Main Line.            | A-6.42-A.                  |
| South Lane " " " " " "                                      | A-6.38-A.                  |
| North Lane " The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe<br>Railway Co. | 2K-11.59-A.                |
| South Lane " " " " " "                                      | 2K-11.63-A.                |
| North Lane over Key System Ltd's Main Line.                 | 7-3.20-A.                  |
| South Lane " " " " " "                                      | 7-3.15-A.                  |
| North Lane " " " " Interchange Track                        | 7-3.50-AC.                 |
| South Lane over " " " " " "                                 | 7-3.53-AC.                 |

- (2) The entire expense of constructing said crossings shall be borne by applicant. The cost of maintenance of the crossings shall be borne by applicant, except the cost of maintaining the tracks and power distribution systems of the railroads. Each of the three carriers involved herein shall bear the cost of maintenance of their respective tracks and power distribution systems.
- (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 with the said three railroads covering the terms of construction and maintenance.
- (4) Said traffic distribution structure shall be constructed and maintained with overhead and side clearances as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to the application, except that the overhead clearance above the top of rails of Southern Pacific Company's tracks, as shown in Section W-W of before-mentioned Exhibit "A," shall be increased to twenty-two feet six inches (22' 6"), and the side clearance from the center line of eastward electric track of Southern Pacific Company to eastward pier and the side clearance from center line of Judson Spur track to westward pier of said distribution structure eight feet six inches (8' 6").
- (5) Prior to the commencement of construction of said traffic distribution structure, applicant shall file a set of plans for said crossings, which plans shall have been approved by the three interested carriers.
- (6) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said crossings and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (7) The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within two (2) years 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 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of February, 1935.

Leon C. ...

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Commissioners.