

Decision No. 28868

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a) Application No. 20385
corporation, for exemption from)
General Order No. 75-A.)

BY THE COMMISSION.

ORIGINAL

ORDER

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, on February 15, 1936, applied for authority to remove wigwags and standard No. 1 crossing signs at certain crossings of its Long Beach Line along American Avenue in the City of Long Beach. Applicant further asks that exemption be granted from this Commission's General Order No. 75-A as to both standard No. 1 and standard No. 2 crossing signs at these locations.

The City of Long Beach has condemned applicant's right of way between the two roadways of American Avenue, from Anaheim Street to Willow Street, as shown by the map (C.E.H. 14859-a) attached to the application, and is now engaged in the work of reconstructing and paving in applicant's tracks. As a result of this reconstruction, the crossing protection now existing at the crossings between Anaheim Street and Willow Street would, if left in place, be located in the center of an otherwise clear roadway and would therefore create a hazardous condition. American Avenue has been maintained by the City of Long Beach as a boulevard, and boulevard stop signs will be in place which will require all vehicular traffic to stop prior to entering it.

It appears that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized to remove wigwags and standard No. 1 crossing signs at the following identified crossings of American Avenue in the City of Long Beach:

Willow Street, Crossing No. 6L-17.47
Burnett Street, Crossing No. 6L-17.82
23rd Street, Crossing No. 6L-17.95
Hill Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.07
21st Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.20
20th Street, Crossing No. 6L-18-32
19th Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.45
State Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.57
16th Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.76
14th Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.99
Anaheim Street, Crossing No. 6L-19.07
Spur track across west roadway of American Avenue between 14th Street and 15th Street, Crossing No. 6L-18.96-C.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is exempted from the provisions of General Order No. 75-A of this Commission as to both standard No. 1 and standard No. 2 crossing signs at the above identified locations.

The foregoing order is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The City of Long Beach shall cause to be erected on each side of American Avenue, at the above identified cross streets, appropriate signs requiring all vehicles to stop prior to entering the intersection. Said signs shall be so located and equipped with reflector buttons as to be easily visible by motorists approaching said crossings.
- (2) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the removal of the protection authorized herein and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

(3) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one 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 23rd day of March, 1936.

M. Blarrie
Leon Whitely
M. J. Carr
W. H. [unclear]
Frank [unclear]

Commissioners