

Decision No. 29347.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a corporation, for authority to shift its track on the Inglewood Line across Rose Avenue and Navy Street, and to establish crossing over Main Street (formerly Second Avenue) being opened by the City of Los Angeles, and for exemption from Section VI (e) of General Order 75-A.

Application No. 20812.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, on October 17th, 1936, applied for authority to make certain changes in the tracks of its Inglewood Branch Line, in the Venice District of the City of Los Angeles. These changes are occasioned by reason of the fact that the City of Los Angeles recently has condemned property, including property of Pacific Electric Railway Company, for the opening and widening of Main Street (formerly Second Avenue) and it is necessary that certain tracks be moved from the street, in so far as is practicable, and that certain new crossings be provided. Generally speaking, the changes may be outlined as follows:

1. Shift the track across Navy Street (Crossing No. 6AB-1.36), a maximum of about five feet westerly from its present location.
2. Shift the track across Rose Avenue (Crossing No. 6AB-1.47), approximately 60 feet westerly from its present location.

3. Construct 210 feet of single track railroad across the proposed Main Street, the new crossing to be identified as 6AB-1.55.
4. Reconstruct and pave an existing track leading to the Pacific Electric car storage yard. The improvement of Main Street will create a new grade crossing at this point, which should be identified as 6AB-1.90-C.

In addition to the above, it will be necessary to remove certain trackage from the area, which trackage is shown in yellow on the map (C.E.H.14750-a), attached to the application. This same map shows in red new trackage which it is proposed to construct in this area. Applicant also proposes to install two of the Commission's Standard No. 4 (side of street type) automatic signals at the new crossing of Main Street (6AB-1.55), and asks that it be exempted from the requirement of Section VI (e) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A. Compliance with this section of the general order would require the construction of track circuits and would add a substantial amount to the cost of the improvement.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application should be granted, subject to certain conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized:

1. To shift its track across Navy Street (6AB-1.36), a maximum of approximately five feet westerly from its present location.
2. To shift its track across Rose Avenue (6AB-1.47) approximately sixty feet westerly from its present location.
3. To construct its track across Main Street, as proposed, along a line fully described in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph IV of the application.

4. To reconstruct across Main Street, as proposed, the track leading to its car storage yard.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED THAT Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby exempted from compliance with the provisions of Section VI (e) of the Commission's General Order No. 75-A, at the grade crossing of Main Street with applicant's Inglewood Branch (Crossing No. 6AB-1.55), in the City of Los Angeles.

All of the above changes are subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The proposed crossing of Main Street, described in sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph IV of the application, shall be identified as Crossing No. 6AB-1.55.

The proposed crossing of Main Street by the track leading to the car storage yard shall be identified as Crossing No. 6AB-1.90-C.
- (2) The entire expense of constructing, reconstructing and thereafter maintaining the crossings in good and first-class condition, for safe and convenient use of the public, shall be borne by applicant.
- (3) Said crossings shall be constructed equal or superior to the type shown as Standard No. 3 in this Commission's General Order No. 72 and shall be constructed without superelevation and of a width to conform to those portions of said streets now graded or to be improved, with the tops of rails flush with the pavement, or proposed pavement, and with grades of approach not exceeding 6%.
- (4) Two Standard No. 1 crossing signs, as specified in General Order No. 75-A, shall be installed and maintained at the sole expense of the applicant, for the protection of each of the following crossings; Navy Street (6AB-1.36, Rose Avenue (6AB-1.47) and Main Street (6AB-1.90-C).

Two Standard No. 4 wigwags, as specified in General Order No. 75-A of this Commission, shall be installed and maintained at the sole expense of the applicant, for the protection of said crossing of Main Street (6AB-1.55).
- (5) Applicant shall remove the tracks shown in yellow on the map (C.E.H. 14750) attached to the application, in so far as they lie within the area of the proposed improvement.

- (6) Applicant shall, within thirty 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 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.
- (8) 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, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of December, 1936.

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