

Decision No. 29883.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
the CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, for
permission to widen Vermont Avenue
and relocate the railroad crossing
of the Pacific Electric Railway Com-
pany, in the City of Gardena,
California.

Application No. 21163

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O R D E R

The City of Gardena, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, on April 30, 1937, filed the above numbered application, seeking authority to make certain changes in the grade crossing situation along that portion of Pacific Electric Railway Company's Redondo Beach line between a point one hundred ten (110) feet north of 164th Street, and a point one hundred sixty (160) feet south of Gardena Boulevard. The construction program contemplates the improvement of two existing grade crossings, one of which is located at 164th Street (Crossing No. 6R-13.51), the other at Gardena Boulevard (Crossing No. 6R-13.57), as well as the establishment of a new grade crossing at a point approximately one hundred thirty (130) feet south of Gardena Boulevard.

The change in the highway is designed to eliminate serious traffic congestion which frequently occurs in this section due to the fact that Vermont Avenue, between 114th Street and 164th Street, consists of two roadways with Pacific Electric Railway Company's tracks constructed between them. At 164th Street the westerly roadway terminates, thus necessitating southbound traffic making an abrupt right angle turn across the Pacific Electric

tracks into the easterly roadway of Vermont Avenue, which is about thirty (30) feet in width.

The proposed plan of improvement contemplates that the Pacific Electric tracks will be shifted approximately eleven (11) feet to the east and paved over as part of the vehicular highway of Vermont Avenue, thus providing a usable roadway of some sixty-three (63) feet in width.

This improvement also contemplates the shifting of a spur track which crosses 164th Street and serves Pacific Electric Railway Company's Gardena Station, a distance of some twenty-five (25) feet to the west.

Although one new grade crossing will obtain from the highway improvement involved herein, it would seem well justified from the fact that a material betterment in the entire grade crossing situation will be accomplished.

It appears the Pacific Electric Railway Company and applicant are in agreement in this matter and that it is one in which a public hearing is not necessary, and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the City Council of the City of Gardena, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, is hereby authorized to re-locate and improve the existing grade crossings of 164th Street (Crossing No. 6R-13.51) and Gardena Boulevard (Crossing No. 6R-13.57), and to establish a new grade crossing with the westerly roadway of Vermont Avenue and Pacific Electric Railway Company's Redondo Beach line, substantially in accordance with the plan as shown on the blue print map (Exhibit "A") attached to the application, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The above crossing of the westerly roadway of Vermont Avenue shall be identified as Crossing No. 6R-13.59.
- (2) The entire cost of the proposed improvement and the maintenance of the same thereafter, shall be borne in accordance with the terms of an agreement attached to the application and identified as Exhibit No. 1.

- (3) All work connected with the re-location of the Pacific Electric tracks shall be done under the direct supervision of Pacific Electric Railway Company.
- (4) The crossing of 164th Street (Crossing No. 6R-13.51) shall be reconstructed to a width of not less than forty (40) feet and at an angle to the railroad as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to the application, and with grades of approach not greater than three (3) per cent, and shall be reconstructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 2, in our General Order No. 72, and shall in every way be made suitable for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.
- (5) The crossing of Cardena Boulevard (Crossing No. 6R-13.57) shall be reconstructed to a width of not less than fifty-six (56) feet and at an angle of approximately ninety (90) degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than three (3) per cent, shall be reconstructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 2, in our General Order No. 72, and shall in every way be made suitable for the passage thereon of vehicles and other road traffic.
- (6) A Standard No. 3 wigwag as specified in General Order No. 75-A of this Commission, shall be installed at the sole expense of the applicant for the protection of the crossing of the westerly roadway of Vermont Avenue, Crossing No. 6R-13.59. The maintenance of this protective device shall thereafter be borne by the Pacific Electric Railway Company.
- (7) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the completion of the improvement as authorized herein, and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (8) The authorization 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.
- (9) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders, relative to the reconstruction of the track and 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 21st day
of June, 1937.

William Ware
Leon Aubrey
Frank R. Nelson
Rafaela Lund
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COMMISSIONERS