

Decision No. 30727.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY and its Lessee, SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY, for authority (a) to discontinue the passenger agency station of Berkeley University Avenue Station (Shattuck Avenue Electric Line) and remove the station building located at said station, and (b) to sell to RUSSELL E. ARCHERD, an individual, certain real property in the City of Berkeley, County of Alameda, State of California, herein-after more particularly described.

Application No. 21823.

E. J. FOULDS, for Applicant.

FRED C. HUTCHINSON, City Attorney, by JOHN D. PHILLIPS, for the City of Berkeley.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and Southern Pacific Company, its Lessee, seek authority (a) to discontinue the passenger agency station of Berkeley University Avenue Station (Shattuck Avenue Electric Line), and remove the station building thereat, and (b), to sell to Russell H. Archerd, the real estate upon which said station is located, all in the City of Berkeley, Alameda County, California.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Hall in Berkeley, March 19, 1938.

The Berkeley University Avenue Station is located on a parcel of land bounded by Shattuck Avenue, Center Street and Addison Street. This parcel is approximately 250 feet long, by an average width of about 50 feet. The major portion of this property is occupied by the station building. In the event this application is granted, the present station is to be removed and a modern store building erected on the property.

Applicants showed that on the average 100 local tickets were sold per day and an average of 325 commute books per month were sold by this agency. In addition, main line ticket and baggage business is transacted. The main line baggage business has almost disappeared as this business is now largely transacted at the main line station at the foot of University Avenue.

The Shattuck Avenue line now has a direct contact with the main line at 16th Street station in Oakland, whereby holders of main line tickets can transfer from the electric trains to the main line steam trains. In about December, 1938, it is expected that the electric trains will commence operating across the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. When this bridge operation is placed in effect, there will be no direct contact between the Shattuck Avenue electric line and the steam line, and main line passengers and their baggage cannot use Shattuck Avenue electric line for a connection with the main line.

Applicants showed that all local and commute ticket sales can be handled by ticket collectors on the trains, as at all other stations on this line in Berkeley. Additional men are placed on these trains on the last day and the first day of each month for the purpose of facilitating the sale of commute books.

Applicants propose to establish a City Ticket Office in the new store building to be erected, or in that general vicinity, for the handling of main line ticket sales.

Applicants propose to sell the property involved for \$100,000, and produced testimony to show that this was the fair present market value of the property.

The City of Berkeley presented Resolution No. 22494, N.S. dated March 8, 1938, (Exhibit 1), showing that the City does not oppose the granting of this application.

No one appeared in protest to the granting of the application.

A review of the record indicates that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued maintenance of the existing station facilities, nor the land proposed to be sold, and that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

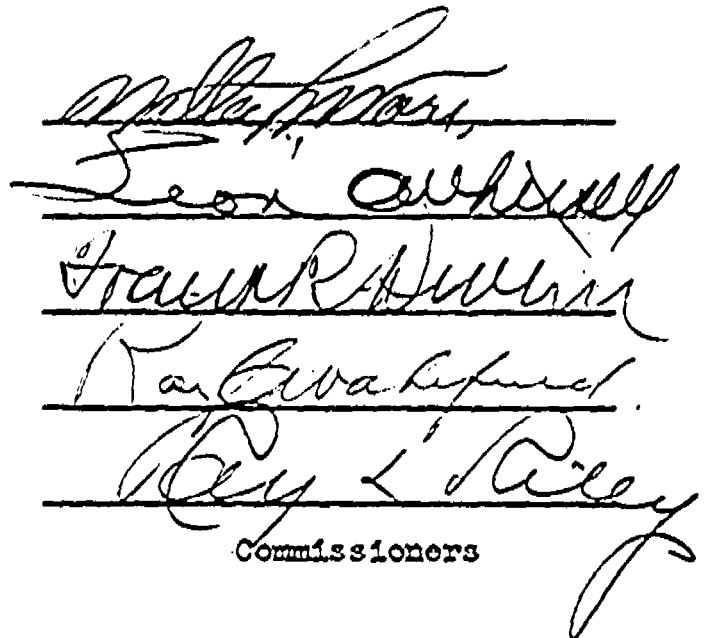
Southern Pacific Company is authorized:-

(a) To discontinue the passenger agency station of Berkeley University Station (Shattuck Avenue Electric Line), and remove the station building thereat, and

(b) To sell to Russell H. Archerd, an individual, that certain real property as described in the application and as shown in tint on the map (C. E. Drawing 15050, Sheet 1 of 3) attached to the application. Said Berkeley University Avenue station shall be continued as a non-agency station. Within thirty days after abandonment of agency and transfer of property, applicant shall so notify the Commission in writing. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within one year unless time be extended.

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1938.

  
Commissioners