

Decision No. 31958.

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC)
COMPANY for authority to construct and maintain and)
alternately open and close a roadway at grade across) Application
its Station grounds and tracks in the City and County) No. 22662
of San Francisco, State of California, to be used)
while opened, for detour purposes only.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

In this proceeding Southern Pacific Company asks for authority to construct and maintain an alternate roadway at grade across its station grounds and tracks, approximately 250 feet east (railroad direction) of New Fourth Street, in the City and County of San Francisco.

Applicant alleges that from time to time passenger trains are assembled at Third and Townsend Station, consisting of cars in such numbers as to extend the length of such trains, when standing, across New Fourth Street where said street traverses the station grounds (Crossing No. E-0.18); and that during the time New Fourth Street is temporarily blocked, highway traffic is diverted north and south via Third Street in front of the public entrance of station, causing undue traffic congestion at that point and delaying access to and from the industrial or warehouse district adjacent to said station.

In order to alleviate such congestion and afford ready access to and from said district during the time standing trains temporarily block New Fourth Street, applicant proposes to construct and maintain at its sole expense the crossing hereinbefore referred to, and while in use will protect same by human flagmen for the direction of traffic thereover, and when not in use will install and maintain suitable chains at the location in order to prohibit its use by vehicular traffic.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to construct a vehicular driveway at grade across its station tracks, approximately 250 feet east (railroad direction) of New Fourth Street, in the City and County of San Francisco, California, at the location more particularly described in the application and as shown by the map (Coast Division Drawing 20062) attached thereto and made a part thereof, subject to the following conditions and not otherwise:

- (1) The above crossing shall be identified as Crossing No. E-0.23.
- (2) The entire expense of constructing and maintaining the crossing shall be borne by applicant.
- (3) The crossing shall be constructed of a width not more than 25 feet and at an angle of 90 degrees to the railroad and with grades of approach not greater than 3 per cent; and shall be constructed equal or superior to type shown as Standard No. 2 in our General Order No. 72.
- (4) Said crossing shall not be used for vehicular traffic except at such times as the crossing of New Fourth Street (Crossing No. E-0.18) is blocked by standing trains, and shall be protected by two human flagmen during the time it is open to vehicular traffic.
- (5) At all times when the crossing of New Fourth Street (Crossing No. E-0.18) is not blocked by standing trains, the crossing herein authorized (Crossing No. E-0.23) shall be effectively barricaded to prevent its use.
- (6) At such times as New Fourth Street is blocked by standing trains and the crossing herein authorized is open to vehicular traffic, said New Fourth Street crossing (Crossing No. E-0.18) shall be so barricaded to prevent vehicular traffic from entering upon the track area.
- (7) Applicant shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify the Commission, in writing, of the completion of installation of said crossing, and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (8) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof.
- (9) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance, and protection of said crossing as to it may seem right and proper, and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity so demand.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25th day of
April, 1939.

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Commissioners