

Decision No. 32305.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of application of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for an order authorizing the construction and temporary maintenance and operation of a shoofly of the main track of its Santa Ana Branch at grade across Salt Lake Avenue, and along and across Patata Street, and across Atlantic Boulevard, and across main track of the Long Beach Branch of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in the City of South Gate, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Application No. 23005.

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Southern Pacific Company, a corporation, on September 23, 1939, applied for authority to construct and operate a shoofly off of the main track of its Santa Ana branch at grade along Salt Lake Avenue, Patata Street and across the main track of the Long Beach branch of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the County of Los Angeles, and to relocate an existing crossing at grade of Atlantic Blvd. in the City of South Gate. The proposed construction is to be temporary in nature and is occasioned by the building of a storm drain under Southern Pacific tracks in the immediate vicinity. Upon completion of the construction of this storm drain, the temporary track will be removed and service restored upon the existing main line track of the Santa Ana branch. As indicated by the exhibits attached to the application, the County of Los Angeles, the City of South Gate and the Union Pacific Railroad Company offer no opposition.

It appears that this is not a matter in which a public hearing is necessary and that the application should be granted subject to certain conditions.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is hereby authorized to construct, maintain and operate a shoofly off of the main track of its Santa Ana branch at grade along the southerly side of Patata Street, between Salt Lake Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard, and across the main track of the Long Beach branch of the Union Pacific Railroad Company in the County of Los Angeles, and to relocate the existing crossing of this branch line track with Atlantic Boulevard in the City of South Gate, all at the locations more particularly described in the application and as shown by the map (drawing A-2041) attached thereto, subject to the following conditions.

- (1) The relocated temporary crossing of Atlantic Boulevard shall carry the same identification number as the permanent crossing, namely BK-492.0.
- (2) The entire expense of constructing and thereafter maintaining the crossings, including protective devices therefor, in good and first-class condition for safe and convenient railway and vehicular use, shall be borne by the applicant.
- (3) The temporary crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's Long Beach branch shall be so constructed that the existing automatic interlocking plant will afford the same protection at the temporary railroad crossing as now exists at the permanent crossing. The rules governing the operations over the temporary crossing shall be the same as those over the permanent crossing.
- (4) The existing wig-wag signal located on the west side of Atlantic Boulevard for the protection of southbound traffic shall be relocated substantially as shown in red on the drawing attached to the application.
- (5) Upon completion of the construction of the storm drain, the shoofly track will be removed and service restored upon the existing main track of the Santa Ana branch. At that time applicant shall remove the temporary track insofar as it lies in Atlantic Boulevard, repair the roadway to conform to the remainder thereof, and reinstall the automatic wig-wag in its present location.
- (6) The authorization herein granted is temporary only and shall lapse and become void after 180 days from the date hereof unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

(7) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders relative to the location, construction, operation, maintenance and protection of said track and 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 Los Angeles, California, this 21st day of September, 1939.

Robert A. H. Smith
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Commissioners.