

Decision No. 23439.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the People of the State of California, on relation of the Department of Public Works, for an order authorizing construction of a crossing at separated grades of the State highway and the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway at Huntington Drive, in Arcadia, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

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Application  
No. 23439.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

The People of the State of California, on relation of the Department of Public Works, on April 23, 1940, applied for authority to construct a public highway, known as Road VII-LA-161-Ada (Huntington Drive), at separated grades under the main line tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in the City of Arcadia, County of Los Angeles, State of California. The application also seeks authority to alter the existing crossing of said tracks at First Avenue (Crossing No. 2-124.1), by raising the elevation of this intersection some eighteen inches. Southern Pacific Company's Duarte Branch crosses First Avenue and the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company at this same point (Crossing No. EX-496.6), and therefore the raise in grade involves altering this crossing as well.

Easterly of the proposed grade separation, at Fifth Avenue, applicant proposes to construct a pedestrian subway through the fill and beneath the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. During the construction period, it is proposed to handle rail traffic over a shoo-fly track paralleling the existing tracks at a short distance to the south.

It appearing that it is in the interest of public convenience, necessity and safety that the undergrade crossing be constructed, that the grade crossing at First Avenue be altered, and that the pedestrian subway be constructed at Fifth Avenue; and it further appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that this application should be granted, subject to certain conditions:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the People of the State of California, on relation of the Department of Public Works, are hereby authorized to construct a public highway, known as Road VII-1A-161-Ada (Huntington Drive), at separated grades under the main line tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, to construct a pedestrian crossing under said tracks at Fifth Avenue and to alter the existing grade crossing with said tracks at First Avenue, all in the City of Arcadia, County of Los Angeles, State of California, at the locations more particularly described in the application and substantially in accordance with and as shown by the plan (Exhibit "A"), attached thereto, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The above crossing of Huntington Drive shall be identified as Crossing No. 2-123.8-B.

The pedestrian crossing at Fifth Avenue shall be identified as Crossing No. 2-123.6-BD.

The crossing of First Avenue shall be identified as Crossing No. 2-124.1 (Santa Fe), and EX-496.6 (Southern Pacific).

- (2) The entire expense of constructing and altering the crossings as authorized herein shall be borne by applicant. The maintenance of Crossing No. 2-123.8-B shall thereafter be borne in accordance with the terms of an agreement to be entered into between applicant and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a certified copy of which shall be filed with the Commission within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date hereof. The maintenance of Crossing No. 2-123.6-BD shall thereafter be borne in accordance with the terms of an agreement to be entered into between the City of Arcadia and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, a certified copy of which shall be filed with the Commission within

one hundred and eighty (180) days from the date hereof. Should said agreements not be filed within the above time, and further time not granted by subsequent order, said maintenance costs will be apportioned by supplemental order herein. The cost of maintenance of those portions of Crossings Nos. 2-124.1 and EX-496.6 up to lines two (2) feet outside the rails shall be borne by the City of Arcadia. The maintenance of those portions of these crossings between lines two (2) feet outside of the rails shall be borne by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company, respectively. The crossing of the two railroads shall be maintained in accordance with an existing agreement between The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company.

- (3) Applicant shall file for approval, within ninety (90) days from the date hereof and prior to the commencement of construction, a set of plans covering the construction and alterations authorized herein, which plans shall have been approved by the interested parties.
- (4) Crossing No. 2-123.8-B shall be constructed with clearances conforming to the provisions of our General Order No. 25-C.
- (5) During the construction period, the grade crossing of Huntington Drive over the temporary shoo-fly track shall be protected by the existing Standard No. 3 wigwag signals at Crossing No. 2-123.8, which signals, if necessary, shall be relocated and reinstalled so as to be readily visible to vehicular traffic.
- (6) The crossing of First Avenue (No. 2-124.1, Santa Fe; and No. EX-496.6, Southern Pacific), shall be reconstructed with grades of approach not greater than seven (7) 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. Protection shall be by existing protective devices.
- (7) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission, in writing, of the completion of the installation of said grade separation and pedestrian subway, of the alterations to the First Avenue crossing 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

year from the date hereof, unless further time  
is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
of June, 1940.

Ray L. Peiny  
Frederick H. Miller  
Robert L. Thompson  
W. H. Bell  
Justus J. Coe  
Commissioners.