

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 36825

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF )  
ALAMEDA for permission authorizing ) Application No. 25895  
applicant to construct grade crossing. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

PRELIMINARY OPINION AND ORDER

In this application Housing Authority of the City of Alameda requests an order authorizing the construction of two roadways at grade across railroad tracks of Alameda Belt Line and Southern Pacific Company. The roadways provide access to applicant's Encinal Housing Project and were constructed and opened to travel across said tracks for some time previous to filing this application. One of the roadways, an extension of Sherman Street, Alameda, crosses thirteen tracks of Alameda Belt Line (four of which are not at present operated) and the other, Thau Way, crosses two tracks of Alameda Belt Line and two tracks of Southern Pacific Company. Since all negotiations relative to the handling of the matter of the Thau Way Crossing have not been concluded and immediate action is required to properly protect the users of the Sherman Street extension, a preliminary order will be made concerning only this crossing and Thau Way will be considered in a subsequent order.

This Sherman Street extension is located at the easterly end of the main yard of Alameda Belt Line on an easement over railroad property obtained as an outgrowth of condemnation proceedings. Under normal conditions a grade crossing at this point and of this nature would not be tolerated but, in view of the war emergency, the housing shortage and the necessity for the thousand or more residents of this project to have convenient access to their places of residence, this crossing will be authorized for the duration of the war and a reasonable time thereafter.

Three of the tracks crossed are the main switching leads to the yard and are in frequent use throughout the 24 hours of the day. Special protection must be afforded the public against train movements on these tracks the cost of which will be assessed to the applicant.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Housing Authority of the City of Alameda is authorized to construct an extension of Sherman Street at grade across thirteen tracks of Alameda Belt Line at the location shown on map attached to the application, to be identified as follows:

Crossing:	Number of:	Description of Track	Protection
Number :	Tracks :		
10-1.86	1 Active 1 Inactive	About 100 ft. North of Eagle Avenue	1 Std. No. 1 Xing Sign
(None)	1 Inactive	About 25 ft. North of Yard Office	
10-1.88	3 Active 2 Inactive	Main Switching Leads	2-Std.-No.-1 Xing Signs
10-1.90	5 Active	Team Tracks near Project Boundary	2 Std. No. 1 Xing Signs

Applicant shall bear entire construction expense, including the cost of protection, also maintenance cost outside of lines two feet outside of rails of each track. Alameda Belt Line shall bear maintenance cost between such lines. Width of crossings shall be not less than the adjacent portions of said Sherman Street extended, and grades of approach shall be not greater than three per cent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of G. O. 72. Protection shall be as shown above and in addition Crossing No. 10-1.88 with the three main switching leads shall be protected by manually controlled crossing gates 24 hours daily, installed and operated at the expense of applicant. Pending the installation of said gates the crossing shall be continuously protected by human flagman at the expense of applicant.

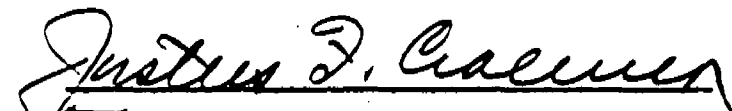


The crossings herein authorized shall be abolished and Alameda Belt Line Railway is hereby authorized to remove the same one year after the conclusion of the present war unless further time for the maintaining of said crossings is authorized in subsequent order of the Commission.

This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

This order shall be effective immediately.

Dated at *Los Angeles* California, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1944.



  
  
  
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