

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40237

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the CITY	)	
OF SANTA ANA, a Municipal Corporation, for an	)	
Order granting permission to construct a grade	)	Application No. 28001
crossing at Sixth Street in the City of Santa	)	
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Railway Company, Protestant

O P I N I O N

In this application the City of Santa Ana requests permission to construct Sixth Street at grade across the main line tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company in the City of Santa Ana, Orange County.

A public hearing was held in this matter in Santa Ana on April 18, 1947, at which time the matter was submitted.

The main line of the Santa Fe runs in a general north and south direction through the city of Santa Ana, and the streets of the city run in a general north and south and east and west direction.

Sixth Street is an east and west street which extends easterly from the business district of the city to the limits of the Santa Fe right of way. About 600 feet south thereof is Fourth Street, a main east and west street, which crosses the Santa Fe at grade (Crossing No. 2-175.4). Approximately 950 feet north of Sixth Street is Fruit Street, which crosses the railroad at grade and is identified as Crossing No. 2-175.2. East of the railroad right of way Sixth Street is paved for about 200 feet to Terminal Street, a short north and south street connecting Fourth and Sixth Streets. The area surrounding Terminal Street and that portion of Sixth Street adjacent thereto is being built up industrially. Applicant proposes to connect the two portions of Sixth Street by constructing the crossing at grade over the tracks of the railroad.

It is proposed to connect Santiago Street, a diagonal street extending northwesterly from Sixth Street just west of the proposed crossing, with a future freeway located at approximately Washington Street, a distance of about one-half mile.

It is the contention of applicant that the opening of Sixth Street would expedite the movement of vehicular traffic between the new industrial area on Terminal Street and the industrial area west of the railroad and along Santiago Street.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company objected to the granting of this application on the grounds that a crossing would materially interfere with its switching and train movements. It was shown that the Santa Fe designed its entire yard operations between Fourth Street and Fruit Street in order that there would be as little interference as possible with vehicular traffic on these two streets; that if a crossing at grade were opened at Sixth Street, vehicular traffic would be materially interfered with by train and switching movements; that there would be about fifty movements over the proposed crossing every twenty-four hours by passenger trains, freight trains, and switching movements; and that at Santa Ana a passing track is located where trains often meet and in order for those passing trains to clear both Fruit and Fourth Streets it would be necessary for them to occupy the area of the proposed crossing or cut the trains.

A review of the entire record in this proceeding leads us to the conclusion that the crossing would be of use only to those industries along Terminal Street in getting to Santiago Street; that all other traffic could be amply taken care of by using Fourth Street and Fruit Street; that the traffic originating at or destined to Terminal Street would not be adversely affected by using Fourth Street to cross the railroad; and that the hazards which would develop by opening Sixth Street would far outweigh any benefits accruing to the public; therefore the application will be denied.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and the matter being under submission:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Application No. 28001 is hereby denied.

This order shall become effective twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of May, 1947.

Harold K. Fish

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Commissioners