

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46888

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the Matter of the Application of    | ) |                       |
| the COUNTY OF ORANGE for an Order      | ) |                       |
| authorizing the widening of Crossing   | ) |                       |
| No. 6N-27.22 over the Right of Way     | ) | Application No. 32430 |
| of the Pacific Electric Railway Com-   | ) |                       |
| pany at Brookhurst Street in the       | ) |                       |
| County of Orange, State of California. | ) |                       |

O P I N I O N

In this application as amended the County of Orange requests authority to widen the existing crossing at grade of Brookhurst Street (Crossing No. 6N-27.22) across the Pacific Electric Railway Company Santa Ana Line. The crossing is presently protected by one Standard No. 1 sign and one Standard No. 3 wigwag. Applicant proposes that two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals shall be installed at the crossing. Due to the fact that it will require approximately ten months to secure materials for installing these signals; that the normal train movements at this crossing consist of one freight and one box motor daily in each direction; that there is no substantial increase in vehicular traffic anticipated at this time and that materials for an additional No. 3 wigwag are available for immediate installation, it is proposed that, until such time as the new signals can be procured, the improved crossing shall be protected by two Standard No. 3 wigwags (G. O. No. 75-B).

Engineers of the staff have made a field investigation and find that Brookhurst Street has been widened and improved up to a point two feet outside the rails and are of the opinion that it would reduce the existing hazard to permit the widening across the tracks and thereby eliminate the existing constriction in the roadway width at that point. Temporarily the two Standard No. 3 wigwags will provide reasonable protection until such time as Standard No. 8 flashing light signals are available.

The following order will authorize the improvement conditioned however upon the removal of the wigwags and the substitution therefor of two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (G.O. No. 75-B) at the earliest possible date and in no case to exceed one year from the date of this order.

O R D E R

The County of Orange is authorized to widen the existing crossing at grade of Brookhurst Street with tracks of Pacific Electric Railway Company in the vicinity of Garden Grove, Orange County (Crossing No. 6N-27.22). Width of the crossing shall be not less than forty feet and grades of approach not greater than two per cent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Pending the installation of two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals within one year from the date of this order protection shall be by two Standard No. 3 wigwags (General Order No. 75-B).

Construction and maintenance expense shall be borne in accordance with terms of an agreement entered into between the

parties, and a copy of said agreement, approved by Pacific Electric Railway Company shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order.

Within thirty (30) days after completion of widening the crossing pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. Also within thirty (30) days after completion of the installation of the two No. 8 flashing light signals pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within one (1) year, unless time be extended, or if above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1952.

A. F. Johnson  
President

Justus F. Casper

Harold P. Auld

John E. Mitchell

Commissioners