

Decision No. 49926**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California, )  
 Department of Public Works, for an )  
 order authorizing construction of two )  
 crossings at separated grades, one )  
 temporary detour crossing at grade, )  
 and the closing of one existing cross- )  
 ing at grade between the tracks of )  
 the Pacific Electric Railway Company's )  
 Long Beach line and the tracks of the )  
 Southern Pacific Company's San Pedro )  
 branch and State Route 175 in Los )  
 Angeles County, sometimes referred to )  
 as "Alameda Street Overhead" and )  
 "College Overhead", respectively. )

Application No. 35079

ORDER

The Department of Public Works of the State of California is authorized to construct State Highway Route 175 at separated grade over the San Pedro Branch of Southern Pacific Company, referred to herein as the "Alameda Street Overhead" and over the Long Beach Line of Pacific Electric Railway Company, referred to as "College Overhead", in the County of Los Angeles, at the locations as shown by maps (Exhibits "B" and "C") attached to the application, to be identified as Crossings Nos. BG-495.3-A and 6L-12.40-A, respectively.

During construction of the separation structures, applicant is temporarily authorized to deviate from the clearances prescribed by General Order No. 26-D to the extent of a vertical clearance of 20' 0" above the top of rail for Crossing No. BG-495.3-A and 20' 9" for Crossing No. 6L-12.40-A, and to operate

under such structures, subject to the following conditions:

1. Appropriate notices shall be issued to railroad employees, calling their attention to the existence of the temporary impairment of clearance and prohibiting them from riding on the tops of cars while operating under these structures.
2. Signs reading "Impaired Overhead Clearance" shall be installed at appropriate locations on each side of the structures to warn railroad employees of the existence of impaired clearance conditions.
3. Telltale warning devices of proper height shall be installed at appropriate distances each side of the "Alameda Street Overhead" structure over Southern Pacific tracks to warn any person who might be on top of approaching trains. Similar devices are not required at the "College Overhead" structure of Pacific Electric Railway.

Applicant is also authorized to construct a temporary highway detour at grade across the San Pedro Branch for Artesia Street, at the location as shown upon map (Exhibit "D") attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. BG-495.4. Width of the temporary crossing shall be not less than 34 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, and protection shall be by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals and a coordination of traffic signals at the intersection of Alameda and Artesia Streets pre-empted by rail movements.

Upon the opening of Crossing No. BG-495.4, Crossing No. BG-495.3 shall be abandoned and closed.

Upon the completion of Crossing No. BG-495.3-A and its being opened to public use, Crossing No. BG-495.4 shall be immediately closed and abandoned.

Construction and maintenance expenses shall be borne in accordance with agreements entered into between applicant and Southern Pacific Company for Crossings Nos. BG-495.3-A and BG-495.4 and between applicant and Pacific Electric Railway Company for Crossing No. 6L-12.40-A, and copies of said executed agreements, together with plans of said crossings approved by the respective railroads, 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 30 days after completion of each crossing pursuant to this order applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall become void if not exercised within two years, 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 days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1954.

John E. Mitchell  
President

Justin F. Calmes

Samuel H. Pottel

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