

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 55346

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 a crossing at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, between State Route VII-LA-4-Brb and the main line tracks of the Southern Pacific Company, and the alteration of an existing crossing at grade in the City of Burbank, sometimes referred to as "Providencia Avenue Overhead".) Application No. 39015

ORDER

The Department of Public Works of the State of California is authorized to construct State Route 4 at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Company, referred to herein as "Providencia Avenue Overhead", in Los Angeles County, to be identified as Crossing No. B-472.5-A, in the manner described in Exhibit "A" and as shown on maps, Exhibit "B", attached to the application.

During construction of Crossing No. B-472.5-A, the railroad is authorized to construct and operate a temporary shoofly for westbound main track around the construction site, also to remove from service approximately 475 feet of existing passing track near Pier 7 site, and to route passing traffic to existing eastbound main track. Upon completion of Pier 7, passing and westbound main tracks shall be rearranged to their permanent locations.

During the period of construction, applicant is authorized to create temporary minimum vertical clearances of not less than 20' 0" above top of rail, and Southern Pacific Company is authorized to operate with such temporary vertical clearances provided it issues appropriate bulletins to train crews, advising them of the impaired clearance conditions and forbidding them to ride on the tops and sides of cars while operating beneath the structure.

Applicant is also authorized to alter Verdugo Avenue (Crossing No. B-472.4) to accommodate vehicular traffic during construction of the project, as described in Section II (B) of Exhibit "A" and as shown on maps, Exhibit "B".

Nothing in this order shall be construed as authorization for the retention of Providencia Avenue (Crossing No. B-472.5) and Verdugo Avenue (Crossing No. B-472.4) as crossings at grade, and upon completion of the grade separation authorized herein both crossings shall be legally abandoned and effectively closed to public use and travel, as provided in Decision No. 51845, dated August 19, 1955.

Construction and maintenance expenses shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the applicant and Southern Pacific Company, and a copy of said executed agreement, together with plans of said separated crossing approved by the railway, 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 days after completion of the crossing pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1957.

W. E. Mitchell  
President

W. H. Decker

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C. J. Fox

Commissioners