

Decision No. 56336

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of City of Turlock )  
to relocate an existing crossing )  
of railroad by city street. )

Application No. 38525

H. E. Gleason, for applicant.  
Randolph Karr, for Southern Pacific  
Company, interested party.  
M. E. Getchel, for the Commission  
staff.

O P I N I O N

The City of Turlock commenced this proceeding on October 24, 1956. It became involved in the problem of locating a freeway (U.S. Highway No. 99). There ensued a number of conferences between the various appearing parties and the State's Division of Highways. On December 17, 1957, a hearing was held before Examiner John Power at Turlock and the matter was submitted.

The object of the city is to move a grade crossing from Julian Street to Chestnut Street in the northwestern part of Turlock. These streets are a block, or about 500 feet, apart.

At each site there are two siding tracks. At Julian there is a substantial difference between the elevations of these siding tracks and the main track. This results in a 20 percent grade of approach to the Julian Street crossing. This has proved to be dangerous. At Chestnut there is little or no difference. The

Julian Street crossing is also inconvenient to the public because of the fact that it does not connect through streets on both sides of the track.

The city and the railroad agreed that the question of automatic protection should be deferred. It will be so decisively affected by the freeway location that a grade separation may result. It appears likely that shifting the crossing from Julian Street to Chestnut may increase vehicular traffic, but no one can now say how much. The following order will require the installation of reflectorized cross-buck signals which can be replaced by greater protection when the need for such is ascertainable.

The Commission finds and concludes that the public safety, convenience and necessity require that the application be granted as set forth in the following order.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held in the above-entitled matter and the Commission being fully informed therein, now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the City of Turlock is authorized to construct Chestnut Street at grade across tracks of Southern Pacific Company in the City of Turlock, Stanislaus County, at the location described in the application to be identified as Crossing No. B-125.7.

(2) That applicant shall bear entire construction expense, also maintenance cost outside of lines two feet outside of rails and that Southern Pacific Company shall bear maintenance cost between such lines.

(3) That the width of crossing shall be not less than 24 feet and grades of approach not greater than three percent.

(4) That construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72 and protection shall be by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order No. 75-B) reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material.

(5) That upon completion, Crossing No. B-125.8, Julian Street, about 500 feet southerly, shall be abandoned and closed.

(6) That within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

This authorization shall expire if not exercised within one year unless time be extended or if above conditions are not complied with and such authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

The effective date of this order shall be ten days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1958.

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President  
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Commissioners