

Decision No. 61373

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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, alteration of three  
crossings at grade, relocation of a  
crossing at grade and the temporary  
modification of a crossing at grade where-  
by State Route VII-Ven-2,138-Ven will be  
carried over the tracks of the Southern  
Pacific Company in the City of Ventura  
sometimes referred to as "West Ventura  
Overhead" and "Garden Overhead".

Application No. 42644

O R D E R

State of California, Department of Public Works, is authorized, in connection with the improvement of State Routes 2 and 138, to construct two crossings at separated grades over Southern Pacific Company's Ojai Branch, in the City of Ventura, Ventura County, at the locations described and in the manner as shown in the application, to be identified as Crossing No. BAE-397.49-A (West Ventura Overhead) and Crossing No. BAE-397.39-A (Garden Overhead).

Clearances shall be in conformance with the provisions of General Order No. 26-D except that during the period of construction, applicant is authorized to create impaired clearance of 21 feet vertically above top of rail and the Southern Pacific Company is authorized to operate with such temporary impaired clearance condition provided it issue appropriate bulletins to train and engine crews advising them of the impaired clearance condition and forbidding them to ride on the tops of cars while operating beneath the structures.

Applicant is further authorized to alter Olive Street (Crossing No. E-397.2). Width of crossing shall not be less than 48 feet and grades of approach not greater than two percent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order No. 75-B) with reflex reflecting sheet material.

Applicant, the City of San Buenaventura and Southern Pacific Company are authorized to physically abandon and close Walnut Street (Crossing No. E-397.4) and Ventura Avenue (Crossing No. E-397.3) prior to or concurrently with the freeway construction. The City of San Buenaventura is authorized to construct a pedestrian crossing at grade across Southern Pacific Company's main line along the line of prolongation of the freeway pedestrian undercrossing, as shown in the application, to be identified as Crossing No. E-399.31-D. Width of crossing shall be not more than six feet and grades of approach not greater than four percent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall be by two special pedestrian crossing signs similar to those used by Southern Pacific Company at other authorized pedestrian crossings. The city shall install posts across said walkway at the railroad right of way line in such a manner as to permit free passage of pedestrians and effectively prevent the passage of vehicles.

As a part of the closure of Crossing No. E-397.3 to vehicular traffic, applicant shall arrange for the installation of two Standard No. 3 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B) at Figueroa Street (Crossing No. E-397.5).

Applicant is authorized to construct Garden Street at grade across Southern Pacific Company's Ojai Branch at the location described in the application, to be identified as Crossing No. BAE-397.45. Width of crossing shall be not less than 40 feet and grades of approach not greater than two percent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall be by two Standard No. 1 crossing signs (General Order No. 75-B) with reflex reflecting sheet material. Prior to or upon completion of Crossing No. BAE-397.45, Brooks Street (Crossing No. BAE-397.4) shall be abandoned and closed.

During the period of construction, applicant and Southern Pacific Company are authorized to use State Route 138 (Crossing No. BAE-397.9) temporarily as a detour route, in the manner as described in the application. Temporary adjustments to the flashing light signal heads may be made as long as said adjustments are consistent with public safety and convenience.

Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with the terms of an agreement to be entered into between the parties and a copy of said executed agreement, together with plans of the improvements, approved by the railroad, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencement of construction.

Within thirty days after completion of the structures, new grade crossings, crossing modifications and closures, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

This authorization shall expire 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 1961.

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