

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 61704

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California, Department of Public Works, for an order authorizing relocation of one existing crossing at grade, alteration of three existing crossings at grade, elimination of one existing crossing at grade, and the construction of a crossing at separated grades whereby State Highway Route I-Hum-1-F, Fta, G will be carried over the mainline track of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company, in Humboldt County, sometimes referred to as the "Fortuna Overhead".

Application No. 42355

ORDER

State of California, Department of Public Works, is authorized to construct a crossing at separated grades between State Route 1 (U.S. 101) and the main line of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company; relocate an existing crossing at grade, alter three existing crossings at grade, and eliminate an existing crossing at grade across the main line of said railroad; near and in the City of Fortuna, Humboldt County, at the respective locations described in Exhibits "A", "B", and "C" of the above-numbered application and substantially as indicated in the application as amended, being summarized in the following table:

TABLE OF CROSSING DATA

<u>P.U.C. Crossing No.</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Crossing Protection G.O. #75-B</u>	<u>Construction or Removal Proposed</u>
5-263.4	Existing State Route 1 (U.S. 101)	2 - #8 Flashing Light Signals	Close Cross- ing*
5-263.7	Drake Hill Road	2 - #8 Flashing Light Signals	Alter Grade Crossing
5-264.6	Proposed East Ferry Road	2 - #8 Flashing Light Signals	New Grade Crossing

\*Existing State Route 1 (U.S. 101) in vicinity to revert to county jurisdiction and be relocated to cross railroad at proposed East Ferry Road Crossing No. 5-264.6.

TABLE OF CROSSING DATA (Cont'd.)

<u>P.U.C. Crossing No.</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Crossing Protection G.O. #75-B</u>	<u>Construction or Removal Proposed</u>
5-264.7	Existing East Ferry Road	1 - #1 Crossing Sign	Close Cross- ing
5-265.6	Sandy Prairie Road	2 - #8 Flashing Light Signals	Alter Grade Crossing
5-266.5	Third Street	2 - #1A Crossing Signs	Alter Grade Crossing
5-266.6A	Proposed State Route 1 (U.S. 101) Freeway	-	"Fortuna Overhead" New Over- crossing

Width of all remaining crossings at grade shall be not less than, nor shall the grades of approach be greater than, those shown in the application as amended. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection of each remaining crossing shall be as indicated in the foregoing table.

Expense of construction, maintenance and elimination shall be borne in accordance with agreements to be negotiated between the parties involved, and copy of said agreements, together with plans of said grade separation approved by the railroad involved shall be filed with the Commission within 180 days from the date hereof. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion such costs by subsequent order.

Clearances shall conform to the provisions of General Order No. 26-D, except that during construction of the crossing at separated grades whereby State Route 1 (U.S. 101) will be carried over the main line of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company in Humboldt County, sometimes referred to as "Fortuna Overhead", applicant is authorized to create a minimum impaired vertical clearance of 20' 0" above top of rail, and Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company is authorized to operate with such impaired clearance condition provided it issue appropriate bulletins to employees involved advising of the impaired clearance condition.

and forbidding them to ride on tops of cars while operating beneath the structure.

Upon the completion of relocated East Ferry Road Crossing No. 5-264.6, East Ferry Road Crossing No. 5-264.7 and existing State Route 1 Crossing No. 5-263.4 shall be abandoned, barricaded and physically removed by railroad.

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 two years unless time be extended or if 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 21st day of MARCH, 1961.

Carroll B. Pease  
President

W. H. Mitchell

E. J. Fox

George C. Brown

Frederick B. Holliff  
Commissioners