

ORIGINALDecision No. 61983

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California,)
 Department of Public Works, for an order)
 authorizing the widening of an existing)
 crossing at separated grades whereby)
 State Route VI-Ker-4-G will be carried)
 under the Oil Junction branch track of)
 The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Rail-)
 way Company, and the construction of a)
 new crossing at grade, commonly referred)
 to as the "Minkler Underpass".)

Application No. 43211

ORDER

State of California, Department of Public Works, applicant, is hereby authorized to reconstruct and widen State Route 4 (U.S. 99) at separated grades under the track of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, near Oil Junction, Kern County, at the location and substantially as shown in the application, to be identified as a portion of Crossing No. 2Q-111.5-B.

Construction and maintenance expense of said crossing shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and copy of said agreement, together with plans of said crossing at separated grades approved by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, shall be filed with the Commission within 180 days from the date hereof. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order.

Applicant is also hereby authorized to construct Standard Street at grade across a spur track of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company near Oil Junction, Kern County, at the location described in the application to be identified as Crossing No. 2Q-111.4-C.

Width of the crossing at grade shall be not less than 40 feet and grades of approach not greater than one percent. Its construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall be by:

- (1) Two Standard No. 1 signs (General Order No. 75-B) reflectorized with reflex-reflective sheet material.
- (2) Appropriate railroad instructions as well as signs installed on the railroad approaches to said grade crossing that advise railroad operating personnel of the following requirement:

No railroad train, engine, motor or car shall be operated over said crossing unless first brought to a stop and traffic on the highway protected by a member of the train crew acting as flagman.

Construction expense of the crossing at grade shall be apportioned by agreement between the parties or, if they fail to agree, by further order of the Commission. Maintenance cost outside of lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by applicant. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall bear maintenance cost between such lines.

Approval is also hereby granted for the display of distinctive "exempt signs" (California Vehicle Code Section 22452, subsections (d) and (e)) at the Standard Street crossing (identified herein as Crossing No. 2Q-111.4-C) Kern County. Such signs shall comply with Decision No. 58885 and shall be installed by the applicant.

Within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order applicant shall so advise the Commission writing. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two years unless time be extended or if conditions are not complied with. The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of May, 1961.

Gregory W. Brown
President
George L. Trivette
Commissioners
Fredrick B. Hill