

Decision No. 63269

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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 a crossing at separated grades and a crossing at grade over the tracks of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company and elimination of two existing crossings at grade across the tracks of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company, in connection with the improvement of State Route IV-Son-51-C, SRO, in Sonoma County, referred to as "South Santa Rosa Overhead".

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O R D E R

State of California, Department of Public Works, is authorized to construct a crossing at separated grades between State Route 51 (Sign Route 12) and the main line of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company and to construct a crossing at grade between Dutton Avenue and a spur track of Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company and to abolish two existing public crossings at grade of Merced Avenue and Brittain Lane, respectively, and to abolish two existing private crossings at grade at Mileposts 20.7 and 21.4, respectively, with the Santa Rosa Branch of Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company in and near the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, at the locations described in Exhibits "A" through "C", inclusive, of the above numbered application, and substantially as set forth in the application. the authorization being summarized in the following table and being subject to the conditions named herein:

TABLE OF CROSSING DATA

<u>P.U.C. Crossing No. or Milepost No.</u>	<u>Name of Road</u>	<u>Work to be Done</u>
<u>Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company</u>		
5-53.5-A	State Route 51 (Sign Route 12) (South Santa Rosa Overhead)	Construct grade separation (Overcrossing).
5-53.8-C	Dutton Avenue Extension	Construct grade crossing. Protection to be by 2 Std. No. 8 crossing signals (GO No. 75-B).
<u>Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company</u>		
67B-19.6	Merced Avenue	Abolish grade crossing.
MP 20.7	Rompelman Road (Private Road)	Abolish grade crossing.
67B-21.2	Brittain Lane	Abolish grade crossing.
MP-21.4	Midway Drive (Private Road)	Abolish grade crossing.

Width and grades of approach of Crossing No. 5-53.8-C shall be as shown in the application. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. At Crossing No. 5-53.8-C, applicant shall bear entire construction expense, also maintenance expense outside of lines two feet outside of rails. Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company shall bear maintenance cost between such lines.

Expense of construction and maintenance of Crossing No. 5-53.5-A and abolishment of the aforementioned crossings shall be

borne in accordance with agreements now being negotiated between the parties involved and copy of said agreements together with plans of said grade separation approved by Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company 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.

Upon completion as authorized herein, the public grade crossings at Crossing No. 67B-19.6, Merced Avenue and Crossing No. 67B-21.2, Brittain Lane, and the private grade crossings at MP 20.7, Rompelman Road, and MP 21.4, Midway Drive, shall be abolished by physical closing 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 13th day of FEBRUARY 1962.

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Commissioners

Commissioner George G. Grover, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.