

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 64166

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY for authority )  
 to establish new Class A nonagency )  
 station of San Bruno at Milepost 11.6 )  
 and to discontinue and abandon existing )  
 stations and facilities at San Bruno, )  
 Milepost 11.0 and Lomita Park, Milepost )  
 12.1. )

Application No. 44396

Randolph Karr and Harold S. Lentz, for applicant.  
William J. Green, for property owners, and  
J. C. Russell, for himself; protestants.  
George H. Wareham and Elmer K. Ross, for Peninsula  
 Commuters Club; and Maurice K. Hamilton, Mayor,  
G. S. Vergeer, City Manager and Bill Lowe, City  
 Engineer, for City of San Bruno; interested  
 parties.  
Hilton H. Nichols, for Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By this application filed April 30, 1962, Southern Pacific Company seeks authority to discontinue and abandon the existing stations and facilities of San Bruno and Lomita Park, and to establish a new Class A<sup>1</sup> nonagency station to be named "San Bruno" at Milepost 11.6 midway between the existing stations of Lomita Park and San Bruno.

Public hearing was held before Examiner Martin J. Porter on June 21, 1962, at San Bruno, on which date the matter was submitted.

Facts

Passenger trains receiving and discharging passengers at the existing San Bruno station now block San Bruno Avenue, which is San Bruno's major artery to and from Bayshore Highway and San Mateo Avenue, which streets cross the tracks of applicant within 200 feet

<sup>1</sup> A Class "A" station of the Southern Pacific Company is one at which freight in any quantity, carloads or less, will be handled.

of the existing San Bruno station. During peak hours vehicular traffic becomes extremely congested. The location of the proposed new station could relieve this traffic congestion.

At the present time some of the passenger trains stop at both stations (San Bruno and Lomita Park) while others stop at one or the other. All passenger trains presently stopping at either station would stop at the proposed new San Bruno station, and by elimination of the two stops, commute service could be speeded up.

The applicant could effect economies in train operation and station maintenance by elimination of the present two stations.

The present stations are old and present problems of vandalism. The new station would be constructed so as to minimize the incidents of vandalism.

No change in trackage or freight service is proposed in this application.

The City Council of the City of San Bruno supports the proposed change.

Protestants were mainly concerned with the additional vehicular traffic that they felt would be generated on Huntington Avenue as a result of the new station location. Huntington Avenue at present would be considered a narrow street. The City of San Bruno plans to widen it.

The City Council of San Bruno supported the proposed change on recommendation of their City Engineer who had studied the preliminary plan for the new station, its location, the proposed parking area, and ingress and egress to the station for vehicular traffic.

#### Findings and Conclusions

The Commission finds that public convenience and necessity no longer require the maintenance by the Southern Pacific Company of passenger stations at San Bruno at Milepost 11.0 and Lomita Park Milepost 12.1; that public convenience and necessity require a Class A nonagency station at Milepost 11.6 to be called San Bruno station.

Acceptable ingress and egress to the new San Bruno station with adequate parking facilities should be provided.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and based upon the findings, heretofore made, and the evidence adduced,

IT IS ORDERED that Southern Pacific Company is authorized to discontinue its stations at San Bruno Milepost 11.0 and Lomita Park Milepost 12.1, abandon its station facilities indicated on Appendix A of the application, and establish a new Class A nonagency station of San Bruno at Milepost 11.6, County of San Mateo, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Southern Pacific Company shall maintain the present stations and facilities until the new San Bruno Class A nonagency station is completed.
- (b) The new San Bruno Class A nonagency station shall not be established until station and parking facilities and ingress and egress to the station are provided for, acceptable to the Commission.
- (c) Southern Pacific Company shall post a notice of such discontinuance at the present stations and notify the Commission at least ten days prior to said discontinuance.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of August, 1962.

George T. Grover  
President

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Commissioners

-3- Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.