

Decision No. 69400**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation into the safety, use,  
and protection of the grade crossings  
of SOUTHERN PACIFIC COMPANY in the  
County of Shasta, State of California,  
being Crossings Nos. C-245.3, C-248.2,  
C-248.7, and C-250.5.

Case No. 8058  
(Filed November 10, 1964)

O P I N I O N

This investigation was instituted to investigate the safety, use, protection or abolishment of four grade crossings in the County of Shasta. The crossings are in unincorporated territory near Anderson. They cross over tracks of Southern Pacific Company's Shasta Route. They are:

<u>Crossing No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
C-245.3	Hoy Road
C-248.2	Alexander Road
C-248.7	Ox Yoke Road
C-250.5	County Road

Since the institution of this investigation there have been certain changes in the situation. C-250.5 (County Road) has been the subject of negotiation between County, Railroad and the Commission staff. Agreement was reached between County and Railroad for the installation of Standard No. 8 flashing light signals. This protection has already been installed and is operational at this time as reported by an engineer of the Commission's staff.

In the case of No. C-248.7 (Ox Yoke Road) agreement between County and Railroad on Standard No. 8 signals equipped with automatic gate arms has been reached. The parties have agreed to an equal division of the installation cost. This crossing will be the subject of the following order.

Both Railroad and County are programming C-248.2 (Alexander Road) for the fiscal year 1967-1968 and C-245.3 (Hoy Road) for the fiscal year 1966-1967. In both cases automatic gates are programmed.

The present investigation involves the final phase of a series of conferences and negotiations participated in by the County of Shasta, the Railroad and the Commission staff. These concerned the segment of the railroad between Anderson and Redding. The overall results are (excluding Ox Yoke Road) seven closures and five automatic protections, including two with gate arms. One set of gates is already installed (at Oak Grove) while Hospital Lane is agreed upon. Only Alexander Road will remain as unfinished business on this segment. On the Cottonwood-Anderson segment, Ball's Ferry Road and Deschutes Road have automatic protection with Hoy Road and Black Lane remaining as unfinished business. Deschutes will soon be separated and will then become a closure. Two crossings in the City of Anderson have gates.

In view of the progress so far made and the good prospects for the future this investigation may be discontinued.

The Commission finds that:

1. Public health and safety require that the crossing of Ox Yoke Road (No. C-248.7) in Shasta County with tracks of Southern Pacific Company's Shasta Route should be protected by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals equipped with automatic gate arms.

2. It is fair and reasonable to allocate the cost of the installations at Ox Yoke Road 50 percent to the County of Shasta and 50 percent to the Southern Pacific Company.

The Commission concludes that the Ox Yoke Road crossing should be improved to the level indicated in Finding No. 1 above, and Case No. 8058 discontinued.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern Pacific Company shall within one year after the effective date of this order improve the protection of the crossing at grade of Ox Yoke Road No. C-248.7 in the County of Shasta to Standard No. 8 flashing light signals equipped with automatic gate arms.

2. The cost of the installations required by paragraph 1 of this order shall be allocated to respondents as follows: Southern Pacific Company 50 percent; County of Shasta 50 percent.

3. Case No. 8058 is discontinued.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of JULY, 1965.

Fredrick B. Holchoff  
President

George J. Grover

Wagoner

William W. Bennett  
Commissioners

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