

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 69818

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )	
THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal )	
corporation, to construct JEFFERSON )	Application No. 46319
BOULEVARD at grade across the Santa )	(Filed March 26, 1964)
Monica Airline track of the Pacific )	(Amended May 14, 1965)
Electric Railway Company. )	

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Charles W. Sullivan, for the City  
of Los Angeles, applicant.  
Randolph Karr, for Pacific Electric  
Railway Company (1), protestant.  
John Ukleja, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

By the application herein, the City of Los Angeles seeks authority to construct Jefferson Boulevard at grade across the Santa Monica Airline track of Southern Pacific Company at Mile Post No. 6A-10.27 in the City of Los Angeles.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles before Examiner Chiesa on May 17 and June 7, 1965, and on the latter date the matter was submitted.

Jefferson Boulevard is a secondary highway in the southerly portion of the City of Los Angeles extending in a westerly and southwesterly direction from the downtown area to the Marina Del Rey. Continuity of the route is, however, broken at the

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(1) Pacific Electric Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company merged August 13, 1965, hereinafter referred to as Southern Pacific Company.

Los Angeles County Flood Control Channel approximately one-fourth mile west of La Cienega Boulevard and through traffic must now use the heavily congested section of La Cienega Boulevard between Jefferson Boulevard and Rodeo Road.

Applicant proposes to facilitate the movement of traffic through this section of the city by extending Jefferson Boulevard from its present terminus at the flood control channel, southerly across the Southern Pacific Company track to Jefferson Place.

Witnesses for applicant testified as to the public need for the proposed improvement, details of construction and installation of crossing protection and estimated present and future traffic volumes. A witness for applicant also testified that \$757,000 had been authorized for construction of the entire project. Some reference was made to the future extension of Exposition Boulevard, not a part of the present application.

The City and Southern Pacific having reached an agreement on the apportionment of installation costs, the railroad was no longer opposed to the application.

Upon the evidence herein the Commission finds that

1. The City of Los Angeles should be authorized to construct Jefferson Boulevard at grade across the Santa Monica Airline track of Southern Pacific Company.

2. Public safety requires that the crossing be protected by Standard No. 8 flashing light signals supplemented by automatic gates.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted as provided in the following order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Los Angeles is hereby authorized to construct Jefferson Boulevard at grade across the Santa Monica Airline track of the Southern Pacific Company in the City of Los Angeles at the location described in the application to be identified as Crossing No. 6A-10.27.

2. Costs of construction and installation of protective devices shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties. If the parties should fail to agree, the Commission will apportion said costs by further order.

3. Maintenance costs of the crossing between lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by Southern Pacific Company. Maintenance costs outside such lines shall be borne by the City of Los Angeles.

4. Radial width of the crossing between curbs shall be approximately 70 feet with grades of approach not greater than one percent in accordance with plans attached to the application and as shown on Exhibit 4 received in evidence. Protection shall

consist of one Standard No. 8 flashing light signal (General Order No. 75-3) supplemented with an automatic crossing gate north of the crossing and two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-3) supplemented with an automatic crossing gate south of the crossing.

5. 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 one year unless the time be extended, or if the above 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 the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1965.

Frederick B. Holdhoff  
President  
George F. Hoover  
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William B. Bussell  
Commissioners

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