

ORIGINALDecision No. 70797

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 whereby State Route
 1 will be carried over tracks of Southern
 Pacific Company, referred to as "West
 Watsonville Overhead", and relocation
 of a crossing at grade over tracks of
 Southern Pacific Company on State
 Route 129, in the City of Watsonville,
 Santa Cruz County.) Application No. 48353

ORDER

The State of California Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to construct a crossing at separated grades of State Route 1 over the track of Southern Pacific Company's Santa Cruz Branch near Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, at the location and substantially as shown by plan (Exhibit B) attached to the application, to be identified as West Watsonville Overhead Crossing No. EC-103.0-A.

Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order No. 26-D except that during the period of construction, a clearance of not less than 21'0" above top of rail is authorized and Southern Pacific Company is authorized to operate with such reduced overhead clearance provided it issues, and files with the Commission appropriate bulletins to train and engine men advising them of the temporarily impaired clearance condition and forbidding trainmen to ride on the tops of cars while operating beneath the structure.

In connection with the foregoing construction of State Route 1, applicant desires to construct a new crossing at grade for an extension of State Route 129. Applicant is hereby authorized to construct a crossing at grade of State Route 129 across tracks of Southern Pacific Company's Santa Cruz Branch, in the City of Watsonville, in Santa Cruz County at the location and

substantially as shown by plan (Exhibit C) attached to the application, to be identified as State Route 129 Crossing No. EC-101.7.

Width of the crossing at grade shall be not less than eighty-two feet and grades of approach not greater than two percent. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72. Protection shall be by four Standard No. 8 crossing signals (General Order No. 75-B) augmented with automatic gate arms.

Upon completion, the existing First Street crossing, No. EC-101.6, located eighty feet southeast of the new State Route 129 grade crossing, shall be abandoned and closed to public use.

Construction and maintenance expense 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 crossings, approved by Southern Pacific 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.

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 three years unless time be extended, or if 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 twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of JUNE, 1966.

Fredrick B. Holcomb
President

George H. Hoover

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Commissioners

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

Commissioner William M. Bennett, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.