

Decision No. 74818**ORIGINAL**

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
 THE CITY OF RICHMOND, a municipal  
 corporation of the State of Calif-  
 ornia, for the Construction of Grade  
 Separation Structure, at the 23rd  
 Street Crossing of the Southern  
 Pacific Company Main Line Railroad  
 tracks, P.U.C. Crossing No. A-14.5  
 and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa  
 Fe Railway Crossing No. 2K-1.8-B.

Application No. 48055  
 (Filed November 12, 1965;  
 Amended April 2, 1966 and  
 January 30, 1967)

OPINION

The City of Richmond requests authority to construct a grade separation of the Southern Pacific Company's 23rd Street Crossing No. A-14.5, to relocate and widen The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's grade separation of 23rd Street (Crossing No. 2K-1.8-B) and to construct a new grade separation of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's track at 20th Street.

According to the application, as amended, approximately 20,000 vehicles a day cross the Southern Pacific Company tracks at 23rd Street. The 20th Street separation would facilitate traffic moving from Ohio to Chanslor Avenue.

After consideration the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require construction of grade separations under the track of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company at 20th Street, under the Southern Pacific Company's tracks at 23rd Street and relocation and widening of the existing underpass of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway

Company's track at 23rd Street in the City of Richmond. The Commission further finds that costs should be by agreement of the parties. A public hearing is not necessary.

Q R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Richmond is hereby authorized to construct a crossing at separated grades of 23rd Street under the tracks of the Southern Pacific Company to be identified as Crossing No. A-14.5-B, to relocate and widen the existing 23rd Street underpass of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (Crossing No. 2K-1.8-B), and to construct a new crossing at separated grades under the track of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company at 20th Street to be identified as Crossing No. 2K-1.7-B, in the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, at the locations and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, as amended. Upon the opening to traffic of the underpass structure at the Southern Pacific Company tracks, the existing grade crossing of 23rd Street (Crossing No. A-14.5) shall be abandoned and closed to public use and travel. Clearances shall conform to the provisions of General Order No. 26-D.

2. Construction and maintenance expense shall be borne in accordance with agreements to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and copies of said agreements, together with plans of said crossings approved by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company and Southern Pacific Company, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the

parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order.

3. 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 conditions are not complied with.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 1968.

William Symons, Jr.  
President  
Ed. Mitchell  
William L. Burnett  
Augusta  
Neil P. Munsey  
Commissioners