Decision No. 77260

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of
California, Department of Public
Works, for an order authorizing
the alteration and improvement of
an existing grade crossing located
at the intersection of the Southern)
Pacific Transportation Company's
West Side Main Line Track and State
Route 180, East of Whites Bridge,
near Mendota, in Fresno County.

Application No. 51757 (Filed on March 6, 1970) (Amended March 19,1970)

ORDER

The State Department of Public Works is hereby authorized to widen the crossing of State Route 130 at grade with a track of Southern Pacific Transportation Company, Crossing No. BA-177.4, near Mendota, in Fresno County, as described and substantially as shown in the application. Width of crossing shall be not less than fifty 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 two Standard No. 8 crossing signals (General Order No. 75-B) augmented with automatic gate arms, and with additional flashing light signals on cantilever arms.

An agreement is to be entered into between the parties relative to construction expense. Should they fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction by further order. Maintenance cost of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by applicant. The Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall bear maintenance cost of the crossing between such lines.

Installation cost of the automatic crossing protection shall be divided equally between the applicant and the railroad.

Maintenance cost of the automatic protection, consisting of the total number of maintenance units, shall be divided equally between the applicant and the railroad, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code. The railroad shall physically maintain the automatic protection.

The widened portion of crossing shall not be opened to public use until the protection ordered herein is installed and operative.

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 two 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.

day of MAY 1, 1970.

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.