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Decision No. 78786

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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 of two exist-
ing grade crossings and the construction
of one new grade crossing over the tracks
of the Southern Pacific Transportation
Company, in connection with the proposed
interim highway project on State Route 90
in the County of Los Angeles.

Application No. 52226
(Filed October 5, 1970)

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Decision No. 78056, dated December 8, 1970, in this proceeding, authorized the Department of Public Works of the State of California (Department) to relocate the Alla Street grade crossing (Crossing No. BBD-498.17, formerly 6F-12.96) of tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in connection with the Department's development of State Route 90 within the portion of the City of Los Angeles near the southwesterly limits of Culver City. Amongst other things the decision specified that the relocated crossing (to be designated as Crossing No. BBD-498.14 and otherwise referred to in this matter as Westbound Roadway) should be constructed to a width of 90 feet, should be protected by four Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B) supplemented by automatic gate arms, and upon completion of the work involved therein, the existing crossing of Alla Street should be abandoned and closed.

By Petition for Modification filed April 14, 1971, the Department asks that the foregoing specifications be modified to

permit the opening of Westbound Roadway at a temporary width of 32 feet, the protection thereof by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B) and the concurrent closure and abandonment of the existing Alla Street crossing.^{1/} The Department states that the railroad estimates that it will experience a six to eight months delay in obtaining the required signal material. It states also that as a result of a field meeting on March 26, 1971, attended by representatives of the Department's resident engineer, the railroad and the contractor it was determined and agreed that pending the time that the needed signal material is received the construction would best proceed in the manner reflected by the requests herein involved.

The present Alla Street grade crossing is protected by crossbucks only. Assertedly, the interim protection which is proposed in connection with the opening of Westbound Roadway to a temporary width of 32 feet is far superior to that provided by the crossbucks.

Upon consideration of the Department's Petition for Modification of April 14, 1971, the Commission finds that the proposed modifications of Decision No. 78056 to provide for the opening of the Westbound Roadway, the protection thereof, and the closure of the Alla Street crossing as hereinafter provided meet the needs of public convenience, necessity and safety, and that

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A letter from the Department clarifying the proposals in certain respects is made part of the record herein as Ex Parte Exhibit No. 1

said actions should be authorized as steps toward the completion of the relocation of the Alla Street crossing in accordance with the provisions of Decision No. 78056. The Petition for Modification should be granted. Public hearing thereon is not necessary.

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 78056, dated December 8, 1970, in Application No. 52226, as heretofore amended by Decision No. 78178, dated January 13, 1971, is hereby further amended to provide as follows:

1. The Department of Public Works, State of California is authorized to construct and maintain Westbound Roadway (Crossing No. BBD-498.14) at grade across trackage of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company at a temporary width of 32 feet in accordance with its plans as set forth in its Petition for Modification which was filed in this proceeding on April 14, 1971.
2. Said crossing shall be protected by two Standard No. 8 flashing light signals (General Order No. 75-B).
3. Said crossing shall not be opened to the public until after the crossing protection ordered herein is installed and is in operation.
4. Upon completion of the construction of Westbound Roadway (Crossing No. BBD-498.14), as provided in paragraph 1, above, and the opening thereof to the public, the existing crossing of Alla Street (Crossing No. BBD-498.17, formerly 6F-12.96) shall be abandoned and effectively closed.

The authority granted in paragraph 1, above, shall expire eight months after the effective date of this order, unless sooner canceled or extended by further order of the Commission, and the

provisions of Decision No. 78056 which are otherwise applicable to said Westbound Roadway shall be restored into effect.

In all other respects Decision No. 78056, as amended by Decision No. 78178, shall remain in full force and effect.

This order shall become effective twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 15th day of JUNE, 1971.

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Commissioners