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Decision No. 80849

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
the City of Fresno for a crossing)
at grade at McKinley Avenue and the)
closing of the West Avenue crossing)
at grade over the Southern Pacific)
Transportation Company line in the)
City of Fresno, County of Fresno,)
for relocation of access on a major)
street, and closing access on street)
that is causing excessive accidents.)

Application No. 53526
(Filed August 15, 1972)

O R D E R

The City of Fresno is hereby authorized to construct McKinley Avenue at grade across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Fresno and in the County of Fresno at the location and substantially as shown by plans (Exhibits C and C-1) attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. B-202.5.

Upon completion, the existing grade crossing of West Avenue, Crossing No. B-202.8 located southeasterly of the authorized crossing shall be abandoned and physically closed.

Width of crossing shall be not less than 64 feet and grades of approach not greater than five percent, as shown on plans attached to the application. Construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order No. 72-A.

Clearances, including any curbs, shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order 118 in that the transition slope between walkways required under General Order No. 118 and top of roadway shall provide a reasonable regular surface with gradual slope not to exceed 1" vertical to 8" horizontal in all directions of approach.

Protection shall be two Standard No. 8 flashing light crossing signals (General Order No. 75-B) augmented with automatic gate arms to be located on the westerly side of the tracks and one Standard No. 8 flashing light crossing signal (General Order No. 75-B) augmented with automatic gate arms and supplemented with additional flashing light signals on cantilever arms to be located on the easterly side of the tracks.

The new crossing shall not be opened to public use until the protection ordered herein is installed and operative. No obstruction shall remain or be placed near the crossing which will impair the motorists' view of the signals.

Construction expense of the crossing shall be borne by the applicant in accordance with an agreement entered into between the parties. Installation of automatic crossing protection shall be divided equally between the applicant and the railroad.

Maintenance cost of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by the applicant. The Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall bear maintenance cost of the crossing between such lines. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection shall be divided equally between the applicant and the railroad, pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

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 the time be extended or if conditions are not complied with.

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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 19th day of DECEMBER, 1972.

Vernon L. Stizeman
President
William L. Stizeman
John L. Stizeman
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Commissioners