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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Southern Pacific Transportation
Company for authority to relocate
passenger station, to remove
existing passenger station building
and appurtenances from public service
and replace with new passenger station
building, to extend and modify
passenger station tracks, and to
remove several tracks and discontinue
crossing watchmen at Crossing E-0.13,
Fourth Street, at San Francisco,
California.

Application No. 53498
(Filed August 3, 1972)

O P I N I O N

Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests authority to relocate its downtown passenger station within the City and County of San Francisco.

Applicant is presently providing commute passenger service by rail between the Cities of San Jose and San Francisco and intermediate points.

The application sets forth the principal reason for the relocation of the station being to eliminate the probable need for construction of a grade separation at the present site, Fourth Street grade crossing. It has also been stated that the relocated facility in San Francisco would be more aesthetically appealing than the present passenger station. Authority for the alterations and protection required for the grade crossing involved in the relocation of this station will be by further order of the Commission.

Numerous parties were given notification of this application, including all city and county governments affected, State Department of Public Works and the State Transportation Board, Association of Bay Area Governments, Metropolitan Transportation Commission and various labor unions.

No protests have been received and a public hearing is not necessary.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

After consideration, including a review of the need for rain cover protection, the Commission finds that the proposed passenger station relocation would not be adverse to the public interest and concludes that it should be authorized. Therefore, the following order will provide for authority to relocate Southern Pacific Transportation Company's San Francisco passenger station, to remove the existing passenger station building and appurtenances at Third and Townsend Streets, San Francisco, and to construct a building one block westerly (magnetic) at Fourth and Townsend Streets in San Francisco, California.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Southern Pacific Transportation Company is hereby authorized to construct a new passenger station building and appurtenances substantially as set forth in the application and as also provided for in Ordering Paragraph 2 at the location of Fourth and Townsend Streets in the City and County of San Francisco.
2. Each passenger platform for train boarding or alighting at the relocated passenger station shall be provided with overhead shelter for protection from inclement weather for a minimum length of 145 feet with the provision that at least one passenger car entrance must be protected at all times.
3. Upon completion of the relocated passenger station, Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to abandon and remove from public service the existing passenger station buildings and appurtenances and affected tracks located between Third and Fourth Streets and Townsend and King Streets in the City and County of San Francisco, California.
4. Construction of the new passenger station shall be carried out in such a way as to avoid any unreasonable inconvenience to passengers and to avoid any unreasonable delay to scheduled commute train traffic.

5. Applicant shall comply with the requirements of the Commission's General Order 36-B.

6. Clearances shall conform to General Order 26-D, except that extensions of existing tracks may be maintained at existing distances between center lines provided that such tracks are used only for passenger train operations.

7. Walkway areas adjacent to any new or relocated trackage shall conform to General Order 118. Walkway areas adjacent to existing tracks shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

8. This authorization is contingent upon agreement between Southern Pacific Transportation Company and the City and County of San Francisco as to conclusion of a satisfactory financial agreement. If such agreement is not obtained, this authorization shall be the subject of further order of the Commission.

Within 30 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. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require. The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 27th day of MARCH, 1973.

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