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Decision No. 81398

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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 widening of grade
crossing, No. 4K-55.8, within existing
State right of way by the addition of
bus and truck lanes in both directions
on State Route 44 in Shasta and Lassen
Counties.

Application No. 53882
(Filed March 9, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The State of California Department of Public Works requests authority to construct pull-out lanes which will widen the crossing of State Route 44 at grade with a track of The Western Pacific Railroad Company, identified as Crossing No. 4K-55.8, in Lassen County. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 12, 1973. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The request is in the public interest and should be granted. The State of California Department of Public Works should be authorized to widen the crossing of State Route 44 at grade across The Western Pacific Railroad Company track, Crossing No. 4K-55.8 in Lassen County.

Width of crossing should be not less than 40 feet with no change in the grade of approach. Construction should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2-A of General Order No. 72-A. Protection should be by existing Standard No. 8 crossing signals (General Order No. 75-C).

Construction expense of the crossing should be borne in accordance with an agreement entered into between the parties, or if they fail to agree, by further order of the Commission. Maintenance expense of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails should be borne by the applicant. The Western Pacific Railroad Company should bear the maintenance expense of the crossing between such lines. The applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

O R D E R

1. The application is granted conditioned on the findings and conclusions set forth above.

2. 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.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of MAY, 1973.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
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Commissioners