

Decision No. 81709

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
the City of Torrance and The Atchison,
Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company for
Authority (1) to Abandon and Remove
Railroad Tracks, Appurtenances and
Facilities Located in the City of
Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State
of California, and (2) to Construct
Railroad Tracks at Grade Across Public
Highways (Crenshaw Boulevard, Maple Avenue
and Toledo Street) in said City.

Application No. 53983
(Filed April 19, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The City of Torrance and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company request authority to abandon and remove the track together with all appurtenances and facilities adjacent to Madrona Avenue and to construct spur tracks at grade across public highways as shown below. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 24, 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 City of Torrance and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company should be authorized to abandon and remove the track together with all appurtenances and facilities adjacent to Madrona Avenue as shown in yellow on map (Exhibit C) attached to the application and to construct spur tracks across three public highways in the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles.

The identifying assigned crossing numbers, location, width, grades of approach and protection to be installed at the various new crossings should be in accordance with the following:

<u>Assigned Crossing No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Width of Crossing (GO-72-A)</u>	<u>Grades of Approach Not Greater Than</u>	<u>Protection To Be Installed (GO-75-C)</u>
1)2H-22.76-C	Crenshaw Blvd.	76 ft.	1%	4 Std. No. 9* Signals
2)2H-22.96-C	Toledo Street	40 ft.	1%	2 Std. No. 9 Signals
3)2H-21.32-C	Maple Avenue	56 ft.	2%	2 Std. No. 9 Signals

* Back lights may be omitted from the signals on median islands.

The priority list of grade separation projects or alterations for the year 1973 as set forth in Decision 80874 shows this project as Priority 31.

The abandonment of said track will result in the elimination of the following public crossings:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Crossing No.</u>
1) Madrona Avenue	2H-20.5-C
2) Torrance Boulevard	2H-20.6-C
3) Carson Street	2H-21.1-C
4) Madrona Avenue	2H-21.17-C
5) Sepulveda Boulevard	2H-21.5-C
6) 229th Street	2H-21.9-C
7) Lomita Boulevard	2H-22.9-C

Clearances, including any curbs, should conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways adjacent to each crossing should conform to General Order No. 118.

Construction cost of the crossings and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the City of Torrance. Maintenance cost of each crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails should be borne by the city and the railway should bear maintenance cost of each crossing between such lines. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the city pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

The removal expense of the trackage, appurtenances and facilities adjacent to Madrona Avenue should be in accordance with an agreement dated January 4, 1973 between the City of Torrance and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company.

The city is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on July 31, 1973 approved the Environmental Impact Report. The Commission has considered the report in rendering its decision on this project.

The Commission adopts the applicant's Environmental Impact Report and finds that:

- a. The environmental impact of the proposed action is insignificant.
- b. The planned construction is the most feasible and economical that will avoid any possible environmental impact.
- c. There are no known irreversible environmental changes involved in this project.

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.


3. The Secretary of the Commission shall file a Notice of Determination with the Secretary for Resources and with the planning agencies of any city, county, or city and county, which will be affected by the project.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of AUGUST, 1973.



President




Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner D. W. Holmes, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.