

Decision No. 81748

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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 to Construct a Grade)
Separation of Prairie-Madrona Avenue)
over the Tracks of The Atchison, Topeka)
and Santa Fe Railway Company, in the)
City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles)

Application No. 54147
(Filed June 29, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The City of Torrance requests authority to construct Prairie-Madrona Avenue at separated grades over the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on July 6, 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 should be authorized to construct Prairie-Madrona Avenue at separated grades over The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company tracks in the City of Torrance, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans (Exhibit I and II) attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. 2H-19.5-A.

The priority list of grade separation projects for the year 1973 as set forth in Decision No. 80874 shows this project as Priority No. 34.

Clearances should be in accordance with General Order No. 26-D. Walkway areas adjacent to the railroad track should be maintained free of obstructions and should promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

Construction and maintenance costs should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and a copy of said agreement together with plans of said crossing approved by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the cost of construction and maintenance by further order.

Applicant 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 three 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.

Vernon L. Stinson
President
J. P. Williams
[Signature]
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.