

Decision No. 82471**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the Southern California
 Rapid Transit District, for an order
 authorizing the construction of two
 pedestrian overcrossing structures over
 the tracks of the Southern Pacific
 Transportation Company's realigned
 Baldwin Park Branch at Railroad Mile
 Post 486.03 (PUC Station 0+64.51)
 to be known as a Hospital Station
 Pedestrian Overcrossing and the Univer-
 sity Station Pedestrian Overcrossing
 at Railroad Mile Post 488.60 (PUC
 Station 0+50), in the City of Los
 Angeles

Application No. 54415
 (Filed October 29, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The Southern California Rapid Transit District requests authority to construct Hospital Station Pedestrian Overpass and University Station Pedestrian Overpass over the tracks of the Baldwin Park Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 31, 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 Southern California Rapid Transit District should be authorized to construct Hospital Station Pedestrian Overpass and University Station Pedestrian Overpass over the tracks of the Baldwin Park Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, at the locations

and substantially as shown by plans (Exhibits A and B) attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing Nos. BB0-486.0-AD and BB0-488.7-AD, respectively.

Clearances should be in accordance with General Order 26D, except that during the period of construction of the Hospital Station overcrossing, a clearance of not less than 21' 6" is authorized and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to operate with such reduced clearances provided instructions are issued and filed by the railroad with the Commission forbidding employees to ride on tops of cars.

The applicant should notify the Commission and the railroad at least 15 but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when the temporarily impaired clearances will be created.

Walkway areas adjacent to the railroad tracks should be maintained free of obstruction and shall 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 crossings approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation 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. These overcrossings are part of the on going Los Angeles busway project for the construction of exclusive bus lanes from the City of Los Angeles to the City of El Monte, which was started in 1969. Pursuant to Section 15070 (b) of the California Administrative Code, California Environmental Impact Act this project does not require an environmental impact report in that it is part of an on going project.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th
day of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Vernon L. Sherman
President

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Commissioners