

ORIGINALDecision No. 82841

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of
 California, Department of Trans-
 portation, for an order authorizing
 the widening of existing Grade Cross-
 ing No. EE-110.8, the addition of
 truck-bus stopping lanes and improving
 automatic protection, over the tracks
 of the Southern Pacific Transportation
 Company, in connection with the widen-
 ing and realignment of 7.1 miles of
 State Route 183 between the west city
 limits of Salinas and State Route 1
 in Castroville, Monterey County.

Application No. 54425
 (Filed November 2, 1973)

O P I N I O N

The California Department of Transportation requests author-
 ity to widen State Route 183 across tracks of the Southern Pacific
 Transportation Company near Castroville in Monterey County.

The California Highway Commission is the lead agency for
 this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act
 of 1970, as amended, and on October 19, 1973 approved a Negative
 Environmental Declaration which finds that the project has no
 significant effect upon the environment.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's
 Daily Calendar on November 7, 1973. No protests have been received.
 A public hearing is not necessary.

FINDINGS

After consideration, the Commission finds:

1. The proposed construction would not be adverse to
 the public interest.
2. Applicant should be authorized to widen State Route 183
 across Southern Pacific Transportation Company tracks near Castro-
 ville, County of Monterey, at the location and substantially as

shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing No. EE-110.8. The protection should be two No. 9-A signals.

3. Construction expense of the crossing and installation costs of the automatic protection should be borne in accordance with an agreement entered into between the parties involved.

4. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection should be shared between the railroad and the public agency having jurisdiction over the crossing at the time maintenance is incurred, pursuant to Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

5. The California State Highway Commission is the Lead Agency as defined in CEQA Guidelines, Sec. 15030 and 15064. This Commission has considered the Negative Declaration in rendering its decision on this project.

The Commission accepts said Negative Declaration and finds that:

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

6. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plan set forth in the application and comply with applicable rules and general orders of this Commission.

CONCLUSIONS

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted as set forth in the following Order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The California Department of Transportation is authorized to widen State Route 183 across tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company near Castroville, County of Monterey, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing No. EE-110.8.

2. Protection at the crossing shall be two Standard No.9-A gates with cantilever signals (General Order No. 75-C).

3. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 (General Order No. 72-B).

4. Width of crossing construction shall be 52 feet and finished grades of approach shall be not greater than one percent.

5. Clearances shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order No. 113.

6. Construction expense of the crossing and installation costs of the automatic protection shall be borne equally in accordance with an agreement entered into between the applicant and the railroad, and a copy of said agreement together with plans of said crossing approved by Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

7. Maintenance of the crossing shall be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B.

8. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection shall be shared equally between the railroad and the public agency with jurisdiction over the crossing at the time maintenance is incurred pursuant to Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

9. 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 the above conditions are not complied with. This authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 7th day of MAY, 1974.

President
William J. Sturgeon

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Commissioners

Commissioner Vernon L. Sturgeon, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.