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Decision No. 82901

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California,)
 Department of Transportation, for an)
 order authorizing the widening of the)
 existing Southern Pacific Transportation)
 Company at grade crossing No. B-453.3)
 from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and the addition)
 of 3 No. 9 signals and relocation of)
 2 No. 9's all in connection with the)
 widening of State Route 126 in the City)
 of Newhall, Los Angeles County.)

Application No. 54611
 (Filed January 29, 1974)

O P I N I O N

The State of California Department of Transportation requests authority to widen the existing at-grade crossing of State Highway Route 126 at San Fernando Road (Crossing No. B-453.3) across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the area of Newhall, County of Los Angeles. The State of California, Department of Transportation, is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and the California Highway Commission approved a negative environmental declaration on October 17, 1973. This project which includes the crossing improvement is part of widening, resurfacing and channelization of State Highway Route 126 in the Community of Newhall.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on January 30, 1974. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

1. The request is in the public interest and should be granted.
2. Applicant should be authorized to widen the existing at-grade crossing of State Highway Route 126 at San Fernando

Road (Crossing No. B-453.3) across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the area of Newhall, County of Los Angeles, in accordance with the plan (Exhibit "B") attached to the application.

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

4. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on October 17, 1973, the California Highway Commission approved a negative environmental declaration for this project which has been filed with the Commission.

The Commission has considered the negative declaration in rendering its decision on this project and finds that the planned construction is the most feasible and economical that will avoid any environmental impact.

C O N C L U S I O N S

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 applicant is authorized to widen the existing at-grade crossing of State Highway Route 126 at San Fernando Road (Crossing No. B-453.3) in the area of Newhall, County of Los Angeles across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, as shown by plan (Exhibit "B") attached to the application.

2. Width of the crossing shall be not less than 80 feet and grades of approach not greater than three percent. Crossing construction shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 3 (General Order No. 72-B) for the main track and Standard No. 1 (General Order No. 72-B) for the side track. Protection shall be by five Standard

No. 9 signals (General Order No. 75-C).

3. Clearances, including any curbs, shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways adjacent to the crossing shall conform to General Order No. 118.

4. Construction cost of the crossing shall be borne in accordance with an agreement dated November 17, 1972, entered into between the parties and a copy of said agreement together with plans of said crossing approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Maintenance cost of the crossing outside of lines two feet outside of rails shall be borne by the applicant, and the railroad shall bear maintenance cost of the crossing between such lines.

5. The cost of the crossing protection shall be divided equally between the parties. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection shall be divided equally between the railroad and the governmental body having jurisdiction over the crossing at the time said maintenance is incurred, pursuant to provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

6. Within thirty days after completion, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing. This

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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
21st day of MAY, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William Symon Jr.
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Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, 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.