

Decision No. 83323

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the  
CITY OF MADERA to widen and relocate at  
grade Crossing Number B-132.6 of the  
Southern Pacific Railroad Company in  
the City of Madera, California.

Application No. 54906  
(Filed May 23, 1974)

O P I N I O N

The City of Madera (applicant) requests authority to relocate the grade crossing at Cleveland Avenue and tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

The City of Madera is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on May 22, 1974 adopted a Negative Declaration.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 29, 1974. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds:

1. Applicant should be authorized to relocate Cleveland Avenue at grade across Southern Pacific Transportation Company tracks in the City of Madera, County of Madera, to the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application.

2. Costs of relocating the crossing should be borne by the applicant.

3. Installation and maintenance costs of the automatic protection should be shared equally between applicant and the railroad.

4. The Commission has considered the city's Negative Declaration in rendering its decision on this project.

The Commission accepts said Negative Declaration and finds that the environmental impact of this proposed action is insignificant.

5. 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 the Commission.

## C O N C L U S I O N S

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 City of Madera is authorized to relocate Cleveland Avenue at grade across tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Madera, County of Madera, to the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. B-182.6.

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

3. Width of crossing shall be not less than 68 feet and grades of approach shall not exceed two percent.

4. Clearances shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order No. 118.

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

6. Relocation expense of the crossing shall be borne by the applicant.

7. Installation and maintenance costs of the automatic protection shall be shared equally between the applicant and the railroad.

8. Construction plans of the crossing approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties involved, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

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

10. 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 20th  
day of AUGUST, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Sturgeon  
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Commissioners