

Decision No. 83635

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California,
Department of Transportation, for an
order authorizing the alteration of
existing PUC Crossing No. 67-13.2 at
grade over the Petaluma and Santa Rosa
Railroad Company's track at approximate
Highway Post Mile 24.99 and Railroad Mile
Post 18.2, in connection with the widening
and slight change of alignment and State
Route 116 between Forestville and
Sebastopol in Sonoma County.

Application No. 55132
(Filed August 26, 1974)

O P I N I O N

Applicant seeks an order of the Commission authorizing the widening and adjustment of the alignment of State Highway Route 116 across the track of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company near the City of Sebastopol, County of Sonoma.

The applicant, acting by and through the California Highway Commission, is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. On October 17, 1973, the California Highway Commission approved this project and determined that it will not have a significant effect upon the environment and filed a Notice of Determination with the Secretary of the Resources Agency, pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's calendar on August 27, 1974. No protest has been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

1. Applicant should be authorized to widen and adjust the alignment of State Highway Route 116 across the railroad track at the location and in accordance with the plan set forth in the application, identified as Crossing No. 67-18.2.

2. Construction costs of the widened crossing and installation and maintenance of the automatic crossing protection should be borne in accordance with an agreement entered into between parties.

3. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B.

4. It is reasonably certain that the project involved in this proceeding will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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

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 and adjust the alignment of State Highway Route 116 across the track of the Petaluma and Santa Rosa Railroad Company near the City of Sebastopol, County of Sonoma, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing No. 67-18.2.

2. Protection at the crossing shall be two Standard No. 9A 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 shall be not less than 40 feet measured at right angles to the road and grades of approach shall be as shown on the plan attached to the application.

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

6. Construction costs of the widened crossing shall be borne by the applicant.

7. Installation costs of the automatic protection shall be borne in accordance with an agreement entered into between the parties. A copy of said agreement together with plans approved by the railroad shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencement of construction.

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

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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of OCTOBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Moran, Jr.
J. H. Sullivan
Thomas Moran
Commissioners

Commissioner Thomas Moran, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.