

Decision No. 83786

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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 widening of Slauson }
Avenue Overhead over the tracks of the } Application No. 55235
Southern Pacific Transportation Company's } (Filed October 4, 1974)
Yorba Linda Branch Line, PUC Crossing }
Number BBJ-494.03-A, in the City of }
Commerce, County of Los Angeles. }

O P I N I O N

The State of California, Department of Transportation requests authority to widen the existing grade separation at Slauson Avenue (Crossing No. BBJ-494.03-A) over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

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 on July 7, 1972 a Negative Declaration was approved by the Federal Highway Administration.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Calendar on October 7, 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 widen Slauson Avenue at separated grades over the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks in the City of Commerce, County of Los Angeles, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application.

2. Construction and maintenance costs should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto.

3. The Commission has considered the applicant'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 not significant.

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 State of California, Department of Transportation is authorized to widen Slauson Avenue at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Commerce, County of Los Angeles, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing No. BBJ-494.03-A.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order No. 26-D, except that during the period of construction a clearance of not less than 21'6" above top of rail is authorized and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to operate with such reduced overhead clearances provided that instructions are issued by the railroad and filed with the Commission forbidding the employees to ride on tops of cars.

3. The applicant shall notify the Commission and the Southern Pacific Transportation Company at least 15 but not more than 30 days in advance of the date when the temporary impaired clearance will be created.

4. Walkway areas adjacent to the railroad tracks shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

5. Construction and maintenance costs shall 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 crossing approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company shall 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.

6. 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 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 10th day of DECEMBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon
President
William J. Lyons
Robert E. McLeod
Commissioners