

Decision No. 83909

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
the County of Contra Costa, State of )  
California, for a Crossing at Grade )  
of the Tracks of the Southern Pacific )  
Company at Norris Canyon Road, San )  
Ramon, County of Contra Costa, )  
California. )  
(PUC Public Crossing No. BO-53.4) )

Application No. 55159  
(Filed September 10, 1974)

O P I N I O N

The County of Contra Costa (applicant) requests authority to construct a crossing at grade at Norris Canyon Road across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

The County of Contra Costa is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on September 4, 1973, adopted an Environmental Impact Report.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 12, 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 construct a crossing at Norris Canyon Road at grade across Southern Pacific Transportation Company tracks in the County of Contra Costa at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application.

2. Cost of constructing the crossing and automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

3. Maintenance cost of the crossing should conform to General Order No. 72-3. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

4. The Commission has considered the county's Environmental Impact Report in rendering its decision on this project.

The Commission accepts said report and finds that the environmental impact of this proposed action is not significant.

5. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plans 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:

### C R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The County of Contra Costa is authorized to construct Norris Canyon Road at grade across tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the County of Contra Costa at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. BO-58.4.

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

3. Width of crossing shall be not less than 64 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. 113.

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

6. Construction expense of the crossing and installation of automatic protection shall be borne by the applicant.

7. 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.

8. Maintenance of the crossing shall be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by the applicant.

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  
30th day of DECEMBER, 1974.

Vernon L. Sturgeon  
President  
William J. Quinn Jr.  
Thomas Moran  
Robert E. McIlwain  
Commissioners