

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 84495

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 the City of Hawthorne for Authority )  
 (1) to construct Pedestrian and )  
 Vehicular Crossings Across and Above )  
 Railroad Tracks Existing Between )  
 Hawthorne Boulevard and Birch )  
 Avenue, (2) to Widen and Alter )  
 Existing Pedestrian and Vehicular )  
 Crossings Across said Birch Avenue )  
 and Hawthorne Boulevard, and )  
 (3) to abandon an existing pedestrian )  
 and vehicular crossing across Acacia )  
 Avenue in the City of Hawthorne, )  
 County of Los Angeles. )

Application No. 55646  
 (Filed April 22, 1975)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to construct the Hawthorne Plaza Redevelopment Project, the City of Hawthorne requests authority to construct new pedestrian and vehicular crossings at grade and at separated grades, to alter and improve two grade crossings and to eliminate one grade crossing, as indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto, all across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's El Segundo Branch Line in the City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County.

The City of Hawthorne is the lead agency for the Hawthorne Plaza Redevelopment Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. On July 27, 1973, an Environmental Impact Report was approved by the Hawthorne Community Redevelopment Agency and by the Hawthorne City Council which found that the redevelopment project would have a significant effect upon the environment.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 24, 1975. 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. The City of Hawthorne should be authorized to do the work indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto, at the locations and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application in the City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County.

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

3. Costs of constructing the new at-grade pedestrian and vehicular crossings and installation and maintenance cost of their automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

4. Costs of altering and widening the Birch Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard crossings should be borne by the applicant.

5. Installation costs of the automatic protection at the Birch Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard crossings should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection at these crossings should be shared equally between the applicant and the railroad.

6. Maintenance of the at-grade crossings should be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B.

7. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plan attached to the application and comply with applicable rules and general orders of the Commission.

8. The Commission has considered the City of Hawthorne's Environmental Impact Report in rendering its decision on this project and finds that the benefits of the project involved in this proceeding outweigh any adverse environmental effects and that it should be approved in view of the public benefits to be derived.

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 Hawthorne is authorized to do the work indicated in Appendix A, attached hereto, at the locations and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, in the City of Hawthorne, Los Angeles County.
2. Construction of the at-grade crossings shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 (General Order No. 72-B).
3. Clearances shall conform to General Order No. 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order No. 118.
4. Construction and maintenance costs of the crossings at separated grades (Crossings Nos. BBF-497.41-AD and BBF-497.45-AD) shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between parties relative thereto.
5. Costs of constructing the new at-grade crossings (Crossings Nos. BBF-497.41-D and BBF-497.45-D) and installation cost of their automatic protection shall be borne by the applicant.
6. Costs of altering and widening the Birch Avenue crossing (Crossing No. BBF-497.38) and the Hawthorne Boulevard crossings (Crossings Nos. BBF-497.52 and BBF-497.55) shall be borne by the applicant.
7. Installation costs of the automatic protection to be installed at the Birch Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard crossings shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto.

8. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection to be installed at the new at-grade crossings shall be borne by applicant; maintenance costs of the automatic protection to be installed at the Birch Avenue and Hawthorne Boulevard crossings shall be shared equally by the applicant and the railroad, all pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

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

10. The Acacia Street crossing (Crossing No. BBF-497.44) shall be eliminated.

11. Construction plans of the crossings and grade separations 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.

12. 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 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 3rd day of JUNE, 1975.

Vernon L. Sturges  
President  
William J. Quinn  
Leonard J. Sturges  
Robert J. Sturges  
Commissioners

Item	Crossing No.	Proposed Work	Protection General Order No. 75-C
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1. Existing Crossings

Birch Avenue	BBF-497.38	Alter and widen	2 - No. 9's
Acacia Street	BBF-497.44	Eliminate	-
Hawthorne Boulevard (East)	BBF-497.52	Alter and widen	2 - No. 9's
Hawthorne Boulevard (West)	BBF-497.55	Alter and widen	2 - No. 9's

2. New Crossings

Pedestrian-Vehicular Crossing	BBF-497.41-D	Construct at grade	2 - No. 9's
Pedestrian-Vehicular Overpass	BBF-497.41-AD	Construct at separated grades	-
Pedestrian Crossing	BBF-497.45-D	Construct at grade	2 - No. 10's
Pedestrian Overpass	BBF-497.45-AD	Construct at separated grades	-