

Decision No. 84892**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Joint application of the State of  
 California, Department of Transporta-  
 tion, and City of Los Angeles for an  
 order authorizing the relocation of  
 two at grade crossings with relocation  
 and alteration of automatic protection  
 (PUC Crossing No. BBD 494.45 and  
 BBA 494.29) as part of the relocation  
 and alteration of Southern Pacific  
 Transportation Company's Alla Branch  
 track; and the alteration and reloca-  
 tion of the Southern Pacific Trans-  
 portation Company's Santa Monica Branch  
 Crossing No. BBA 494.29 and the altera-  
 tion and relocation of the automatic  
 protection at BBA 494.32 and BBA 494.29  
 all in connection with improvement of  
 Venice Boulevard, State Route 187, in  
 the City of Los Angeles.

Application No. 55321  
 (Filed November 18, 1974)

O P I N I O N

The State of California, Department of Transportation, and the City of Los Angeles jointly request authority to relocate and improve certain crossings of the Alla Branch and the Santa Monica Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, as indicated in Exhibits A, B and C attached to the application, in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

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. After review of a Negative Declaration, the California Highway Commission approved the project to widen and improve Venice Boulevard, and on October 17, 1973, filed a Notice of Determination with the Secretary for Resources which found that "The project will not have a significant effect on the environment".

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on November 20, 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. The State of California, Department of Transportation, and the City of Los Angeles should be authorized to relocate and improve certain crossings of the Alla Branch and the Santa Monica Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company as indicated in Exhibits A, B and C attached to the application and as shown in Appendix A attached hereto, in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.
2. Costs of the relocation, construction and reconstruction of the trackage of the Alla Branch and the Santa Monica Branch, the crossings and the installation of the automatic protection should be borne in accordance with agreements to be entered into between the parties.
3. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection should be shared equally by the railroad and the governmental body having jurisdiction over the crossing at the time said maintenance costs are incurred.
4. Traffic signals at the intersection of Venice Boulevard, Exposition Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard should be coordinated with the automatic protection.
5. Maintenance of the crossings should be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B.
6. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plans attached to the application and comply with applicable rules and general orders of the Commission.
7. The Public Utilities Commission has considered the California Highway Commission's Notice of Determination and finds with reasonable certainty that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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, and the City of Los Angeles are authorized to relocate and improve certain crossings of the Alla Branch and the Santa Monica Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company as indicated in Exhibits A, B and C attached to the application and as shown in Appendix A attached hereto, in the City of Los Angeles, 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. Costs of the relocation, construction and reconstruction of the trackage of the Alla Branch and the Santa Monica Branch, the crossings and installation of the automatic protection shall be borne in accordance with agreements to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and copies of said agreements, together with plans of said crossings and related work 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 costs of construction by further order.
5. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection shall be shared equally by the railroad and the governmental body having jurisdiction over the crossings at the time said maintenance costs are incurred pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

6. Traffic signals at the intersection of Venice Boulevard, Exposition Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard shall be coordinated with the automatic protection pursuant to the provisions of General Order No. 75-C.



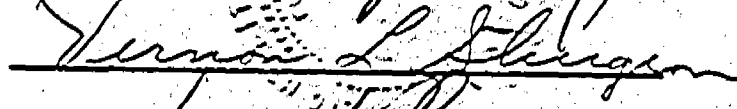

7. Maintenance of the crossings shall be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B.

8. 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 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 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 1975.

  
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President  
  
  


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Commissioners

Commissioner Robert Batinovich, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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

Venice Boulevard	BBD-494.45	To be relocated to Culver Blvd. Crossing No. BBD-494.43	-
Robertson Boulevard	BBA-494.29	To be relocated to Robertson Blvd. Crossing No. BBD-494.28	-
Venice Boulevard (South Roadway-East Bound)	BBA-494.29	To be relocated and combined into one Venice Boulevard Crossing No. BBA-494.31	-
Venice Boulevard (North Roadway-West Bound)	BBA-494.32		

2. New or Relocated  
Crossings

Culver Boulevard	BBD-494.43	To be relocated from Venice Boulevard Crossing No. BBD-494.45	One Std. No. 9-A
Robertson Boulevard	BBD-494.28	To be relocated from Venice Blvd. Crossing No. BBA-494.29	Two Std. No. 9's *
Venice Boulevard	BBA-494.31	To be relocated from Venice Blvd. Crossings Nos. BBA-494.29 and BBA-494.32	Five Std. No. 9's *

\* Traffic signals at the intersection of Venice Boulevard, Exposition Boulevard and Robertson Boulevard shall be interconnected with and preempted by the automatic protection at the crossings of Robertson Boulevard and Venice Boulevard as provided in General Order No. 75-C.