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Decision No. 85429

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 the  
 existing Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe  
 Railway Company at Grade Crossing  
 No. BQ-324.8, State Highway 134, in the  
 Town of Lamont, County of Kern.

Application No. 55848  
 (Filed August 1, 1975)

O P I N I O N

The State of California, Department of Transportation, requests authority to widen the turn lanes of State Highway Route 134 at DiGiorgio Road across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's jointly owned Arvin Branch Line near the Town of Lamont, Kern County.

The California Highway Commission is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. Applicant alleges that this project is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA pursuant to Title 21 (Public Works), Chapter 2, Section 1510.1(c)(13) of the California Administrative Code.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 4, 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. Applicant should be authorized to widen State Highway Route 134 across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's jointly owned Arvin Branch Line near the Town of Lamont, Kern County, at the location and substantially in accordance with the plan attached to the application.

2. Construction costs of widening the crossing, along with any signal relocation costs which may be incurred, should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties.

3. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.

4. The Commission finds with reasonable certainty that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

5. 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.

### 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 State Highway Route 184 (Weed Patch Highway) across the jointly owned tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, Crossing BQ-324.8, near the Town of Lamont, Kern County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application.

2. The existing protection at the crossing which consists of four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C), shall remain in use.

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

4. Width of the crossing shall be not less than 32 feet measured at right angles to the road and grades of approach shall not exceed two percent.

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

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

7. Construction costs of widening the crossing, along with any signal relocation costs which may be incurred, shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into among the parties relative thereto, and a copy of said agreement, together with plans of the widening project approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company and The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of the project by further order.

8. Within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.


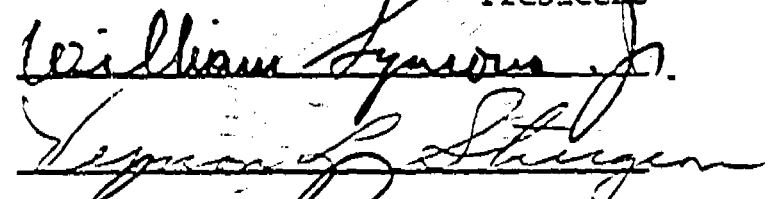


This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two years unless time be extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public

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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 10<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1976.

  
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