

Decision No. 86132

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
ANGELES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
BIKEWAY CROSSING AT THE LOS ANGELES
RIVER EAST LEVEE, NORTH OF OCEAN
AVENUE, UNDER THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY LONG BEACH
BRANCH LINE, PROPOSED CROSSING
NO. BH-504.05-BD, IN THE CITY OF
LONG BEACH, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.)

Application No. 56079
(Filed November 19, 1975)

O P I N I O N

The County of Los Angeles requests authority to construct a bikeway crossing under the existing bridge over the Los Angeles River on the Long Beach Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County.

Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. After review of the Negative Declaration, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District Board of Supervisors approved the project on May 11, 1976, and a Notice of Determination has been filed with the Commission which finds 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 21, 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 construct a bikeway crossing at separated grades under the existing bridge over the Los Angeles River on the Long Beach Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing BH-504.05-BD.

2. Construction and maintenance costs should 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 the crossing approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.

3. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on May 11, 1976 approved its Negative Declaration which has been filed with the Commission. The Commission has considered the Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination in rendering its decision on this project and finds that:

- a. The environmental impact of the proposed action is insignificant.
- b. The planned construction is the most feasible and economical that will avoid any possible environmental impact.
- c. There are no known irreversible environmental changes involved in this project.

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 County of Los Angeles is authorized to construct a bikeway crossing at separated grades under the existing bridge over the Los Angeles River on the Long Beach Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County as set forth in the findings of this decision.

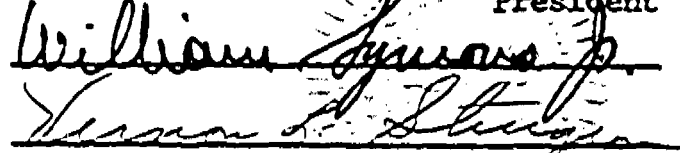
2. Within thirty days after completion, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

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 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 19th day of JULY, 1976.



President


Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard Ross, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

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