

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 86292

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the County of Sonoma)
 of the State of California for)
 permission to accept dedication of)
 a private crossing over the)
 Northwestern Pacific Railroad's)
 railroad tracks at Standish Avenue,)
 County of Sonoma, State of)
 California, to public use, and to)
 accept installation of two)
 Standard No. 1R signs (60-75-C) at)
 said crossing as a condition of said)
 conversion.)

Application No. 56417
 (Filed April 21, 1976)

O P I N I O N

The County of Sonoma (applicant) requests authority to accept dedication and conversion of the private grade crossing of Standish Avenue (presently a private road) across the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company's spur track to a public grade crossing near the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County. The spur track, serving Georgia Pacific, and the crossing are within an established industrial area.

The County of Sonoma is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (CEQA). The county has determined that the proposed crossing conversion and adoption of Standish Avenue into the County Road System is ministerial and is exempt from the requirements of the CEQA. Notice of Exemption was filed with the County Clerk on June 30, 1976.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 22, 1976. 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 accept dedication and conversion of the private grade crossing of Standish Avenue across the industrial spur track of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company to a public grade crossing near the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing 5-50.89-C.
2. Protection at the crossing should be two Standard No. 1-R signs (General Order 75-C). The signs should be lettered on both sides on reflectorized white background.
3. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 (General Order 72-B).
4. The width of the crossing should be not less than 36 feet and the grades of approach should not exceed two percent.
5. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 113.
6. Construction costs of the crossing conversion should be borne by the applicant. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.
7. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on June 30, 1976, filed a Notice of Exemption with the Clerk of Sonoma County. A copy of the Notice has been filed with the Commission. The Commission has considered applicant's Notice of Exemption and finds that this is a ministerial project and is exempt from the requirements of CEQA.
8. 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:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

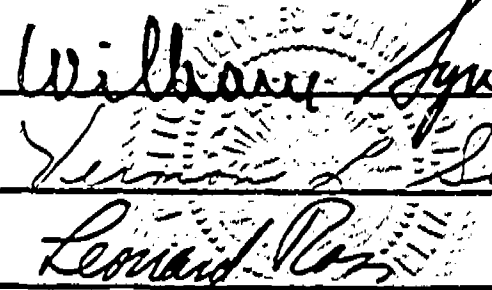
1. The County of Sonoma is authorized to accept dedication and conversion of the private grade crossing of Standish Avenue across an industrial spur track to a public grade crossing of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company near the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, as set forth in the findings of 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 one year 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 24th
day of AUGUST, 1976.



President
William J. Symons

Vernon L. Sturgeon

Leonard Ross

Paul T. Kahan
Commissioners