

Decision No. 86293**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 the County of Siskiyou for)
 Permission to Reconstruct a Crossing)
 at Grade of the Tracks of the)
 Southern Pacific Transportation)
 Company near the Community of Hornbrook)
 in the County of Siskiyou, State of)
 California)

Application No. 56325
 (Filed March 11, 1976)

O P I N I O N

The County of Siskiyou requests authority to reconstruct a county road (Federal Aid Secondary Route 1582) at grade crossing over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company near the Community of Hornbrook in Siskiyou County identified as Crossing C-392.1, which is part of a project to improve the route between Montague and Hornbrook.

After review of a Negative Declaration, the County of Siskiyou approved the project on March 11, 1975. A copy of the board minute order was filed with the County Clerk on March 17, 1975.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 12, 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 reconstruct a county road (Federal Aid Secondary Route 1582) at grade across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company near the Community of Hornbrook in Siskiyou County at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, identified as Crossing C-392.1.
2. Cost of reconstructing the crossing and installation of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

3. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 (General Order 72-B).

4. Width of the crossing should be not less than 60 feet with grades of approach not to exceed two percent.

5. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 118.

6. Protection at the crossing should be two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C).

7. Maintenance expense of the automatic protection should be shared equally by the railroad and the County of Siskiyou in accordance with the railroad's letter to the Commission dated June 11, 1976 and pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

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

9. Construction plans of the crossing approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties involved, should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

10. 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.

11. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on March 11, 1975 approved its Negative Declaration which has been filed with the Commission. The Commission has considered the Negative Declaration 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 Siskiyou is authorized to reconstruct a county road (Federal Aid Secondary Route 1582) at grade across the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Siskiyou Branch near the Community of Hornbrook in Siskiyou County as set forth in the findings of this decision.

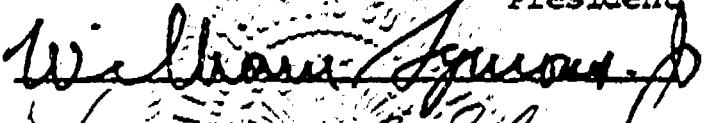
2. Within thirty days after completion pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

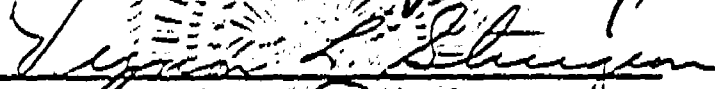
This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two years unless time be extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.

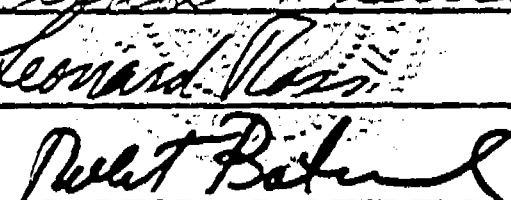
The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24th day of AUGUST, 1976.



President






Commissioners