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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California,)
 Department of Transportation for an)
 order authorizing the Department to:)
 (1) Alter the public crossing at grade)
 of El Segundo Boulevard with the El)
 Segundo Branch Line of Southern Pacific)
 Transportation Company, (PUC No. BBF-)
 498.5) by (a) temporarily relocating)
 three PUC No. 8 automatic flashing)
 light signals and (b) replacing the)
 five PUC No. 8 flashing light signals)
 with four PUC No. 9 automatic gates and)
 one PUC No. 9-A automatic gate with)
 cantilever and flashing lights, and (c))
 reconstructing two connecting ramp)
 roadways and widening El Segundo)
 Boulevard at their intersections on the)
 south side of PUC Crossing No. BBF-)
 498.5.; (2) Reconstruct the existing)
 129th Street Ramp Overhead on new)
 alignment as the 129th Street on-ramp)
 overhead at separated grades over the)
 El Segundo Branch Line track of the)
 Southern Pacific Transportation)
 Company; (3) Widen the west side of the)
 existing 129th Street Overhead to)
 provide for the connector 4 roadway)
 merging with Southbound Route I-405)
 traffic at separated grades over the El)
 Segundo Branch Line track of the)
 Southern Pacific Transportation)
 Company; (4) Widen the east side of the)
 existing 129th Street Overhead to)
 provide for the connector 3 roadway)
 diverging from the Northbound I-405)
 (San Diego) Freeway by constructing the)
 El Segundo Boulevard Undercrossing at)
 separated grades over the EL Segundo)
 Branch Line track of the Southern)
 Pacific Transportation Company; (5))
 Construct the El Segundo Overhead and)
 retaining wall to carry Ramp 5 north-)
 bound traffic at separated grades over)
 the El Segundo Branch Line track of the)
 Southern Pacific Transportation)
 Company.

Application 84-02-21
(Filed February 7, 1984)

The project is located in Los Angeles County.

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to construct the Century Freeway (Interstate Route 105 (I-105) between State Route 1 (SR-1) and the San Gabriel River Freeway (Interstate Route 605 (I-605), the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to alter and construct crossings of the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Segundo Branch Line, as set forth in the appendix, to provide an interconnection between I-105 and the San Diego Freeway (Interstate Route 405) in Los Angeles County.

The project includes the construction of one mile on SR-1 and 17.2 miles on I-105 between 0.8 miles west of Sepulveda Boulevard (SR-1) in the City of El Segundo and I-605 in the City of Norwalk. The project will be constructed as an eight-lane freeway with median busway.

Major impacts of the project include displacement of residents in the construction area, divisive effects on community cohesion, elimination of existing park lands and community facilities, and noise which will result from traffic on the new freeway. Mitigation measures will reduce the severity of the adverse impacts to acceptable levels.

Caltrans is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources Code Sections 21000, et seq. After preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), Caltrans approved the project. On September 19, 1977, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Secretary for Resources which found that "The project will have a significant effect on the environment."

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's EIR. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

Caltrans states that it wishes to advertise the project for construction in July of 1984. It has, therefore, requested that the usual 30-day waiting period on an order be waived. We will make our order effective immediately.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 15, 1984. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to alter and construct crossings of the tracks of SPT's El Segundo Branch Line, as set forth in the appendix, in Los Angeles County.

2. Alteration and construction of the crossings, as set forth in the appendix, is an essential element in construction of I-105.

3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require the alteration and construction of the crossings as set forth in the appendix.

4. Caltrans is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

5. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's EIR.

6. The project will have a significant effect on the environment; however, the adopted mitigation measures will reduce the severity of the adverse impacts to acceptable levels.

7. The EIR identifies no significant environmental impact which will be caused by alteration and construction of the crossings as set forth in the appendix.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.
2. The usual 30-day effective date on an order should be waived as Caltrans wishes to advertise the project for construction in July of 1984.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is authorized to alter and construct the crossings of the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Segundo Branch Line, as set forth in the appendix, in Los Angeles County.
2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.
3. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into among the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossing approved by SPT, shall 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.

4. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, Caltrans shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

5. The application is granted as set forth above.

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

This order is effective today.

Dated AUG 1 1984, at San Francisco, California.

Commissioner Priscilla C. Grew,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

Commissioner William T. Bagley
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE
COMMISSIONERS.


Joseph E. Bodovick, Executive Director

APPENDIX

As part of the project to construct the Century Freeway (Interstate Route 105 (I-105)), the State of California, Department of Transportation proposes to construct an interchange between I-105 and the San Diego Freeway (Interstate Route 405 (I-405)) and to construct highways connecting I-105 and I-405 with El Segundo Boulevard. In connection therewith, the following railroad-highway crossing projects are proposed to be constructed over and across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Segundo Branch Line in Los Angeles County as shown on plans attached to the application:

1. Alteration of the existing El Segundo Boulevard grade crossing (Crossing BBF-498.5) by:
 - (a) Temporarily relocating three of the existing Standard No. 8 automatic flashing-light signals (General Order (GO) 75-C);
 - (b) Widening of the south side of the grade crossing and relocating two intersecting ramp roadways at the crossing; and
 - (c) Replacing the existing five Standard No. 8 automatic flashing-light signals at the crossing with four Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals and one Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signal with cantilever (GO 75-C).

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2. Reconstruction of the existing 129th Street Ramp Overhead (Crossing BBF-498.62-A) on new alignment at separated grades over SPT's tracks to be known as the El Segundo Boulevard On-Ramp Overhead, identified as Crossing BBF-498.67-A.

3. Widening of the existing 129th Street Overhead (southbound roadway) at separated grades over SPT's tracks, identified as Crossing BBF-498.6-A.

4. Widening of the existing 129th Street Overhead (northbound roadway) at separated grades over SPT's tracks, identified as Crossing BBF-498.6-A.

5. Construction of the El Segundo Boulevard Overhead at separated grades over SPT's tracks, to be identified as Crossing BBF-498.57-A.