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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of the )  
County of Los Angeles for the construction )  
of a proposed grade crossing of Laguna Dominguez ) Application 87-08-004  
Bikeway at the Southern Pacific Transportation ) (Filed August 3, 1987)  
Company El Segundo Branch Line, proposed crossing )  
in the County of Los Angeles )

O P I N I O N

The County of Los Angeles (County) requests authority to construct the Laguna Dominguez Channel Bikeway at-grade over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Segundo Branch line, in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County.

The proposed bikeway crossing would connect the existing segment of the bikeway located between 135th Street and Redondo Beach Boulevard (and its extension between El Segundo Boulevard and 135th Street, now under design) with a proposed extension located between El Segundo Boulevard and 120th Street. The bikeway will offer an exclusive bicycle right-of-way to several parks and El Camino College.

County is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000, et seq. County issued a Negative Declaration and on October 25, 1984, filed a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk which found that, "The project will not 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 Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination.

The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission's Traffic Engineering staff. The staff examined the need for and the safety of the proposed crossing. The staff recommends

that the new crossing be approved subject to the installation of two Standard No. 1-D (General Order 75-C) signs, modified to state that the crossing is for use by "Pedestrians and Bicyclists Only."

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

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 7, 1987. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. County requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct Laguna Dominguez Channel Bikeway at-grade over the tracks of SPT's El Segundo Branch line in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County.

2. Construction of the Laguna Dominguez Channel Bikeway crossing is required for the connection of the bikeway extension past El Segundo Boulevard to 120th Street with the existing bikeway.

3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require construction of the proposed bikeway crossing.

4. County 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 Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination.

6. The project will not have significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.

2. This order shall be effective today as County wishes to begin construction of the bikeway in December.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The County of Los Angeles (County), is authorized to construct the Laguna Dominguez Channel bikeway at-grade over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Segundo Branch line in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing BBF 495.95-D.
2. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of General Order (GO) 72-B.
3. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order GO 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.
4. Protection at the crossing shall be two Standard No. 1-D signs, (GO 75-C) modified to state that the crossing is for use by "Pedestrians and Bicyclists Only".
5. ~~Construction expense of the crossing and installation~~ cost of the signs shall be borne by County.
6. Maintenance of the crossing shall conform to GO 72-B.
7. Construction plans of the crossing, approved by SPT, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.
8. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, County shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.
9. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two 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.

10. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated DEC 9 - 1987 , at San Francisco, California

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President

DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners

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

  
Victor Weiss, Executive Director

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