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Decision 89 02 054 FEB 24 1989

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY for an)	
Order Authorizing Construction of)	Application 88-10-036
1) A Spur Track at Separated Grade)	(Filed October 20, 1988)
(overcrossing) Over and Above Van)	
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Crossings in the County of)	
Riverside, State of California.)	

O P I N I O N

The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) requests authority to construct an industrial spur track at separated grades over Van Buren Boulevard and in connection therewith construct a temporary industrial spur track at grade, 1500 feet east of the proposed grade separation also on Van Buren Boulevard in the Mira Loma-Glen Avon area of Riverside County.

The proposed permanent industrial spur track grade separation will provide rail access from UP's main line into a 300-acre area, zoned for heavy industry. One hundred and seventeen acres of this area have been set aside for development as the Ford Motor Company's vehicle unloading facility. The project includes the widening of a portion of Etiwanda Avenue south of Van Buren Boulevard, extension of Galena Street east of Etiwanda Avenue and improvements to water mains, sanitary sewers and general area drainage. The temporary industrial spur track will be used to deliver building and other type of materials during construction and will be physically removed upon completion of the Ford Facility and Industrial Spur grade separation.

Riverside 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. UP in conjunction with the Riverside County Economic Development Group, Jurupa Community District, Riverside County Flood Control District and various other county governmental officials, prepared a Proponents Environmental Assessment---to Construct a Grade Separation Structure, which found that, "the railroad crossings of Van Buren Boulevard will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment." By letter dated December 15, 1988, the County of Riverside approved the project including the Environmental Assessment, and the Board of Supervisors indicated approval of the overall project.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently evaluated and assessed Proponents Environmental Assessment and the County of Riverside's Environmental Letter of Approval.

The sites of the proposed UP industrial spur track grade separation and temporary industrial spur track at-grade crossing across Van Buren Boulevard have been inspected by the Commission's Traffic Engineering staff. The staff examined the need for and the safety of the proposed grade separation and temporary crossing and recommends that approval be granted.

The application was found to be in compliance under the Commission's filing requirements including Rule 40 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, which rule relates to the construction of a railroad track across a public highway. Detailed drawings of the proposed construction are included in Appendix "A" attached to this order.

UP requests that the usual 30-day effective date on an order be waived in order that construction of this project can begin at the earliest possible date. We will make our Order effective immediately.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 26, 1988. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. UP requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct an industrial spur track at separated grades and in connection therewith construction of a temporary at-grade industrial spur track crossing across Van Buren Boulevard in the Mira Loma area of Riverside County.

2. The proposed industrial spur track grade separation and the proposed temporary industrial spur track at-grade crossing across Van Buren Boulevard are required to provide rail service to the new industrial Ford Motor Company's vehicle unloading facility.

3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require construction of the proposed (permanent) industrial spur track grade separation and the construction of the (temporary) at-grade industrial spur track crossing, to be removed and closed upon completion of the grade separation.

4. Public safety at temporary industrial spur at-grade crossing may be met by the installation of two Standard No. 1-A crossing signs ((General Order (GO) 75-C) and flagging the crossing, for a period of time not to exceed one year from the effective date of this order.

5. The temporary industrial at-grade spur crossing shall be closed and physically removed upon completion of the industrial spur grade separation over Van Buren Boulevard.

6. County is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

7. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered Proponents Environmental Assessment and the County of Riverside's Environmental Letter of Approval.

8. The grade separation project at Van Buren Boulevard will have no significant impact on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

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

2. Pending the construction of a permanent industrial spur track grade separation, the requirements of public safety at the temporary crossing may be met by two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (GO 75-C) and flagging of the crossing.

3. The usual 30-day effective date on an order should be waived as UP desires to start construction at the earliest possible date.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) is authorized to construct an industrial spur track grade separation over Van Buren Boulevard in the Mira Loma area of Riverside County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application and Appendix "A" of this order, to be identified as Crossing 3-45.7-BC.

2. UP is further authorized to construct a temporary at-grade industrial spur track crossing for use during construction of the permanent spur track overhead, approximately 1500 feet east of the overhead, to be identified as Crossing 3-46.0-C.

3. For a period of one year from the effective date of this order, protection at the temporary crossing shall be two Standard No. 1-A signs (GO 75-C) and flagging.

4. No on-rail vehicle shall operate over the crossing unless it is first brought to a stop and traffic on Van Buren Boulevard is protected by a member of the crew, or other competent employee of

the railroad, acting as flagman. The flagman shall place a minimum of two fuses on each side on the track prior to entry of the on-rail vehicle into the crossing.

5. Written instructions shall be issued by the railroad to trainmen, operating over the crossing, to comply with the flagging instructions. A copy of the instructions shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days after installation of the crossing. Suitable signs shall be installed on both sides of Van Buren Boulevard calling the attention of trainmen to the flagging instructions.

6. Construction of the temporary crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of GO 72-B.

7. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.

8. Upon completion of the industrial spur track grade separation and its opening to rail traffic, the temporary Van Buren Boulevard at-grade crossing (3-46.0-C) shall be closed and physically removed.

9. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne by UP.

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

11. 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.

12. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 24 1989, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OGANIAN
Commissioners

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



Victor Weissert, Executive Director

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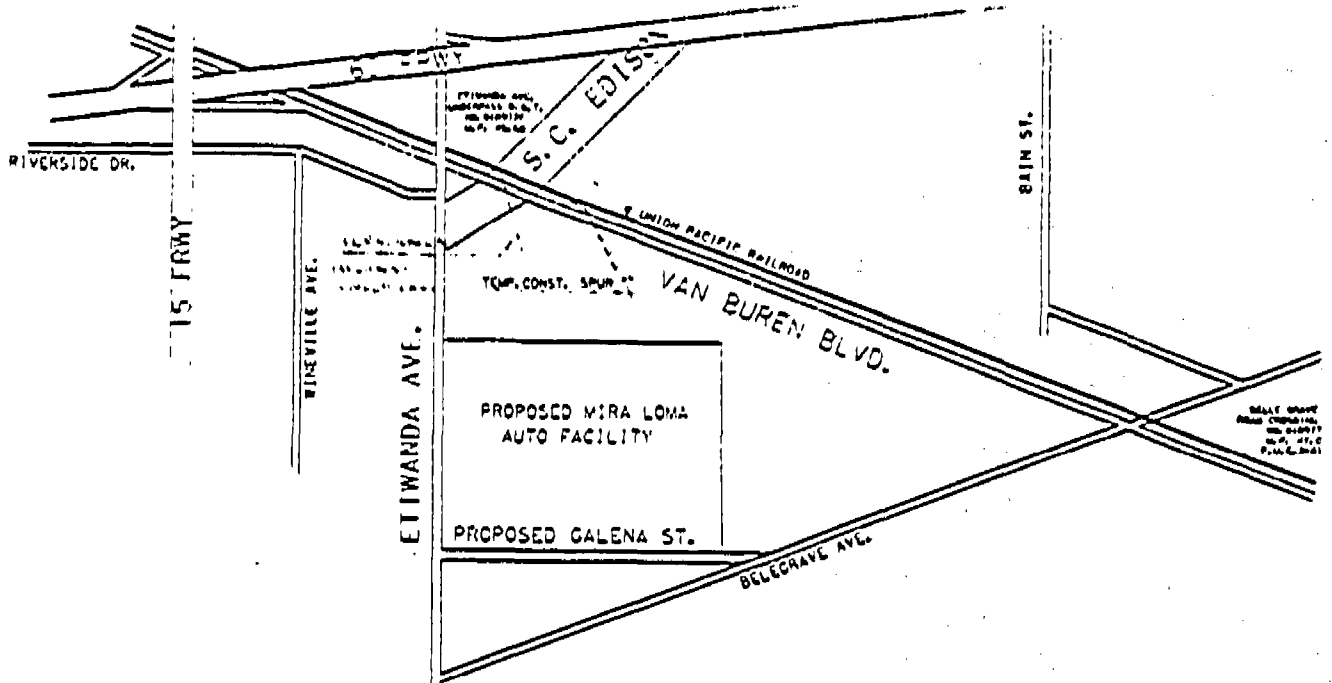
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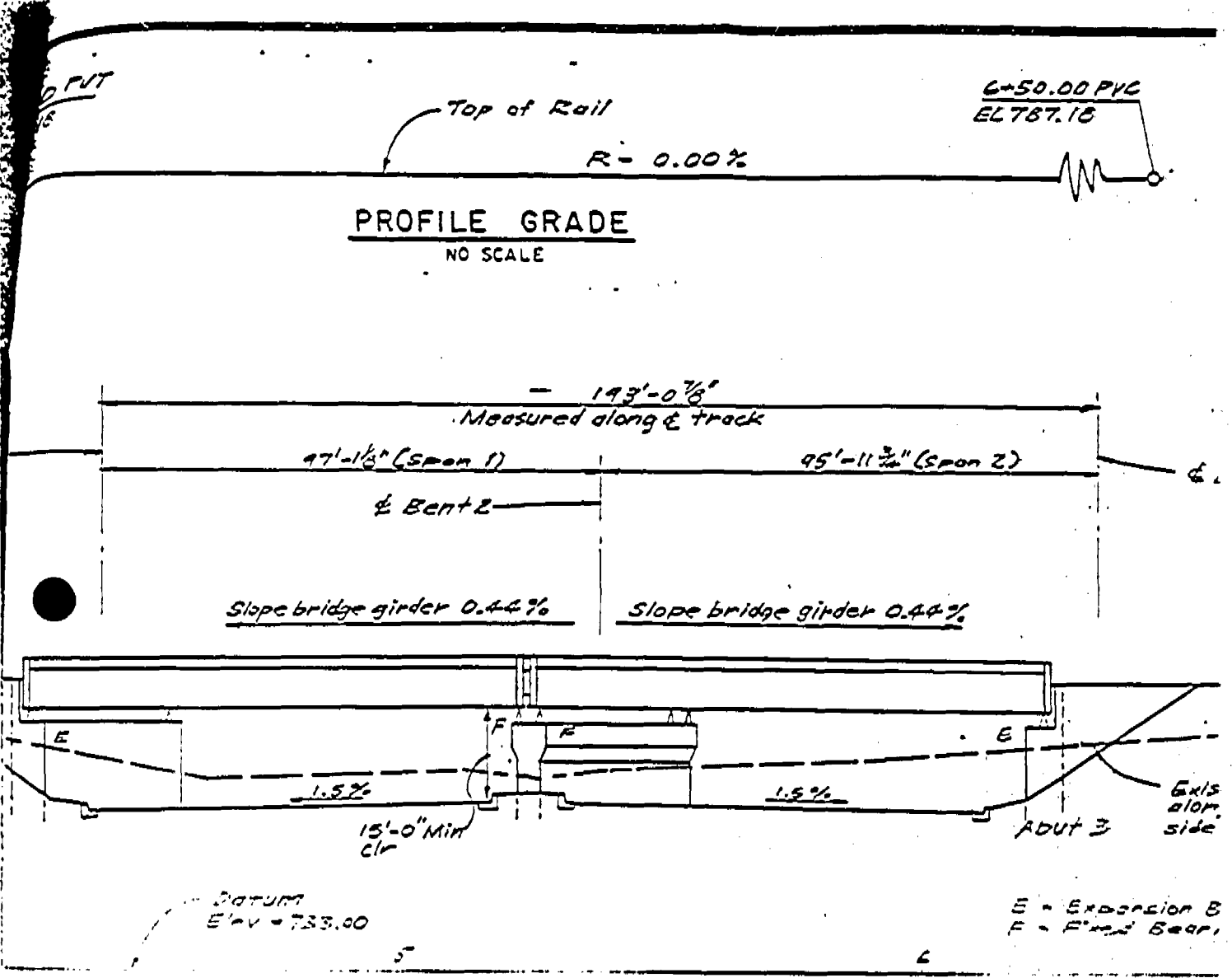
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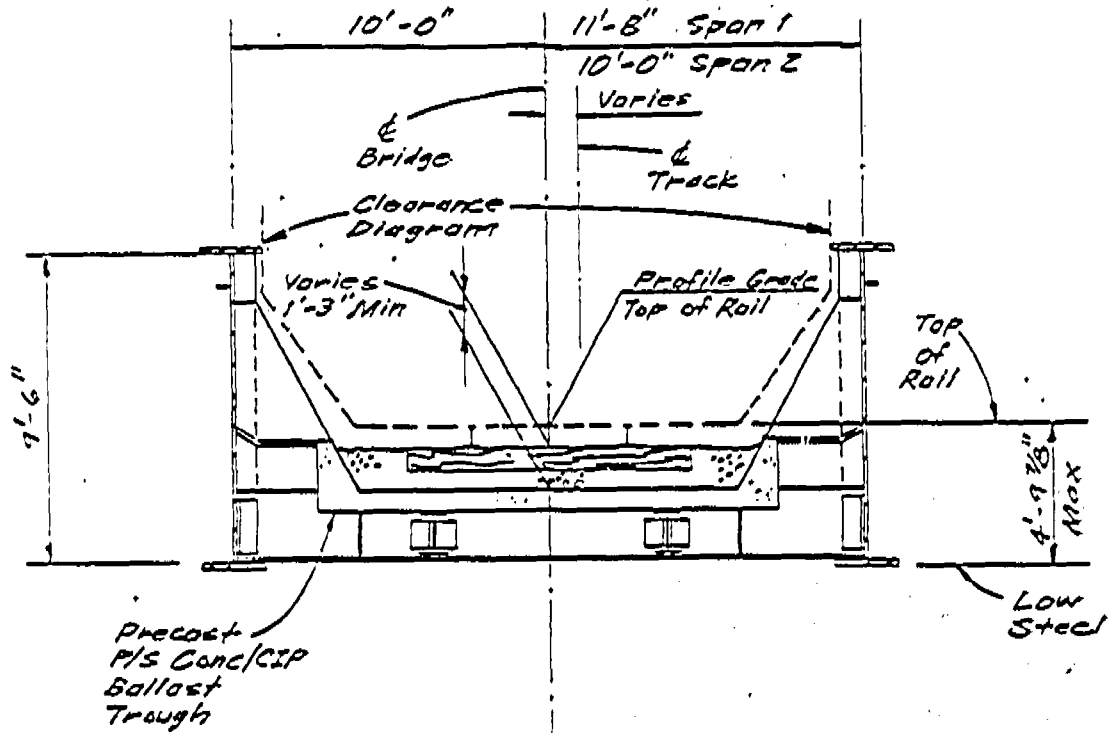
VICINITY MAP

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY OFFICE OF [unclear] REGION
LOCATION: MIRA LOMA RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA
DESCRIPTION: P.U.C. DRAWING FOR TEMPORARY GRADE CROSSING AT VAN BUREN STREET
DRAWN BY: M.C.T. [unclear] SCALE: AS NOTED
DATE: AUGUST 31, 1988 [unclear]
WORK ORDER NO.: [unclear] SHEET NO. [unclear] OF 2



ELEVATION

SCALE: 1" = 20'



TYPICAL SECTION

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

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