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Decision 90-08-030 August 8, 1990

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: Construct the Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead in the City of Moorpark, County of Ventura, State of California.

Application 90-02-065 (Filed February 23, 1990)

<u>OPINION</u>

As part of the project to decrease vehicular traffic passing through the City of Moorpark, the State of California, Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) requests authority to construct two roughly parallel structures at separated grades known as Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead over the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Coast Route Main Line in Moorpark, Ventura County.

The portion of the project with which this application is involved includes the construction of Arroyo Simi Bridge and overhead Structures on new alignment, a connector to join State Routes 23 and Route 118, as more fully described in the application and Appendix A attached to this order.

California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000, et seq. After preparation and review of the project, Caltrans issued a Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIS). The document (FEIS) examined and recommended a split freeway roadway with interchanges at New Los Angeles Avenue, Collins Drive and Princeton Avenue from the Northern end of SR 23 Freeway to the west end of SR 118 Freeway in Moorpark. The project was developed so as to give detailed consideration to the potential impact upon the quality of the environment. The FEIS for the proposed construction of Arroyo Simi

Bridge and Overhead was approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation-Federal Highway Works Administration(FHWA) on March 17, 1989.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently reviewed and assessed the PEIS. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission Safety Division Traffic Engineering staff. The staff has examined the need to construct Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead and recommends that approval for the project be granted.

Caltrans has met the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure including Rule 38, which relates to the construction of public highway across a railroad track. Detailed drawings of the grade separation structure are shown in Appendix A.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 5, 1990. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary. Pindings of Fact

- 1. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead over the tracks of SPT's Coast Route Main Line in Moorpark, Ventura County.
- 2. Construction of the Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead, as described in the application and as shown in Appendix A, is required as part of the solution to improve traffic circulation within Moorpark, by diverting through freeway traffic away from local city streets.
- 3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require the construction of Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead.
- 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 Final Environmental Impact Statement.
- 6. The project will have a significant effect on the environment; however, both Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration have determined that the project will be developed so as to give detailed consideration to the potential impact and thus mitigate the effects on the quality of the environment. Conclusion of Law

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

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The State of California, Department of Transportation, (Caltrans), is authorized to construct Arroyo Simi Bridge and Overhead over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Route Main Line, in Moorpark, Ventura County, identified as Crossing E-428.0A. The proposed grade separation projects are at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application and Appendix A of this order.
- 2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D.
- 3. Walkways shall conform to GO 118. Walkways adjacent to any trackage subject to rail operations shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be promptly restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.
- 4. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement which has been entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossings approved by SPT, shall be filed with the Commission's

Safety Division, prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.

- 5. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, Caltrans shall notify the Commission's Safety Division in writing that the authorized work has been completed.
- 6. 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.
 - 7. The application is granted as set forth above.

 This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

 Dated AUG 8 1990, at San Francisco, California

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Président
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I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE COMMISSIONIES FORMY

Negl. J. Shuman, Executive Director

