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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Pittsburg)
for an order authorizing reconstruction)
of a crossing at separated)
grades between Harbor Street and the)
tracks of the Southern Pacific Trans-)
portation Company, sometimes referred)
to as the "Harbor Street Underpass,")
(PUC No. B-49.3-B).

ORIGINAL
Application 90-04-048
(Filed April 27, 1990)

O P I N I O N

The City of Pittsburg (City) requests authority to reconstruct and widen the Harbor Street Underpass at separated grades under Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) main line tracks in Pittsburg, Contra Costa County.

City has implemented a program of redevelopment that is attracting restoration and new development in its downtown and waterfront areas. The improvement of the Harbor Street Underpass is an integral part of improving access to these redevelopment areas.

The existing Harbor Street Underpass, Crossing B-49.3-B, is a narrow two lane roadway. The proposed structure will provide two travel lanes and a side walk in each direction. The proposed structure will also provide for two railroad tracks over the roadway. The project will increase roadway capacity and improve safety on Harbor Street.

City 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. City has determined that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code - Div. 6). Section 15302 applies to Class 2-Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's exemption determination.

The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission's Traffic Engineering staff. The staff examined the need for and safety of the proposed project. The staff recommends authority be granted to reconstruct the existing structure under SPT's tracks.

Application 90-04-048 meets the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including Rule 39, which relates to widening or relocating existing crossings. A sketch of the crossing is set forth as Appendix A.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 2, 1990. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to reconstruct and widen the Harbor Street Underpass at separated grades under SPT's main line tracks in Pittsburg, Contra Costa County.
2. Reconstruction of the Harbor Street Underpass is required to improve roadway capacity.
3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require reconstruction of the Harbor Street Underpass.
4. City 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 categorical exemption determination.
6. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.
2. The activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in CEQA and, therefore, the guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code - Div. 6) concerning the evaluation of projects and the preparation and review of environmental documents do not apply.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Pittsburg (City) is authorized to reconstruct and widen Harbor Street Underpass at separated grades under Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) main line tracks in Pittsburg, Contra Costa County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing B-49.3-B.
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 to be entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossing 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 construction of the work under this order, City 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.

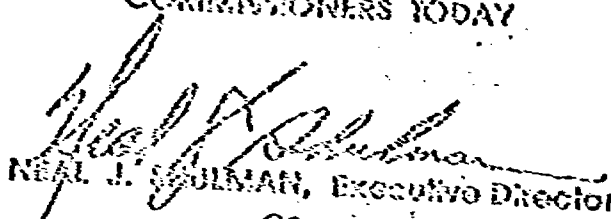
7. The application is granted as set forth above.

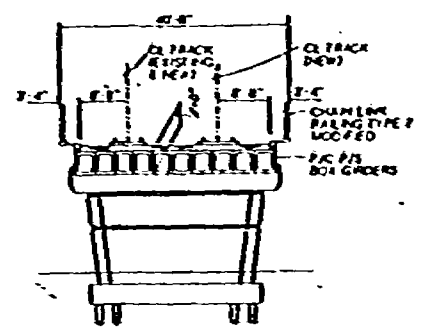
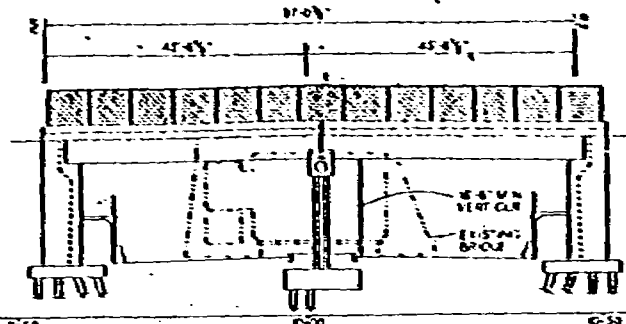
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated DEC 19 1990, at San Francisco, California.

G. MITCHELL WILK
President
FREDERICK R. DUDA
STANLEY W. HULETT
JOHN B. OHANIAN
PATRICIA M. ECKERT
Commissioners

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


NEAL J. SULMAN, Executive Director

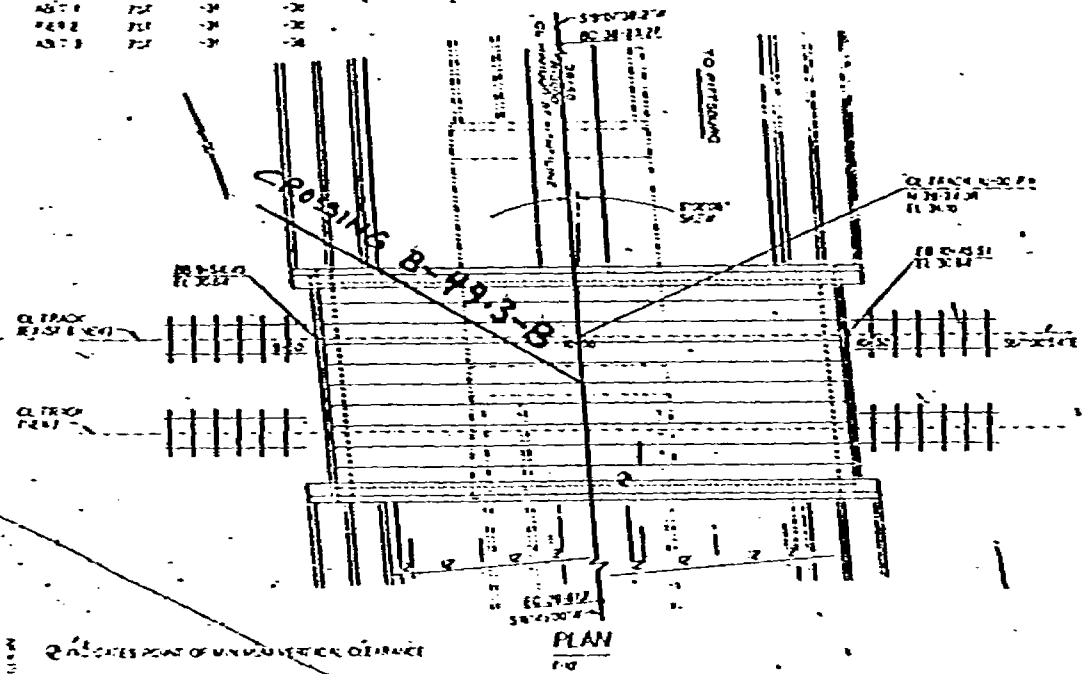


ELEVATION
FIG. 10

TYPICAL SECTION
FIG. 11

CLASSIFIED DRIVEN PILES

LOCATION	DESIGN ECASONS	SECTED	PROPOSED
AS 7-1	7-2	-3	-2
AS 7-2	7-1	-3	-2
AS 7-3	7-2	-3	-2



PLAN
FIG. 12

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EXHIBIT B SHEET 3

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