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Decision

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Roseville)
for authority to construct a new grade)
separation (Crossing No. A107.7) on the)
extension of Harding Boulevard over the)
Southern Pacific Transportation)
Company's railroad tracks in the City)
of Roseville, Placer County.)

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Application 91-02-086
(Filed February 19, 1991)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to extend Harding Boulevard from Miners Ravine to State Route 65, the City of Roseville proposes to construct Harding Boulevard at separated grades over Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) main line tracks in Roseville, Placer County.

The Harding Boulevard extension will be the major connection between downtown and new development in north-central Roseville and will accommodate increasing traffic demand.

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. After preparation and review of an Initial Study, City issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On May 12, 1989 a Notice of Determination was filed with the Placer 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 Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

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

The staff recommends that the proposed grade separated crossing be authorized as requested in the application.

Application 91-02-086 meets the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including Rule 38, which relates to the construction of a public highway across a railroad track. A sketch of the project vicinity is set forth in Appendix A.

Findings of Fact

1. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 25, 1991. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

2. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct Harding Boulevard at separated grades over SPT's main line tracks in Roseville, Placer County.

3. Construction of the overhead is required to provide a major connection between downtown and new development in north-central Roseville.

4. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require construction of the overhead.

5. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

6. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

7. The project will not have any significant impact on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

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

ORDER

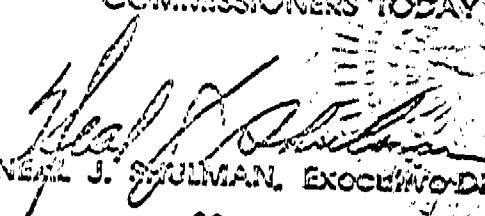
IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Roseville (City) is authorized to construct Harding Boulevard at separated grades over Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) main line tracks in Roseville, Placer County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing A-107.7-A.
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 completion 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 JUN 05 1991, at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT
President
G. MITCHELL WILK
JOHN B. OHANIAN
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY
Commissioners

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


NEAL J. SCHULMAN, Executive Director

