

Decision S2 03 040

MAR 2 - 1982

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application
of the City of Brisbane and
Brisbane Redevelopment Agency
to construct a north bound
highway bridge and off-ramp from
Highway 101 to the Sierra Point
Brisbane Local Improvement
District 79-1.

Application 61090
(Filed November 30, 1981)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to develop the Sierra Point area, the City of Brisbane (City) requests authority to construct a northbound highway bridge and off-ramp from State Route 101 to Sierra Point over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Route Main Line in Brisbane, San Mateo County.

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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR), City approved the project. On December 8, 1976, a Notice of Determination was filed with the San Mateo County Clerk which found that "The project will have a significant effect on the environment."

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Final EIR. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

The construction of the overcrossing and off-ramp will provide access to the Sierra Point project which is westward of State Route 101. The redeveloped area will include a public marina, convention center and hotel facilities, commercial office and retail spaces, a railroad passenger depot, heliport and ferry terminals, public service complex and parks, and other recreational facilities. Mitigation measures prescribe that water quality be adequate for recreational uses, multimodal access be provided to the area to reduce the impact of increased traffic, residential uses be eliminated from the project, and that a high quality of design and architecture be applied.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on December 2, 1981. 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 construct a northbound highway bridge and off-ramp from State Route 101 to Sierra Point over the tracks of SPT's Coast Route Main Line in Brisbane, San Mateo County.

2. Construction of the highway bridge over SPT's tracks is required to provide access to the Sierra Point area.

3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the highway bridge and off-ramp.

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 independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Final EIR.

6. The project will have a significant impact on the environment; however, the proposed mitigation measures will either eliminate or reduce the severity of the adverse impacts.

Conclusion of Law

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

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Brisbane (City) is authorized to construct a northbound highway bridge and off-ramp from State Route 101 to Sierra Point over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Route Main line in Brisbane, San Mateo County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing E-7.8-A.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order 118.

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

4. Within 30 days after completion, under this order, City shall advise the Commission in writing.

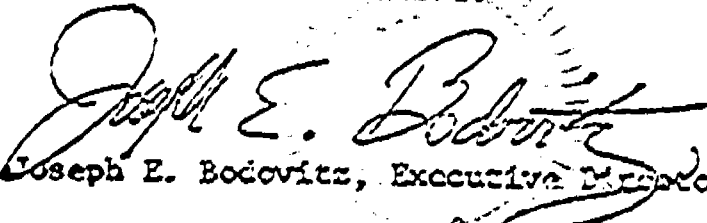
This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three years unless time be extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated MAR 2 1982, at San Francisco, California.

JOHN E. BRYSON
President
RICHARD D. GRAVELLE
LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. CREW
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director