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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of The City of )  
Los Angeles, Department of Airports, )  
to convert a private Rail Crossing )  
to a Public Rail Crossing across )  
the Railroad of The Atchison, Topeka )  
and Santa Fe Railway Company at )  
111th Street near Aviation Boulevard )  
in the City of Los Angeles. )

Application 82-09-32  
(Filed September 20, 1982)

O P I N I O N

As part of a project to provide public access to the new Imperial Air Cargo Terminal Complex, and thereby convert the existing private crossing to a public crossing, the City of Los Angeles, Department of Airports (City), requests authority to construct 111th Street at grade across the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Harbor Branch Line in Los Angeles, Los Angeles 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 Initial Study, City issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On March 4, 1980, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles 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 independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

The project will provide adequate and safe public access from Aviation Boulevard to the new 65-acre Imperial Air Cargo Terminal Complex being developed at the Los Angeles International Airport for use by a number of major airlines, including: Air Canada, Lufthansa, China Airlines, and Northwest Airlines. The proposed public crossing will replace an existing private crossing which is located directly west of the intersection of 111th Street and Aviation Boulevard.

City states that there is an immediate need for public access across AT&SF's tracks at 111th Street to facilitate construction of the Imperial Air Cargo Terminal Complex. It is therefore requested that the usual 30-day waiting period on an order be waived and that the crossing be permitted to be opened to public use with interim protection, which we will do.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 21, 1982. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. City requests authority under Public Utilities (PU) Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct 111th Street at grade across the tracks of AT&SF's Harbor Branch Line in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.
2. The proposed crossing is required to provide access to the new 65-acre Imperial Air Cargo Terminal Complex being developed at the Los Angeles International Airport.
3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the proposed railroad-highway crossing.
4. The project will convert an existing private crossing of AT&SF's tracks to a public railroad-highway crossing.
5. Public safety requires that protection at the crossing be two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C).
6. Pending installation of the automatic gate-type signals, the requirements of public safety for protection of the crossing may be met by use of the existing flashing-light signals.
7. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.
8. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

9. The project 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. The usual 30-day effective date on an order should be waived as there is an immediate need for public access across AT&SF's tracks to facilitate construction of the Imperial Air Cargo Terminal Complex.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Los Angeles (City) is authorized to construct 111th Street at grade across the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Harbor Branch Line in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing 2H-12.9.

2. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order 72-B.

3. Clearances shall conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways shall conform to General Order 118.

4. Protection at the crossing shall be two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C).

5. For a period not to exceed one year from the date of this order, protection at the crossing may be the existing two Standard No. 8 automatic flashing-light-type signals (General Order 75-C).

6. Construction expense of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by City.

7. Maintenance of the crossing shall conform to General Order 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by City under PU Code Section 1202.2.

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

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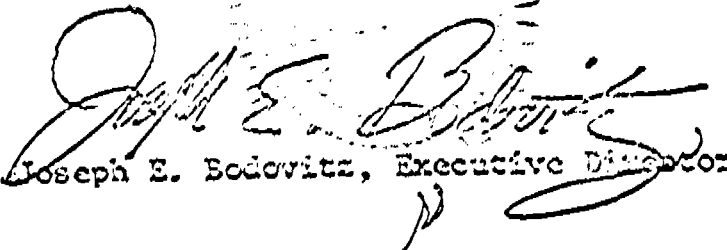
This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two years unless time is extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

This order is effective today.

Dated NOV 17 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director