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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of THE CITY OF PLEASANTON for)
authority to construct West Las)
Positas Boulevard at grade over)
and across The Southern Pacific)
Railroad Company Radium Branch)
track, Milepost BO 65.80, in the)
City of Pleasanton, County of)
Alameda, State of California.)

Application 82-08-20
(Filed August 9, 1982)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project for development of the Hacienda Business Park, the City of Pleasanton (City) requests authority to construct West Las Positas Boulevard at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Radium Branch Line in Pleasanton, Alameda 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, City approved the project. On June 23, 1982, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Alameda 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 Environmental Impact Report. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

The project is located in the northerly portion of Pleasanton and includes development of 573 acres for office buildings, industrial warehouses, light manufacturing, and commercial buildings. West Las Positas Boulevard will provide access to the project from Santa Rita Road which is located east of SPT's tracks.

Major impacts involve loss of prime agricultural lands, increases in noise, air pollution, traffic, and utility service needs. Mitigation measures include constructing noise walls; minimizing congestion, traffic generation, and truck traffic near residential areas; and improving necessary water and sewer treatment facilities.

City states that it wishes to expedite construction of the crossing to improve emergency vehicle access to Hacienda Business Park at the earliest possible date. It is therefore requested that the usual 30-day effective date on an order be waived, which we will do.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 10, 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 West Las Positas Boulevard at grade across the tracks of SPT's Radum Branch Line in Pleasanton, Alameda County.

2. The crossing is required to provide access to Hacienda Business Park.

3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the proposed railroad-highway crossing.

4. Public safety requires that protection at the crossing be two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers and two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C).

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 independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Environmental Impact Report.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

2. The order should be effective today because City wishes to expedite construction of the crossing to improve emergency vehicle access to Hacienda Business Park at the earliest possible date.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Pleasanton (City) is authorized to construct West Las Positas Boulevard at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Radum Branch Line in Pleasanton, Alameda County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing B0-65.8.

2. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 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-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers and two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (General Order 75-C).

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

6. 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.

7. Construction plans of the crossing, approved by SPT, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

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

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 DEC 15 1982, at San Francisco, California.

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

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


Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director