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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application)
of SOUTHERN PACIFIC)
TRANSPORTATION COMPANY for an)
order authorizing the)
construction at grade of an)
industrial drill track in, upon)
and across Victoria Street, in)
the City of Compton, County of)
Los Angeles, State of California.)

Application 82-06-14
(Filed June 3, 1982)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project for development of the Dominguez Hills Industrial Park, Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) requests authority to construct an industrial drill track at grade across Victoria Street in Compton, Los Angeles County.

The County of Los Angeles (County), Department of Regional Planning, 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, County issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On November 1, 1978, 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 involves the subdivision of a 75-acre parcel of land into 17 lots zoned M-2 for light manufacturing. The project area is bounded by the Artesia Freeway (Route 91) on the north, Alameda Street on the east, Wilmington Avenue on the west, and Victoria Street on the south. Industrial development surrounds the project area except for a mobile home park to the southeast.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on June 4, 1982. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. SPT requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct an industrial drill track at grade across Victoria Street in Compton, Los Angeles County.
2. The proposed industrial drill track crossing of Victoria Street is required to provide rail service to the Dominguez Hills Industrial Park.
3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the proposed industrial drill track crossing.

4. Public safety requires that protection at the crossing be two Standard No. 8-A automatic flashing-light signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C).

5. Pending installation of the flashing light signals, the requirements of public safety at the crossing may be met by the installation of two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C) and flagging of the crossing.

6. County is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

7. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

8. The project will have no significant impact on the environment.

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. Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) is authorized to construct an industrial drill track at grade across Victoria Street in Compton, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing BBH-496.49-C.

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. 8-A automatic flashing-light signals with cantilevers (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 two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C). No on-rail vehicle shall operate over the crossing unless it is first brought to a stop and traffic on the street protected by a member of the crew, or other competent employee of the railroad, acting as flagman. The flagman shall place a minimum of two fusees on each side of the track prior to entry of the on-rail vehicle into the crossing.

6. Written instructions shall be issued by SPT to trainmen, operating over the crossing, to comply with the flagging instructions. A copy of the instructions shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days after installation of the crossing. Suitable signs shall be installed on both sides of Victoria Street, calling the attention of trainmen to the flagging instructions.

7. Construction expense of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by SPT.

8. Maintenance of the crossing shall conform to General Order 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by SPT.

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

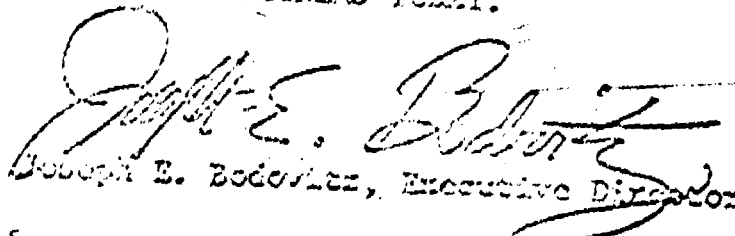
This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two years unless time is extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JAN 12 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.
President
VICTOR CALVO
PRISCILLA C. GREW
DONALD VIAL
Commissioners

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


Joseph E. Bodolizzi, Executive Director