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**ORIGINAL**Decision 83 OS 072 AUG 17 1983

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of  
 California, Department of  
 Transportation for an order  
 authorizing the widening of  
 an existing crossing at  
 separated grades known as  
 "Camarillo Overhead" (BR.  
 No. 52-16), over the Southern  
 Pacific Transportation  
 Company's track in Ventura  
 County.

Application 83-05-28  
 (Filed May 16, 1983)

O P I N I O N

The State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), requests authority to widen the Camarillo Overhead over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Route Main Line in Camarillo, Ventura County.

Caltrans is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000 et seq. Caltrans has determined that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under PR Code Section 21080.13.<sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> Section 21080.13 was added to the PR Code by Chapter 58, Statutes 1982, as an urgency statute effective February 18, 1982.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's categorical exemption determination. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

The project will improve State Route 101 by widening the Camarillo Overhead from three to four lanes plus a shoulder in each direction of travel. State Route 101 is a north-south route which is currently experiencing peak hour traffic delays in the vicinity of the Camarillo Overhead.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on May 17, 1983. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to widen the Camarillo Overhead over the tracks of SPT's Coast Route Main Line in Camarillo, Ventura County.
2. Widening of the Camarillo Overhead is required to reduce peak hour traffic delays on State Route 101 in the vicinity of the overhead.
3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require widening of the Camarillo Overhead.
4. Caltrans is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

5. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's categorical exemption determination.

6. It can see with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

7. The activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in CEQA and, therefore, the Guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code - Div. 6) concerning the evaluation of projects and the preparation and review of environmental documents do not apply.

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 State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is authorized to widen the Camarillo Overhead over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Route Main Line in Camarillo, Ventura County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing E-416.7-A.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order 26-D; except that during the period of construction a clearance of not less than 21'6" above top of rail shall be authorized and SPT shall be authorized to operate with such reduced overhead clearance provided that instructions are issued by the railroad and filed with the Commission forbidding employees to ride on tops of cars beneath the structure.

3. Caltrans shall notify the Commission and SPT at least 15, but not more than 30, days in advance of the date when the temporary impaired clearance will be created.

4. Walkways shall conform to General Order 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.

5. 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.

6. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, Caltrans shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

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.

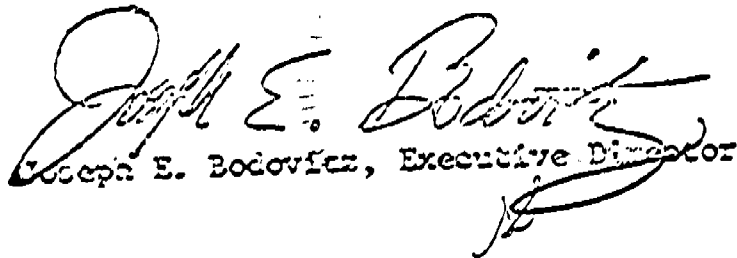
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated     AUG 17 1983    , at San Francisco, California.

VICTOR CALVO  
FRISCILLA C. GREW  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

Commissioner Leonard M. Grimes, Jr.,  
being necessarily absent, did not  
participate.

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

  
Joseph E. Bodovitz, Executive Director