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**ORIGINAL**Decision 83 08 073 AUG 17 1983

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 Prairie Street in the )  
City of Los Angeles, State of )  
California. )

Application 83-06-03  
(Filed June 2, 1983)

O P I N I O N

Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests authority to construct an industrial drill track at grade across Prairie Street in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

The proposed industrial drill track will provide rail service to the Times Mirror Company's facilities which are located in the Northridge Industrial Center, a 35-lot industrial subdivision. The Northridge Industrial Center is primarily a manufacturing and warehousing area with provision for a moderate amount of industrial office space. The subdivision is located within the Community of Chatsworth and is bounded by Plummer Street on the north, Corbin Avenue on the east, SPT's Coast Route Main Line on the south, and Winnetka Avenue on the west.

The City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation (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 July 15, 1983, 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 reviewed and considered the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

The Times Mirror Company has advised that it desires to receive rail service in the very near future. 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 June 7, 1983. 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 Prairie Street in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

2. The proposed industrial drill track crossing of Prairie Street is required to provide rail service to the Times Mirror Company's facilities located in the Northridge Industrial Center.

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. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C).

5. Pending installation of the automatic gate-type 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. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

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

8. 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 the Times Mirror Company desires to receive rail service in the very near future.

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 Prairie Street in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing E-488.78-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. 9-A automatic gate-type 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 Prairie 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 that the authorized work has been completed.

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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.

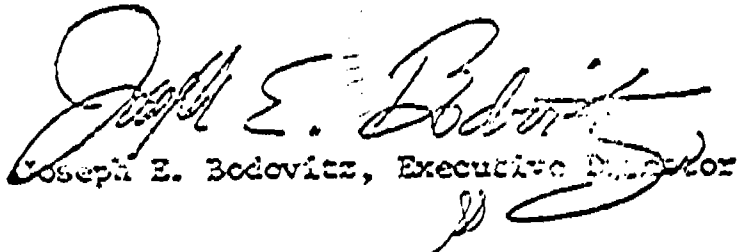
This order is effective today.

Dated AUG 17 1983, at San Francisco, California.

VICTOR CALVO  
PRISCILLA 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