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**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the COUNTY OF )  
 RIVERSIDE to construct a grade )  
 separation of Crestridge Drive and )  
 abolish a grade separation at )  
 Prado Road over The Atchison, )  
 Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Tract )  
 (sic), in the COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE.)

Application 83-08-04  
 (Filed August 1, 1983)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project identified as specific Plan of Land Use 167, the County of Riverside (County), requests authority to construct Crestridge Drive at separated grades over the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) main line in Riverside County. Authority is also requested to remove the adjacent inadequate Prado Road overcrossing of AT&SF's tracks upon completion of the Crestridge Drive overcrossing and its opening to vehicular traffic.

The project involves the development of approximately 418 acres of unincorporated land, known as the Green River Meadow Properties, located on the western edge of Riverside County. More than 75% of the entire site will be devoted to permanent open space uses with approximately 100 acres devoted to medium and high density residential and neighborhood commercial uses. The Crestridge Drive overcrossing will provide primary access to the residential development.

County 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 (EIR), County approved the project. On August 24, 1983, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Riverside 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 EIR. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

Cadillac Fairview Homes West, developer of the project, states that it desires construction of the Crestridge Drive overcrossing to commence at the earliest possible date. It is, therefore, requested that the usual 30-day waiting period on an order be waived. We will make our order effective immediately.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 3, 1983. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. County requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct Crestridge Drive at separated grades over the tracks of AT&SF's main line and to remove the adjacent Prado Road overcrossing in Riverside County.

2. The existing Prado Road overcrossing is inadequate and should be closed and removed upon completion of the Crestridge Drive overcrossing and its opening to vehicular traffic.

3. The proposed Crestridge Drive overcrossing will provide primary access to the Green River Meadows residential development.

4. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the Crestridge Drive overcrossing.

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

6. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's EIR.

7. 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 developer desires construction of the overcrossing to commence at the earliest possible date.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The County of Riverside (County) is authorized to construct Crestridge Drive at separated grades over the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) main line in Riverside County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as crossing 2B-29.8-A.
2. Upon completion of the Crestridge Drive overcrossing and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing Prado Road overcrossing, Crossing 2B-29.9-A, shall be closed and physically removed.
3. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order 26-D.
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 which has been entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossing approved by AT&SF, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

6. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, County 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 is effective today.

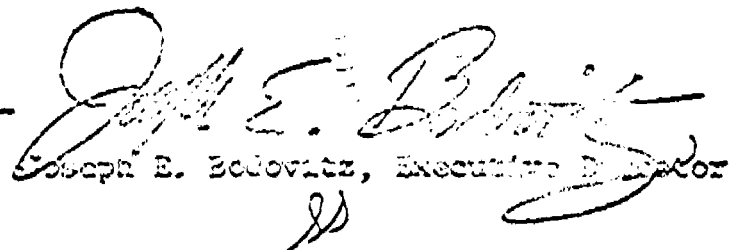
Dated SEP 30 1983, at San Francisco, California.

LEONARD M. GRIMES, JR.  
President  
VICTOR CALVO  
DONALD VIAL  
WILLIAM T. BAGLEY  
Commissioners

Commissioner Priscilla C. Crow,  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate

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

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Joseph E. Bolovitz, Executive Director