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Decision No. 86553

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
the City of Long Beach, a municipal)
corporation, for authority to)
construct a second track across)
four public streets at grade and)
under a public street at separated)
grades in the City of Long Beach,)
County of Los Angeles, State of)
California.)

Application No. 55466
(Filed January 28, 1975)

O P I N I O N

The City of Long Beach, by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, requests authority to construct a second track across the existing crossings at Seventh Street, Pico Avenue, Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp and under the Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles.

Applicant proposes to construct approximately 4,000 lineal feet of railroad trackage for use by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to serve the Port of Long Beach pursuant to the City-Railroad Operating Agreement of 1934.

The City of Long Beach is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and the City of Long Beach's Director of Planning approved an Environmental Negative Declaration on July 24, 1973.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on January 31, 1975. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

After consideration, the Commission finds:

- 1. The City of Long Beach, by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, should be authorized to construct a second track across the existing crossings at Seventh Street, Pico Avenue, Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp and under the Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, to be identified as portions of the existing crossings as follows:

Seventh Street North (Crossing BE-503.72), Seventh Street South (Crossing BE-503.73), Pico Avenue (Crossing BE-504.02-C), Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp (Crossing BE-504.23-C) and Ocean Boulevard Overpass (Crossing BE-504.23-AC).

2. Crossing construction should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 (General Order 72-B).

3. Protection at the crossings should be two Standard No. 9 signals (General Order 75-C) at Seventh Street North (Crossing BE-503.72), one Standard No. 9 signal (General Order 75-C) at Seventh Street South (Crossing BE-503.73), two Standard No. 9-A signals (General Order 75-C) at Pico Avenue (Crossing BE-504.02-C) and one Standard No. 9 signal (General Order 75-C) at the Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp (Crossing BE-504.23-C).

4. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways adjacent to the crossings should conform to General Order 118.

5. Construction costs of the second track should be borne by the applicant. Installation costs of the automatic protection at the Seventh Street North and Seventh Street South crossings should be shared equally between the city and the railroad. Installation costs of the automatic protection at the Pico Avenue and Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp crossings should be borne by the applicant.

6. Maintenance of the crossings should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.

7. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection at the Seventh Street North and Seventh Street South crossings should be shared equally between the city and the railroad pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection at Pico Avenue and Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp crossings should be borne by the railroad.

8. Construction plans of the additional track across the crossings approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties involved, should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.

9. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plans attached to the application and comply with applicable rules and general orders of the Commission.

10. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on July 24, 1973 approved its Negative Declaration which has been filed with the Commission. The Commission has considered the Negative Declaration in rendering its decision on this project and finds that:

- a. The environmental impact of the proposed action is insignificant.
- b. The planned construction is the most feasible and economical that will avoid any possible environmental impact.
- c. There are no known irreversible environmental changes involved in this project.

C O N C L U S I O N S

On the basis of the foregoing findings, we conclude that the application should be granted as set forth in the following order:

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

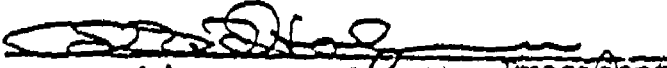
1. The City of Long Beach, by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, is authorized to construct a second track at grade across the existing crossings at Seventh Street, Pico Avenue, Ocean Boulevard Off-Ramp and under the Ocean Boulevard Overpass in the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles as set forth in the findings of this decision.

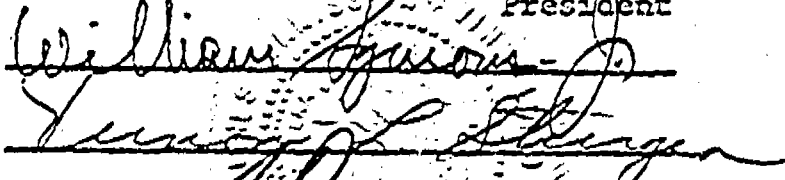
2. Within thirty days after completion, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.


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

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of OCTOBER, 1976.



President




Commissioners