

Decision No. 86610

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA }
BARBARA TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A }
GRADE CROSSING ACROSS THE RIGHT OF }
WAY OF THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD) }
(AMTRAK))

Application No. 56682
(Filed August 11, 1976)

O P I N I O N

The County of Santa Barbara requests authority to convert the existing private grade crossing of Finney Street across the main line of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to a public grade crossing in Summerland, Santa Barbara County.

The County of Santa Barbara is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. The county has determined that the proposed crossing conversion and adoption of Finney Street into the County Road System is categorically exempt from the requirements of CEQA. A "Statement of Exemption" was filed with the Santa Barbara County Office of Environmental Quality on June 10, 1976.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 12, 1976. 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. Applicant should be authorized to convert the existing private grade crossing of Finney Street across the main line of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to a public grade crossing in Summerland, Santa Barbara County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing E-376.41.

2. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 (General Order 72-B).

3. The width of the crossing should be not less than 23 feet and the grades of approach should not exceed six percent.

4. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 113.

5. Protection at the crossing should be two Standard No. 9 signals (General Order 75-C).

6. For a period not to exceed 120 days from the date of this order, protection at the crossing may be two Standard No. 1R signs (General Order 75-C).

7. Construction expense of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection and the interim crossing signs should be borne by the applicant.

8. Maintenance of the crossing should conform to General Order 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

9. Construction plans for improvement of the crossing, 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.

10. Dimensions, configurations, clearances and walkways should be substantially in accordance with the plan set forth in the application and comply with applicable rules and general orders of the Commission.

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

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:

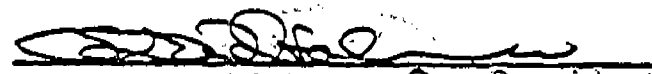
1. The County of Santa Barbara is authorized to convert the existing private grade crossing of Finney Street across the main line of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company to a public grade crossing in Summerland, Santa Barbara County, as set forth in the findings of this decision.

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 one year 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 9th
day of NOVEMBER, 1976.



President







Commissioners