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Decision No. 86917

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF )  
LOS ANGELES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION )  
OF A GRADE SEPARATION OF ALONDRA )  
BOULEVARD OVER THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA )  
AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY'S MAIN )  
LINE, CROSSING NO. 2-159.6, IN THE )  
CITY OF LA MIRADA, COUNTY OF )  
LOS ANGELES )

Application No. 56716  
(Filed August 27, 1976)  
(Amended November 23, 1976)

O P I N I O N

The County of Los Angeles requests authority to construct a grade separation of Alondra Boulevard over the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's main line in the City of La Mirada, Los Angeles County.

Authorization is also requested to construct a temporary detour (shoofly) at-grade crossing. After completion of the separation structure and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing at-grade crossing and temporary detour at-grade crossing will be abandoned and physically closed.

The County of Los Angeles is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended. After review of a Negative Declaration, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the project and on November 18, 1976 filed a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk which found that "The project will not have a significant effect on the environment."

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 31, 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 construct Alondra Boulevard at separated grades over the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's main line in the City of La Mirada, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing 2-159.6-A.
2. Applicant should also be authorized to construct a temporary detour crossing at-grade across Alondra Boulevard to be identified as Crossing 2-159.61.
3. Protection at the temporary detour crossing should be four Standard No. 9 (General Order 75-C) automatic gate-type signals.
4. Upon completion of the grade separation structure and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing grade crossing (Crossing 2-159.6) and temporary detour grade crossing (Crossing 2-159.61) should be abandoned and physically closed and the automatic protection removed.
5. Clearances should be in accordance with General Order 26-D.
6. Walkway areas should conform to General Order 118. Walkway areas adjacent to any trackage subject to rail operations should be maintained free of obstructions and should promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.
7. Construction and maintenance costs should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto, and a copy of said agreement, together with plans of the crossing approved by The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, should 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.

8. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on November 9, 1976 approved its Negative Declaration which has been filed with the Commission. The Commission has considered the Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination 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 County of Los Angeles is authorized to construct Alondra Boulevard at separated grades over the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's main line in the City of La Mirada, Los Angeles 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.

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This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 1977.

~~Swell file dissent.~~  
~~William Sproule Jr.~~

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