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Decision No. 87556 July 6, 1977

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application)
of the City of Los Angeles, a)
municipal corporation, by and)
through its Board of Harbor)
Commissioners, for authority to)
construct three grade crossings,)
and to widen another crossing,)
across City-owned track, under the)
management, supervision and con-)
trol of the Board of Harbor)
Commissioners, at Terminal Way,)
Barracuda Street, South Seaside)
Avenue, and Earle Street, in the)
Terminal Island District of said)
City of Los Angeles, County of)
Los Angeles, State of California.)

Application No. 56794
(Filed October 1, 1976)
(Amended December 10, 1976)

O P I N I O N

The City of Los Angeles, by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, requests authority to construct city-owned track at grade across Terminal Way, Barracuda Street and South Seaside Avenue; to widen the existing Earle Street crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's tracks and to remove certain existing trackage and crossings in the Terminal Island District of the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

The City 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 City of Los Angeles, Board of Harbor Commissioners, approved the project and on July 6, 1976 filed a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk which found that "This project WILL NOT have a significant effect on the environment".

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 6, 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 a track at grade across Terminal Way (Crossing 23F-0.28), Barracuda Street (Crossing 23F-0.39) and South Seaside Avenue (Crossing 23D-0.78) in the Terminal Island District of the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown on Exhibit "A" attached to the application.

2. Applicant should also be authorized to widen Earle Street at grade across the tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, identified as Crossing 3A-26.50-C.

3. Construction of the crossings should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 of General Order 72-B.

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

5. Protection at the crossings should be:

<u>Crossing No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Protection (General Order 75-C)</u>
23F-0.28	Terminal Way	Four Std. No. 9-A Signals
23F-0.39	Barracuda Street	Two Std. No. 8-A Signals
23D-0.78	South Seaside Avenue	Two Std. No. 1-R Signs
3A-26.50-C	Earle Street	Two Std. No. 1-R Signs

6. Construction cost of the crossings and installation cost of the signs and automatic protection should be borne by applicant.

7. Maintenance of the crossings should be in accordance with General Order 72-B. Maintenance cost of the signs and automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

8. Construction plans for widening of the Earle Street crossing, approved by the Union Pacific Railroad 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. After completion of the new track and the three new crossings, as indicated on Exhibit "A" attached to the application, the tracks which are designated as "Remove Trackage" on Exhibit "A" should be abandoned and removed. Upon removal of the track, the following crossings should be closed and removed:

(a) Dock Street - Crossings 23D-0.06-C, 23D-0.12-C, 23D-0.14-C, 23D-0.20-C, 23D-0.30-C, 23D-0.37-C, 23D-0.43-C, 23D-0.54-C and 23D-0.60-C.

(b) Terminal Way - Crossing 23D-0.72.

(c) Cannery Street - Crossing 23D-0.81-C.

10. Applicant should be authorized to close the existing crossing of South Seaside Avenue across the tracks of the Union Pacific Railroad Company (Crossing 3A-26.41-C) to public use at such time as it determines there is no further need for public use of the crossing.

11. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on October 11, 1974 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 City of Los Angeles is authorized to construct city-owned track at grade across Terminal Way, Barracuda Street and South Seaside Avenue; to widen the existing Earle Street crossing of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's tracks and to remove certain existing trackage and crossings in the Terminal Island District of the City of Los Angeles, 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

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 6th day of JULY, 1977.

Robert Bateman

President

William Lyndon J.

Vernon L. Lutzgen

Richard P. Gualle

Commissioners