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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BIKEWAY CROSSINGS ON THE UPPER RIO HONDO CHANNEL EAST LEVEE, UNDER THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY EL PASO MAINLINE PROPOSED CROSSING NO. B-494.34-BD AND STATE STREET BRANCH LINE PROPOSED CROSSING NO. BEO-495.85-BD, IN THE CITY OF EL MONTE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

Application No. 57532
(Filed August 23, 1977)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to construct the Upper Rio Hondo Bikeway, the County of Los Angeles requests authority to construct bicycle crossings at separated grades under two existing Southern Pacific Transportation Company railroad bridges over the Rio Hondo Channel in the City of El Monte, Los Angeles County.

Applicant is the lead agency for the project to construct the Upper Rio Hondo Bikeway 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 1, 1977, filed a Notice of Determination with the Los Angeles County Clerk which found that "The project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment".

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 26, 1977. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

F I N D I N G S

1. Applicant should be authorized to construct a bicycle crossing at separated grades under the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's El Paso Main Line, to be identified as Crossing No. B-494.39-BD, and to construct a bicycle crossing at separated grades under the tracks of the railroad's State Street Branch Line, to be identified as Crossing No. BEO-495.8-BD, in the City of El Monte, Los Angeles County, at the locations and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application.

2. 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 crossings approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation 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.

3. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on October 18, 1977, approved its Negative Declaration which has been filed with the Commission. The Public Utilities 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 the Upper Rio Hondo Bikeway at separated grades under two existing Southern Pacific Transportation Company railroad bridges over the Rio Hondo Channel in the City of El Monte, 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4th day of APRIL, 1978.

Robert Batminal
President
William Gussone
Vernon L. Sturgeon
Clayton D. Hoxby
Clair J. Hedrick
Commissioners