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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Redlands for an order authorizing the relocation of existing San Timoteo Canyon Road grade crossing, P.U.C. No. B-546.7 to a crossing at grade over the Southern Pacific Company's Colton to Indio mainline tracks at approximate Railroad Mile Post 546.2 and Street Station 10 + 95, and the closing of P.U.C. grade crossing No. B-546.7 as relocated, after construction of the proposed crossing.

Application No. 57865
(Filed February 10, 1978)

O P I N I O N

The City of Redlands requests authority to relocate San Timoteo Canyon Road at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's El Paso Main Line in the City of Redlands, San Bernardino County.

The relocation is planned to improve visibility and safety at the crossing. By placing the proposed crossing at Milepost B-546.2, approximately one half mile westerly of existing Crossing B-546.7, the approaches to the at-grade crossing will be substantially improved.

The City of Redlands 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 Redlands approved the project and on June 23, 1978 filed a Notice of Determination with the San Bernardino County Clerk which found that "the subject project will not have a significant effect on the environment."

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 14, 1978. 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 relocate San Timoteo Canyon Road at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's El Paso Main Line in the City of Redlands, San Bernardino

County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application.

2. Construction of the relocated crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of General Order 72-B.

3. Clearances should be in accordance with General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 118.

4. Protection at the relocated crossing should be two Standard No. 9 automatic-gate type signals (General Order 75-C).

5. Construction cost of the relocated crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

6. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B. Maintenance costs of the automatic protection should be shared equally by applicant and the railroad pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.

7. After completion of the relocated crossing, and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing crossing, Crossing B-546.7, should be abandoned and physically removed.

8. Construction plans 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.

9. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, and on June 23, 1978 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 Redlands is authorized to relocate San Timoteo Canyon Road at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's El Paso Main Line, 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.

3. 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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of AUGUST, 1978.

Robert B. [Signature]
President

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Commissioners

Commissioner William Symons, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioner Claire T. Dedrick, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.