

Decision No. 90064 & MAR 13 1979

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the County of Sacramento to )  
 construct a grade crossing of the Southern )  
 Pacific Transportation Company at Rockingham ) Application No. 57974  
 Drive, southerly of Croydon Way, Crossing ) (Filed April 6, 1978)  
 No. AH101.9-C )

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to develop the Cordova View Subdivision on 87 acres of land in the Community of Rancho Cordova, the County of Sacramento requests authority to construct Rockingham Drive at grade across the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks in the Community of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County.

The County of Sacramento is the lead agency for the project to develop the Cordova View Subdivision pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq. After preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Report, the County of Sacramento approved the project for development of the Cordova View Subdivision. On October 27, 1976 a Notice of Determination was filed with the Sacramento County Clerk which found that "The project will not have a significant effect on the environment."

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Environmental Impact Report. The site of the proposed project has also been inspected by the Commission staff.

The construction of Rockingham Drive across the tracks of Southern Pacific is part of a larger project of the Sacramento County Community Development and Environmental Protection Agency. The project site and the surrounding area were agricultural in nature, but since the late 1950's, agricultural operations have ceased as urban development moved in.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 7, 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 construct Rockingham Drive at grade across the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks in the Community of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing AH-102.5-C.
2. Construction of the crossing should be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of General Order 72-B.
3. Clearances should conform to General Order 26-D. Walkways should conform to General Order 118.
4. Protection at the crossing should be two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C).
5. Construction costs of the crossing and installation cost of the crossing signs should be borne by the applicant.
6. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order 72-B.

7. 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.

8. The County of Sacramento is the lead agency for the project to develop the Cordova View Subdivision pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

9. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Environmental Impact Report.

10. This project will have no significant impact 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 Sacramento is authorized to construct Rockingham Drive at grade across the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks in the Community of Rancho Cordova, Sacramento 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 thirty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1979.

John E. Boyer  
President  
Thomas L. Stegeman  
Robert D. Clark  
Clair J. DeWitt  
Donald W. Smith  
Commissioners