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Decision No. 90445 JUN 19 1979**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of  
 SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY }  
 for an order authorizing the construction }  
 at grade of an industrial drill track and }  
 an industrial spur track in, upon, along }  
 or across Ann Street in the City of Santa }  
 Fe Springs, County of Los Angeles, State }  
 of California. }

Application No. 58657  
 (Filed February 7, 1979)

O P I N I O N

As part of the Norwalk Boulevard Redevelopment Project, the Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests authority to construct an industrial drill track and an industrial spur track at grade across Ann Street in the City of Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County.

The City of Santa Fe Springs is the lead agency for the Norwalk Boulevard Redevelopment Project pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended, Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.

After preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Report, the City of Santa Fe Springs approved the project. On December 20, 1976, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles 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 proposed industrial drill track and industrial spur track will provide rail service to an approximately 69 acre parcel within the Norwalk Redevelopment Project which has been approved for industrial development as set forth on the map of Parcel Map No. 8631. The surrounding area is already developed industrially with warehouses and distribution centers, some of which are served by rail.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 8, 1979. 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 an industrial drill track and an industrial spur track at grade across Ann Street in the City of Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing BBJ-498.85-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. 8-A flashing light signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C).
5. For a period not to exceed one year from the date of this order, protection at the crossing may be two Standard No. 1-R crossing signs (General Order 75-C). The signs should be lettered, both sides, on reflectorized white background. No on-rail vehicle should operate over the crossing unless it is first brought to a stop and traffic on the highway protected by a member of the train crew, or other competent employee of the railroad, acting as a flagman. The flagman should place a minimum of two fuses on each side of the track prior to entry of the on-rail vehicle into the crossing.
6. Written instructions should be issued by the railroad to trainmen operating over the crossing to comply with the flagging instructions. A copy of the instructions should be filed with the Commission within thirty days after installation of the crossing. Suitable signs should be installed on both sides of Ann Street, calling the attention of trainmen to the flagging instructions. Flagging procedures outlined in Finding 5 should remain in full force until the required automatic protection is installed and operative.
7. Construction cost of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.
8. Maintenance of the crossing should be in accordance with General Order No. 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.

9. The City of Santa Fe Springs is the lead agency for the Norwalk Boulevard Redevelopment Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

10. The Commission is a responsible agency and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Environmental Impact Report.

11. The project will have no significant impact on the environment.

### C O N C L U S I O N

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. Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to construct an industrial drill track and an industrial spur track at grade across Ann Street in the City of Santa Fe Springs, 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 19th day of JUNE, 1979.

John E. Simpson  
President

Joseph L. Stinson

Robert D. Swick

Clare T. Deibel

Edward W. Smith  
Commissioners