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Decision No. SC690

AUG 14 1979

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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 industrial)
 spur tracks across CANOGA AVENUE and)
 OWENSMOUTH AVENUE, in the City of)
 Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles,)
 State of California.)

Application No. 58794
(Filed April 9, 1979)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to construct an industrial spur track to serve new industrial facilities in the Chatsworth Industrial Park, the Southern Pacific Transportation Company requests authority to construct the spur track at grade across Canoga and Owensmouth Avenues in 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, Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.

After preparation and review of an Initial Study, the City of Los Angeles issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On June 1, 1978, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles County Clerk which found that "This 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 Initial Study and Negative Declaration. The site of the proposed project has also been inspected by the Commission staff.

The proposed industrial spur track will provide rail service to new industrial facilities which are being constructed in the Chatsworth Industrial Park. The area in the vicinity of the Chatsworth Industrial Park, which is located in the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles, is a mixture of industrial, commercial, and residential development.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 10, 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 a spur track at grade across Canoga and Owensmouth Avenues in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, at the locations and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossings BY-446.35-C and BY-446.61-C, respectively.
2. Construction of the crossings should be equal or superior to Standard No. 2 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 Canoga Avenue Crossing (Crossing BY-446.35-C) should be two Standard No. 9-A gate-type signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C). Protection at the Owensmouth Avenue Crossing (Crossing BY-446.41-C) should be two Standard No. 8-A flashing light signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C).

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

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

7. The City of Los Angeles is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

8. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

9. This 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:

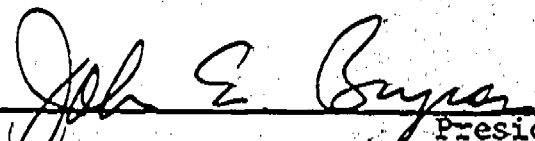
1. The Southern Pacific Transportation Company is authorized to construct a spur track at grade across Canoga and Owensmouth Avenues in the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, as set forth in the findings of this decision.

2. Within thirty days after completion of each crossing, pursuant to this order, applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.

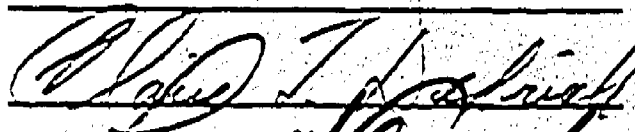
This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three years unless time be extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity or safety so require.


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

Dated AUG 14 1979, at San Francisco, California.



President





Commissioners

Commissioner Richard D. Gravelle, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.