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Decision No. 91524 APR 2 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Woodland, a municipal corporation of the State of California, for permission to construct at grade crossings over the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's railroad tracks at Churchill Downs Avenue and Santa Anita Drive, in the County of Yolo, State of California.

Application No. 59157  
(Filed September 24, 1979)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project for development of Ventura Industrial Park Unit No. 2, the City of Woodland requests authority to construct Churchill Downs Avenue and Santa Anita Drive at grade across Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks in the City of Woodland, Yolo County.

The City of Woodland 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 Environmental Impact Report, the City of Woodland approved the project. On October 16, 1979, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Yolo 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 Ventura Industrial Park Unit No. 2 is an area of approximately 73 acres which is being subdivided into 18 parcels of varying size. The site is located west of Ventura Industrial Park Unit No. 1 and is bounded on the west by the Interstate 5 Freeway. The area being developed was formerly agricultural but is now zoned for industrial use.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 25, 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. The City of Woodland should be authorized to construct Churchill Downs Avenue at grade across Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Branch Line track and Santa Anita Drive at grade across Southern Pacific's industrial drill track at the locations and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as crossings AF-87.1 and AF-87.4-C, respectively.
2. Construction of the crossings 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 each crossing should be two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C).
5. Construction expense 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 pursuant to the provisions of Section 1202.2 of the Public Utilities Code.
7. Construction plans of the crossings, 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. Applicant is the lead agency for this project 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

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 Woodland is authorized to construct Churchill Downs Avenue and Santa Anita Drive at grade across Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks in the City of Woodland, Yolo 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 APR 2 1980, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Byron  
President

James L. Struening  
Robert D. Howell

Leonard J. Quinn  
Commissioners

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