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Decision No. 91574 APR 15 1980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Redding,  
a body corporate and politic, for  
authority to construct a roadway under  
railroad trestle located in northwest  
Redding. }

Application No. 59270  
(Filed November 14, 1979)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project for development of Lake Redding Estates, the City of Redding requests authority to construct Quartz Hill Road at separated grades under the existing railroad trestle of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Main Line in the City of Redding, Shasta County.

The City of Redding 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 Redding approved the project. On May 4, 1978, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Shasta 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 project site is generally located north of the Sacramento River and west of Southern Pacific's tracks. The area is presently partially open land with a city park, golf course, and baseball fields nearby. The proposed road would provide improved access to the development which provides for 609 single family homes with an accompanying 2.5 acre commercial center.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on November 16, 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 Quartz Hill Road at separated grades under the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Main Line in the City of Redding, Shasta County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing C-259.2-B.

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

3. Construction and maintenance costs should be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties relative thereto and a copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossing approved by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, should be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.

4. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

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

6. 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 Redding is authorized to construct Quartz Hill Road at separated grades under the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Main Line in the City of Redding, Shasta County, as set forth in the findings of this decision.

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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 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 APR 15 1980, at San Francisco, California.

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President

*Veron L. Stinson*

*Robert W. Kooze*

*Clare J. Delgado*

*Samuel W. Smith*  
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Commissioners

Commissioner John E. Bryson,  
being necessarily absent, did  
not participate.