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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY of the City of Compton created under the Community Redevelopment Law of California, re the construction of a roadway on ALAMEDA STREET at grade between Greenleaf Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard at and along the right-of-way of the San Pedro Branch of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

Application No. 59127 (Filed September 11, 1979)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to improve access to the Alameda Auto Plaza, the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Compton requests authority to construct Auto Drive South at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's San Pedro Branch Line in the City of Compton, Los Angeles County.

The City of Compton 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.

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After preparation and review of an Initial Study, the City of Compton issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On March 14, 1980, 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 Initial Study and Negative Declaration. The site of the proposed project has also been inspected by the Commission staff.

The construction of Auto Drive South across Southern Pacific Transportation Company's tracks will provide additional access, improve traffic circulation, and increase convenience to existing and projected developments in the area. The project site is in an area that is principally commercial and industrial.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on September 13, 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 Auto Drive South at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's San Pedro Branch Line in the City of Compton, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application, to be identified as crossing BG-495.1.
2. Construction of the crossing 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 crossing should be two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers (General Order 75-C). Control of the traffic signals to be installed at the adjacent intersection of Alameda Street and Auto Drive South should be preempted from the crossing protection signal controller upon the approach of trains.
5. Landscaping planned for the area should not impair motorist's views of the signals.
6. Construction expense of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection should be borne by the applicant.
7. Maintenance of the crossing should conform to 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.
8. 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.
9. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended.

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

11. 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 Compton is authorized to construct Auto Drive South at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's San Pedro Branch Line in the City of Compton, 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 MAY 20 1980, at San Francisco,
California.

John E. Guyon
President

Vernon L. Thompson

Michael D. Howell

Clair J. Smith

Russell Smith
Commissioners