

Decision No. 93082 MAY 19 1981

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW, a body corporate and politic, for authority to construct a pedestrian/bicycle overcrossing of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks (including a column within the railroad right-of-way) approximately 2,000' east of Rengstorff Avenue. The crossing will connect Farley Street and Escuela Avenue, located in the City of Mountain View.

Application No. 60129
(Filed December 9, 1980)

O P I N I O N

The City of Mountain View requests authority to construct the Farley Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Coast Route Main Line in the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County.

The City of Mountain View is the lead agency for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq. After preparation and review of an Initial Study, the City of Mountain View issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. On December 9, 1980, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Santa Clara 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 been inspected by the Commission staff.

The Farley Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing project is located in a mixed use area of small businesses, high density apartment housing and single-family homes. The project involves construction of

a reinforced concrete overcrossing of the Central Expressway and Southern Pacific's tracks in the vicinity of Farley Street on the east and Escuela Avenue on the west. Construction of the overcrossing will provide a safe and convenient route for pedestrians and bicyclists traveling between the residential housing on the north side of the Central Expressway and the greater downtown business district of Mountain View.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on December 15, 1980. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant requests authority pursuant to Sections 1201-1205 of the Public Utilities Code to construct the Farley Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Coast Route Main Line in the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County.
2. The proposed overcrossing is required to improve the safety of bicycle and pedestrian traffic by removing it from the surface traffic pattern.
3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the proposed overcrossing.
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 Initial Study and Negative Declaration.
6. The project will have no significant impact on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Mountain View is authorized to construct the Farley Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Coast Route Main Line in the City of Mountain View, Santa Clara County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plan attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing No. E-35.1-AD.

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

3. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered between the parties relative thereto, and a copy of the agreement, together with plans of the filed crossing approved by Southern Pacific Transportation Company, shall be filed with the Commission prior to completion, ~~pursuant to this order,~~ ~~applicant shall so advise the Commission in writing.~~ ✓
SS

4. 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 MAY 19 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Boyer
President

Richard D. Powell

Stanley J. Smith

Victor Cabot

Thomas C. Mearns
Commissioners