

Decision No. 93158 JUN 2 1981

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California, Department of Transportation, for an order authorizing the removal and replacement of the northbound portion of the Sacramento River Bridge and Overhead No. 2-02 within the city limits of Dunsmuir on Interstate 5 at Post Mile 2.7 in Siskiyou County. This grade separation is over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company.

Application 60284
(Filed February 23, 1981)

O P I N I O N

The State of California, Department of Transportation, requests authority to reconstruct the northbound portion of the Sacramento River Bridge and Overhead on Interstate Highway 5 over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Main Line in the City of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County.

Applicant 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. On January 22, 1980, applicant approved a Categorical Exemption Determination which found that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Class 2: Replacement or Reconstruction, pursuant to Title 21, (Department of Transportation) California Administrative Code, Section 1510.2.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Categorical Exemption Determination. The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission staff.

The existing concrete bridge is deteriorating and in need of replacement. The replacement structure will serve the same purpose and have the same capacity as the existing structure. Minor widening is planned to meet present design standards.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 27, 1981. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. Applicant requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-105 to reconstruct the northbound portion of the Sacramento River Bridge and Overhead on Interstate Highway 5 over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Main Line in the City of Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County.
2. Reconstruction of the overhead is required to restore and maintain full use of the freeway facilities.
3. Public convenience and necessity require reconstruction of the proposed overhead.
4. Applicant is the lead agency for this project pursuant to CEQA, as amended.
5. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has independently evaluated and assessed the lead agency's Categorical Exemption Determination.
6. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

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

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The State of California, Department of Transportation, is authorized to reconstruct the northbound portion of the Sacramento River Bridge and Overhead on Interstate Highway 5 over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's Main Line in the City of

Dunsmuir, Siskiyou County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing C-322.8-A.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order 26-D.

3. Walkways shall conform to General Order 118. Walkways adjacent to any trackage subject to rail operations shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall promptly be restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

4. Removal, reconstruction, and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement which has been entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossing approved by Southern Pacific Transportation Company, has been filed with the Commission.

5. Within 30 days after completion under 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.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JUN 2 1981, at San Francisco, California.

John E. Bryan
President

Richard D. Hoyle

Samuel J. ...

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Commissioner Priscilla C. Grew, ^{Commissioners} being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.