Decision <u>95-11-068</u> November 21, 1995

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE

In the matter of the application of the City of Industry for the proposed widening of the existing grade separation of Hacienda Boulevard over the Union Pacific Railroad Company rightof-way, in the City of Industry.)

Application 95-05-072 (Filed May 25, 1995)

OPINION

City of Industry (City) requests authority to widen Hacienda Boulevard Overhead grade separation over Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) Main Line tracks, in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County.

The existing physical width constraints of the Hacienda Boulevard Overpass, require that this structure be widened to accommodate a new through lane in each direction of travel. Adding the new lanes will reduce congestion by increasing roadway capacity. During construction, construction staging will allow Hacienda Boulevard traffic uninterrupted use of the structure; railroad traffic will remain largely unaffected.

City is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000, et seq. City issued a Negative Declaration and on June 10, 1994, filed a Notice of Determination with the 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 CEOA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination.

The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division - Traffic Engineering

staff. Staff examined the need for and safety of the proposed project and recommends that the new overhead be approved.

The application was found to be in compliance with the Commission's filing requirements, including Rule 39 of Rules of Practice and Procedure which relates to the widening or relocation of existing crossings and separations over railroad track. Detailed drawings of the proposed overhead are included in Appendix A attached to this order.

Findings of Fact

- 1. Notice of the Application was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on June 28, 1995. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.
- 2. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to widen the existing Hacienda Boulevard Overhead at separated grades over UP's Main Line in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County.
- 3. Widening of the existing overpass is required to accommodate a new through lane in each direction of travel, thereby reducing congestion and increasing roadway capacity on Hacienda Boulevard.
- 4. Public convenience, necessity and safety require widening of the existing Hacienda Boulevard Overpass.
- 5. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.
- 6. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project, and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination.
- 7. This project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

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

ORDBR

IT IS ORDERED that:

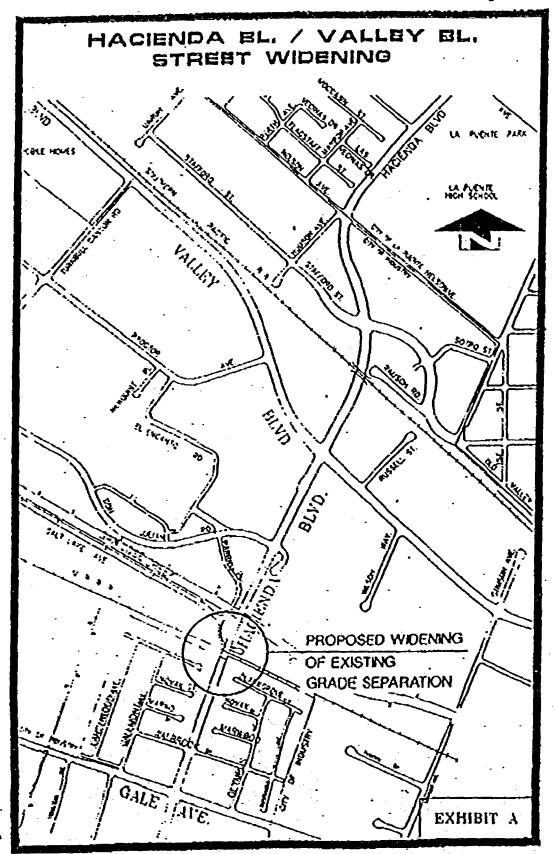
- 1. City of Industry (City) is authorized to widen Hacienda Boulevard Overhead grade separation over Union Pacific Railroad Company's (UP) Main Line tracks, identified as Crossing 3-17.91-A, in the City of Industry, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the Application and Appendix A of this order.
- 2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D.
- 3. Walkways shall conform to GO 118. Walkways adjacent to any trackage subject to rail operations shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be promptly restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.
 - 4. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne by City.
- 5. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, City shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.
- 6. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three years unless time is extended or if the above conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety so require.

7. The application is granted as set forth above.
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.
Dated NOV 21, 1995, at San Francisco, California.

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