

Decision 96-02-066 February 23, 1996

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Roseville,)
 for an order authorizing the City to:)
 Construct Pleasant Grove Boulevard)
 Overhead over the tracks and right of)
 way of the Southern Pacific)
 Transportation Company in the City of)
 Roseville, Placer County,)
 State of California.)

Application 95-10-044
(Filed October 31, 1995)

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O P I N I O N

The City of Roseville (City) requests authority to construct the Pleasant Grove Boulevard Overhead structure at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) C-Line in Roseville, Placer County.

Pleasant Grove Boulevard is an east-west arterial located in the north Roseville area. The proposed overcrossing would provide a new connection over the SPT C-Line between Washington and Foothills Boulevards. Upon completion of the overcrossing, Pleasant Grove Boulevard would serve as the central east-west link between the residential, industrial, and commercial uses in the area.

City has identified the overcrossing project in their General Plan Circulation Element and in the Northwest Roseville Specific Plan, Environmental Impact Report. Both documents list significant traffic impacts which would be partially mitigated by this project.

The proposed overhead will consist of a three-span, cast-in-place, prestressed, box girder bridge. The bridge will be 232' long and will provide a total width of 112'. It will accommodate

six 12' vehicular lanes, two 6'4" bicycle lanes, one 14' raised median island, two 5'8" sidewalks, and concrete barriers. Permanent overhead clearance is designed for 24'6" above the top-of-rail.

City is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources Code Sections 21000, et seq. After preparation and review of an Initial Study, City issued a Negative Declaration. A Notice of Determination was filed on August 4, 1995, which found that "the project will not have a significant environmental effect."

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

The site of the project has been inspected by the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division, Traffic Engineering Section staff. The staff examined the need for and safety of the proposed project and recommends that the sought authority be granted. City has expressed the desire to begin construction at the earliest possible date, therefore, this order should be effective immediately.

Application 95-10-044 meets the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including Rule 38, which relates to the construction of a public highway across a railroad. A sketch of the project area is set forth as Appendix A.

Findings of Fact

1. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on November 2, 1995. No protests have been filed.

2. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct the Pleasant Grove Boulevard Overhead (PUC No. 001C-108.56-A) at separated grades over the SPT C-Line tracks in Roseville, Placer County.

3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require the construction of the Pleasant Grove Boulevard Overhead.

4. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended:

5. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Initial Study and Negative Declaration.

6. The project will not have a significant environmental effect.

Conclusions of Law

1. The application is uncontested and a public hearing is not necessary.

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

3. The usual 30-day effective date on an order should be waived as City wishes to begin construction at the earliest possible date.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Roseville (City) is authorized to construct the Pleasant Grove Boulevard Overhead structure at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company (SPT) C-Line in Roseville, Placer County at the location and substantially as shown on the plans attached to the application and Appendix A of this order, to be identified as Crossing 001C-108.56-A.
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 plans, approved by SPT, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties, shall be filed by City with the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division prior to commencing construction.
5. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement to be entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement shall be filed by City with the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.
6. Within thirty (30) days after completion of the work under this order, City shall advise the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division in writing that the authorized work has been completed.
7. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within three (3) years unless time is extended or if the above

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conditions are not complied with. Authorization may be revoked or modified if public convenience, necessity, or safety require.

8. The application is granted as set forth above.
9. Application 95-10-044 is closed.

This order is effective today.

Dated FEB 23, 1996 at San Francisco, California.

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President

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