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Decision 97-05-085 May 21, 1997

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of THE TOWN OF TRUCKEE for)	
authority to construct a replacement)	Application 97-02-016
bridge crossing over the S.P.T.C. track.)	(Filed February 7, 1997)
The new bridge is located on Glenshire)	
Drive in the Town of Truckee, County of)	
Nevada, adjacent to the existing bridge)	

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to replace the substandard existing Glenshire Drive Bridge and Overhead, the Town of Truckee (Town) requests authority to reconstruct and replace the bridge and overhead over the Union Pacific Railroad (formerly Southern Pacific Transportation) Company's (UP) main line tracks in the Town of Truckee, Nevada County.

The Town of Truckee was incorporated in 1993, however, the local preference is to continue using the term Town as prefix to its name.

The proposed project includes realignment of the roadway, reconstruction of the bridge and overhead over railroad tracks and the Truckee River. The existing bridge and overhead will stay in service until the new bridge and overhead is constructed, at which time the old bridge and overhead will be demolished.

The proposed bridge and overhead, when completed, will have a minimum vertical clearance of 24 feet above the rails. The Town requests a temporary minimum vertical clearance of 21 feet 6 inches during the period of construction.

The Town 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, the Town issued a Negative Declaration and approved the project. A Notice of Determination was filed with the State Office of Planning and Research on April 7, 1997 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 reviewed and considered the lead agency's Negative Declaration. The application meets the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including Rule 39, which relates to widening or relocation of an existing crossing. A sketch of the crossing area is set forth as Appendix A.

The Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division Traffic Engineering staff inspected the site of the proposed project. After reviewing the need for and safety of the proposed grade separated crossing, the staff recommends issuance of an ex parte order authorizing reconstruction of the bridge and overhead.

Findings of Facts

1. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on February 21, 1997. No protests have been filed.

2. The Town requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to reconstruct the Glenshire Drive Bridge and Overhead over the UP main line tracks, in Truckee, Nevada County.

3. The bridge and overhead is an essential component of local traffic circulation.

4. Public convenience and necessity require reconstruction of the bridge and overhead.

5. The Town 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.

7. The Town requests a temporary minimum vertical clearance of 21 feet 6 inches during the period of construction of the bridge and overhead.

Conclusions of Law

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

2. The application is uncontested, and a public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Town of Truckee (Town) is authorized to reconstruct the Glenshire Drive Bridge and Overhead over the Union Pacific Railroad (formerly Southern Pacific Transportation) Company's (UP) main line tracks, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to continue to be identified as Crossing A-212.30-A.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D, except that during the period of construction a temporary minimum clearance of 21 feet 6 inches above top of rail is authorized, and UP is authorized to operate with such reduced overhead clearance provided the railroad issues instructions (and files them with the Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division) limiting the height of loads beneath the structure.

3. The Town shall notify the Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division and UP at least 15, but not more than 30, days in advance of the date when the temporary impaired overhead clearance will be created.

4. 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.

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, together with plans of the crossing approved by UP, shall be filed by the Town with the Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers 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 30 days after completion of the work under this order, the Town shall notify the Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

7. 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.

8. The Executive Director shall serve a copy of this order on UP, so that the railroad company is informed of the obligation herein imposed upon it.

9. The application is granted as set forth above.

10. Application 97-02-016 is closed.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated May 21, 1997, at Sacramento, California.

P. GREGORY CONLON

President

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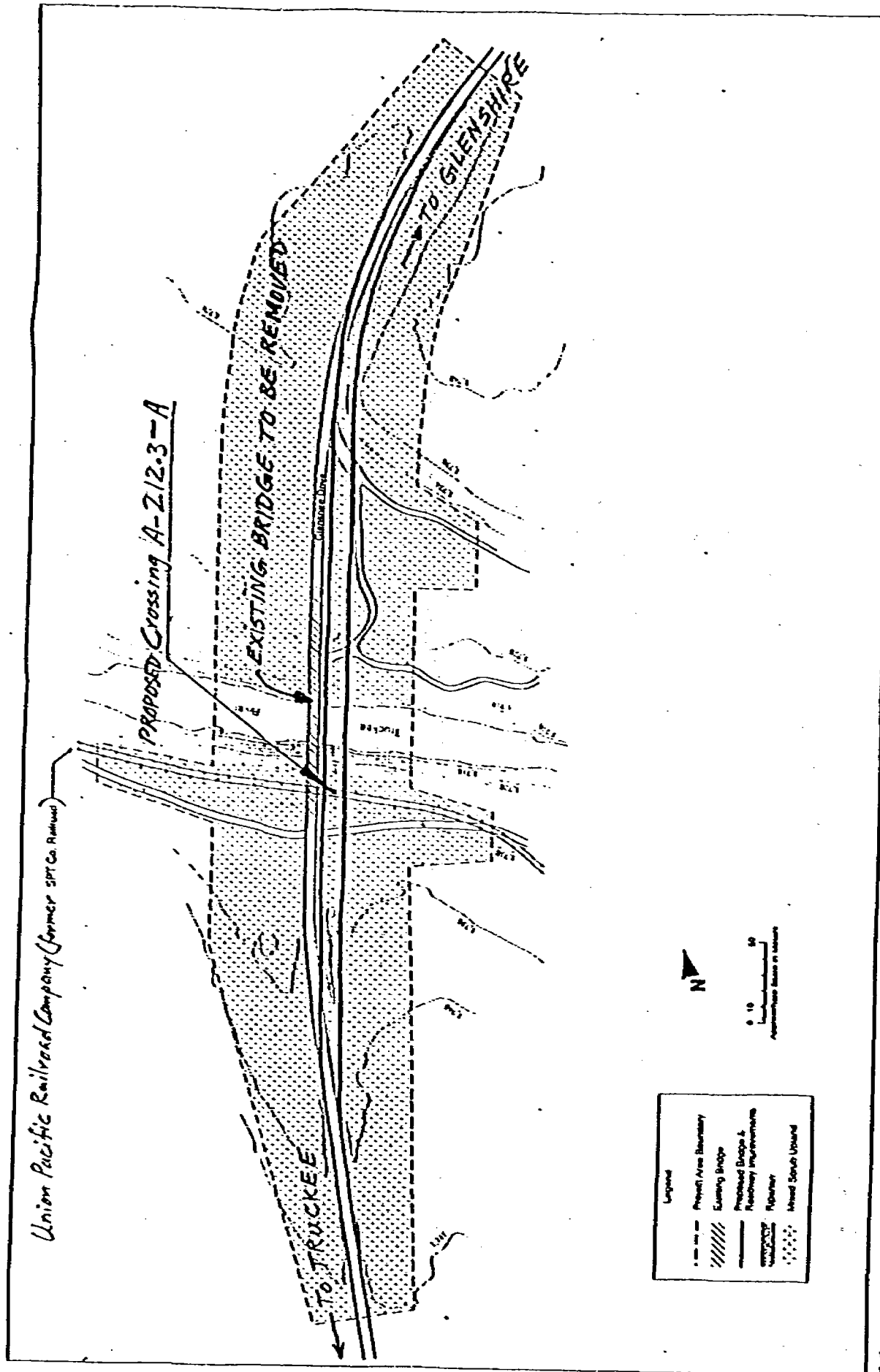


Exhibit C
Glenshire Drive Bridge
Project Site

