

Decision 98-09-067 September 17, 1998
BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Woodland to convert)
to public use one existing grade crossing of the)
Yolo Shortline Railroad Company at Hanson Way)
in said City of Woodland, State of California.)
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Application 94-04-028
(Filed April 18, 1994)

OPINION

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The City of Woodland (City) requests authority to make public an existing at-grade crossing at Hanson Way across Yolo Shortline Railroad Company's (YSLR) Holland Main Line in Woodland, Yolo County.

With the construction of the Stuart Hall warehouse in the City of Woodland, a private crossing was relocated and constructed to public street standards. The public crossing will serve the Gateway Industrial Park and the Hunter Industrial Park, with approximately 194 acres of industrial sites.

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 Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved the project. No major impacts were identified. On December 11, 1990 a Notice of Determination was filed with the Yolo 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 reviewed and considered the lead agency's Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. The site of the constructed project has been inspected by the Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division, Traffic Engineering Section (staff). The staff

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examined the need for and safety of the construction and recommends issuance of an ex-parte order authorizing the crossing as requested.

Application A.94-04-028 has met 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 crossing area is set forth as Appendix A.

There are no unresolved matters, and a public hearing is not necessary. Since the application was filed prior to January 1, 1998, the application is not subject to requirements provided in Senate Bill (SB) 960 (Statutes 1996, Chapter 856).

Findings of Facts

1. Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on April 20, 1994. No protests have been received.
2. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to establish Hanson Way across the tracks of YSLR's Holland Main Line in Woodland, Yolo County.
3. The crossing is required to provide public access to the Gateway and the Hunter Industrial Parks.
4. Public convenience and necessity require establishment of the Hanson Way crossing.
5. Public safety requires that warning devices at the crossing be two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals as specified in General Order (G.O.) 75-C.
6. Staff on-site inspection reveals that the existing private crossing has two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals (as required per G.O. 75-C) and it meets the clearance and walkways requirements of G.O.s 26-D, 72-B, and 118.
7. City is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.
8. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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9. The project will have no significant effect on the environment.

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.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The City of Woodland (City), is authorized to establish a public roadway across Yolo Shortline Railroad Company's (YSLR) Holland Main Line tracks in Woodland, Yolo County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, to be identified as Crossing 100-14.15.
2. Warning devices at the crossing shall be two standard No.9 automatic gate-type signals as specified in General Order (G.O.) 75-C. Vehicle parking within 50 feet of the crossing shall be prohibited.
3. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of G.O. 72-B. Maintenance of the crossing shall conform to G.O. 72-B.
4. Clearances and walkways shall conform to G.O. 26-D, and G.O. 118.
5. 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 with the Commission's Rail Safety and Carriers Division after issuance of this Order.

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6. The application is granted as set forth above.

7. Application 94-04-028 is closed.

This order becomes effective in 30 days.

Dated September 17, 1998, at San Francisco, California

RICHARD A. BILAS

President

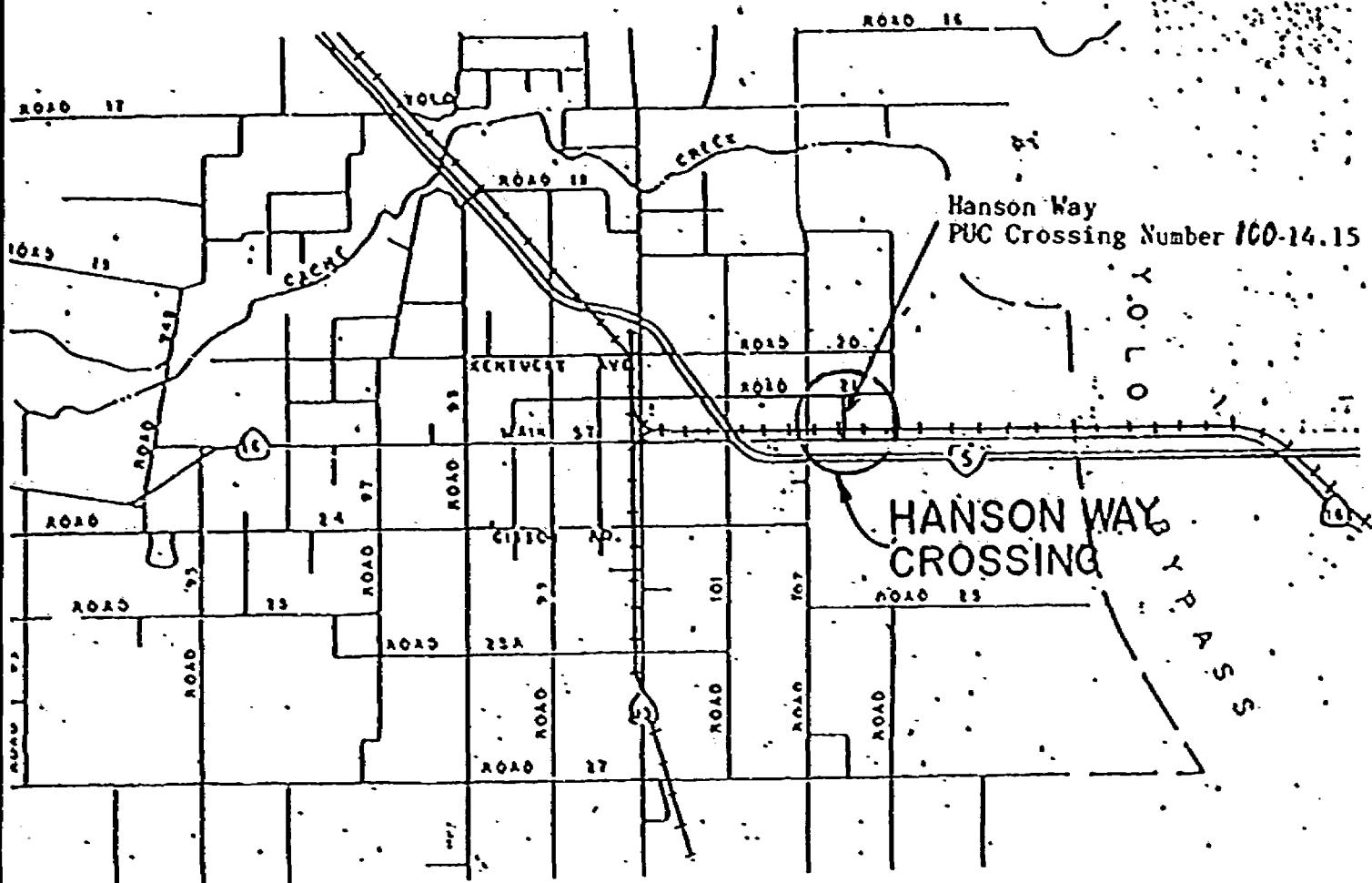
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Commissioners



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