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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of the )  
 City of Santa Clarita for the construction )  
 of a proposed grade separation of Via Princessa ) Application 88-02-046  
 Wiley Canyon Road over the Southern Pacific ) (Filed February 25, 1988)  
 Transportation Company El Paso Line, proposed )  
 crossing in the City of Santa Clarita, )  
 County of Los Angeles )

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OPINION

The City of Santa Clarita (City) requests authority to construct Via Princessa/Wiley Canyon Road at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT), El Paso Main Line in Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County.

The proposed railroad-highway grade separation is an essential element in the City of Santa Clarita's Master Plan of Major Streets Improvement Program. Via Princessa/Wiley Canyon Road Overhead when constructed will be a principal east-west arterial, connecting Interstate Route 5 (I-5), the Golden State Freeway to major commercial, residential and industrial developments east of San Fernando Road.

The City is the lead agency for this project under California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000, et seq. City prepared an Initial Study and issued a Negative Declaration. On October 14, 1987, City filed a Notice of Determination with the County Clerk which found that "The project in its approved form 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 Negative Declaration.

The site of the proposed Via Princessa/Wiley Canyon Road Overhead project has been inspected by the Traffic Engineering staff. The staff examined the need for and the safety of the proposed grade separation. The staff recommends that the new grade separation be approved. ✓

The application was found to be in compliance under the Commission's filing requirements, including Rule 38 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure which Rule relates to the construction of public highways across railroads. Detailed drawings of the overhead are included in Appendix A of this order. ✓

Notice of the Application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 1, 1988. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct Via Princessa/Wiley Canyon Road at separated grades over the tracks of the SPT's El Paso Main Line in Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County.

2. Construction of Via Princessa/Wiley Canyon Road Overhead is required to reduce future traffic delay and to improve safety for railroad operations. ✓

3. Public convenience, necessity and safety require construction of the proposed grade separation.

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. 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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The City of Santa Clarita (City), is authorized to construct the Via Princessa/Wiley Canyon Road at separated grades over the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Paso Main Line in Santa Clarita, Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application and this order, to be identified as crossing B-451.65-A.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.

3. 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 approved by SPT, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.

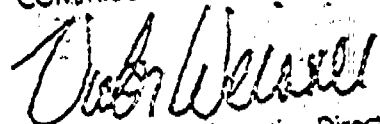
4. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, City shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

5. 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.

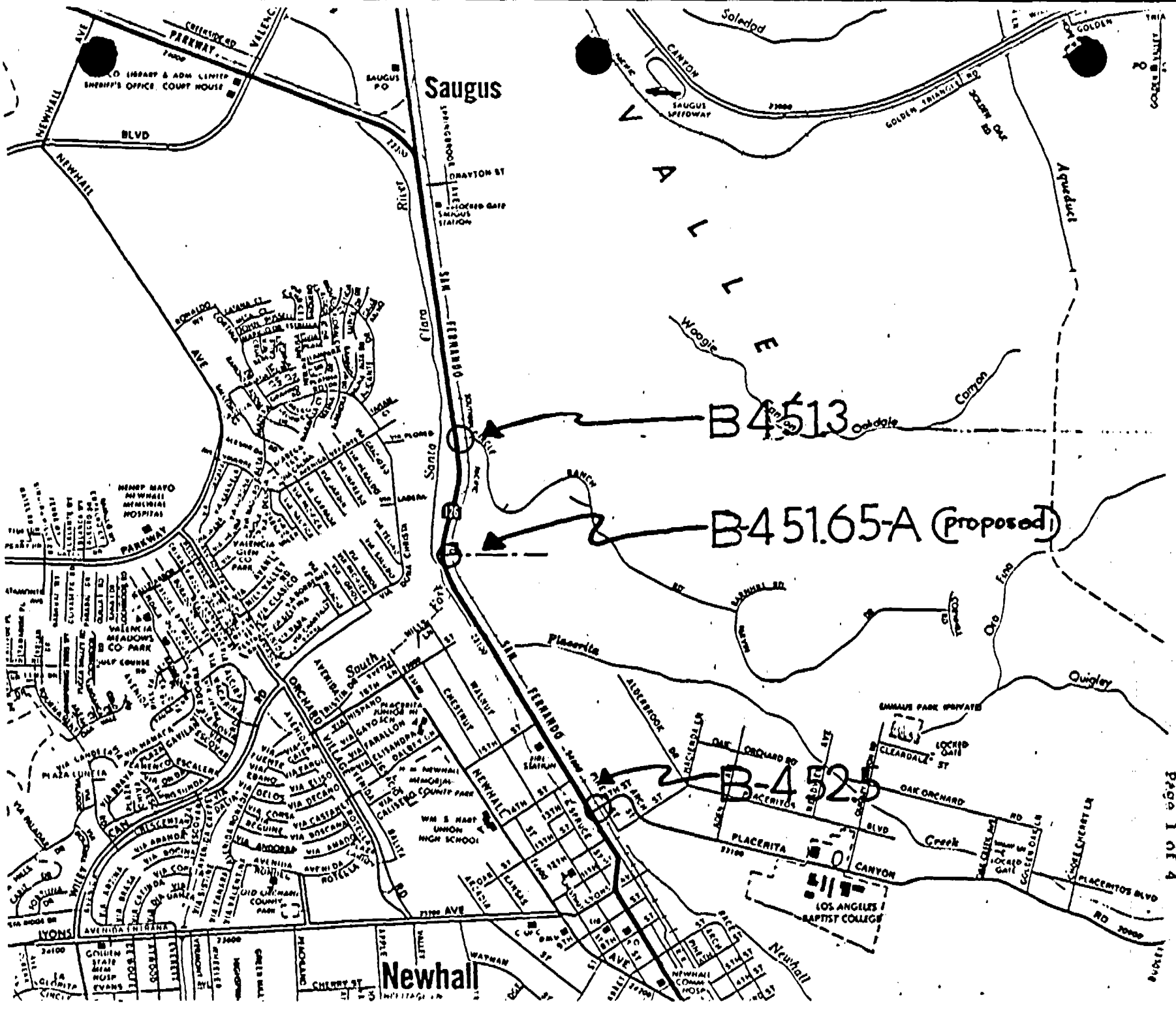
6. The application is granted as set forth above.  
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.  
Dated SEP 14 1988 at San Francisco, California.

STANLEY W. HULETT  
President  
DONALD VIAL  
FREDERICK R. DUDA  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
Commissioners

I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECISION  
WAS APPROVED BY THE ABOVE  
COMMISSIONERS TODAY.

  
Victor Weisser, Executive Director

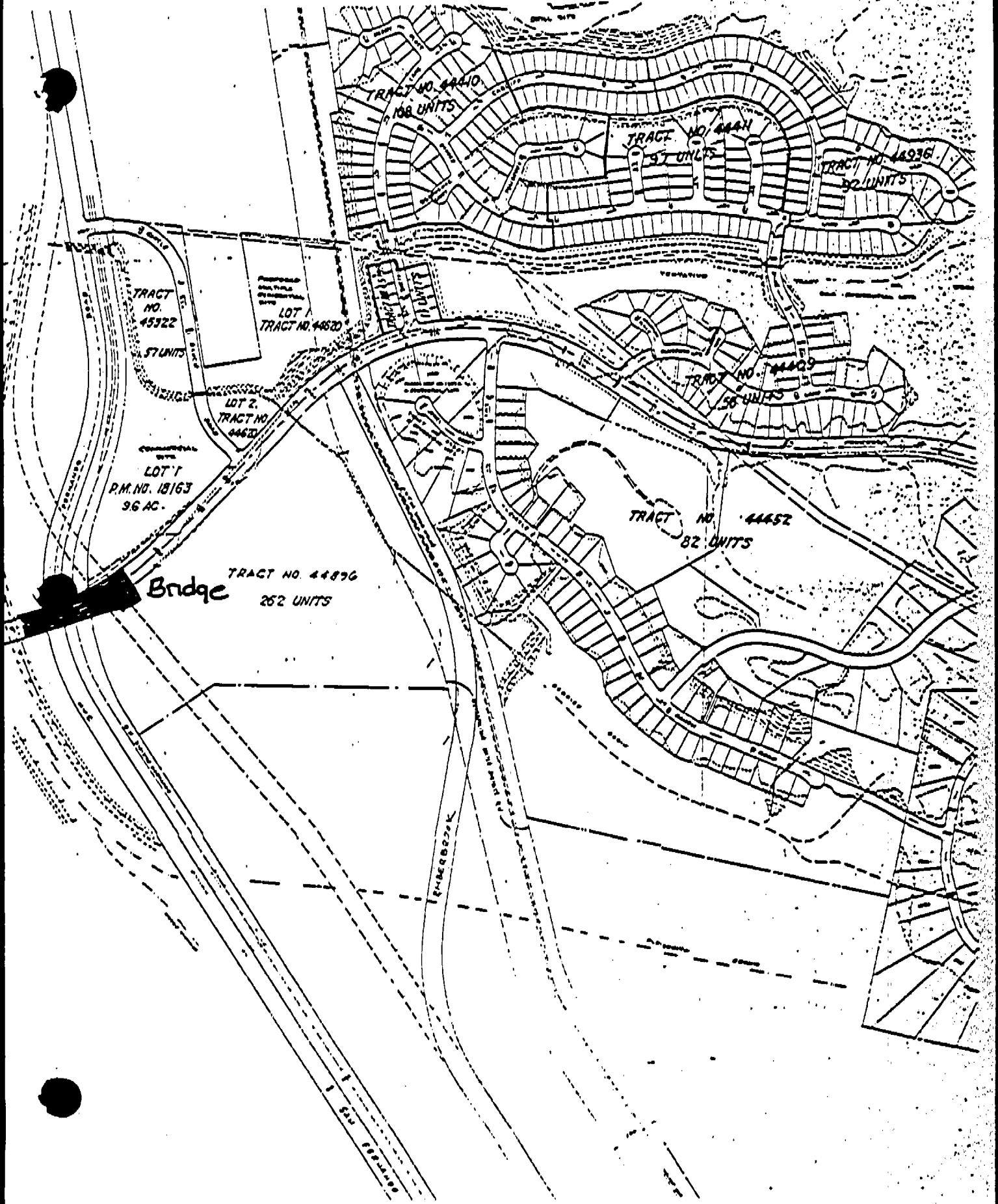
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