

Decision <u>89-01-032</u> JAN 27 1989

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the)
County of Los Angeles for an order authorizing the County to construct)
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under the Southern Pacific Transportation)
Company West Santa Ana Branch Line at approximate crossing BBL-503.21.

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OPINION

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Gabriel River Bikeway extending from Long Beach Harbor to Santa Fe
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County 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. County has determined that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Section 15304 (h) of the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code-Div. 6). Section 15304 applies to activities involving the minor alterations to land with subsection (h) being applicable to the creation of bicycle paths on existing rights-of-way.

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's categorical exemption determination.

The site of the proposed Bike Path Undercrossing has been inspected by the Commission's Traffic Engineering staff. After a review and analysis of future train traffic and bikeway geometrics of the area, the staff recommends that approval be granted to construct the bikeway crossing at separated grades.

City has met the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure including Rule 38, which relates to the construction of public highways across railroad tracks.

Notice of the application and amendment were published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 6, 1988. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

- 1. County requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct the Coyote Creek Channel Bike Path Undercrossing at separated grades under the tracks of SPT's West Santa Ana Branch Line in Los Angeles County.
- 2. Construction of the Bike Path Undercrossing is required to provide an off-road commuting route for bicyclists providing access from the southeast area of Los Angeles County to the Long Beach area.
- 3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the Bike Path Undercrossing at separated grades.
- 4. County 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 categorical exemption determination.
- 6. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The application should be granted as set forth in the following order.
- 2. The activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in CEQA and, therefore, the Guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code Div. 6) concerning the evaluation of projects and the preparation and review of environmental documents do not apply.

QRDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles (County) is authorized to construct a Bike Path crossing at separated grades under the tracks of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) West Santa Ana Branch Line in Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown on plans attached to the application and Appendix A of this order, to be identified as Crossing B-503.21-BD.
- 2. Clearances shall conform to 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, County 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.

	The application is granted as set forth above.	
	This order becomes effective 30 days from today.	
	Dated JAN 27 1989 , at San Francisco, Californi	a.

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

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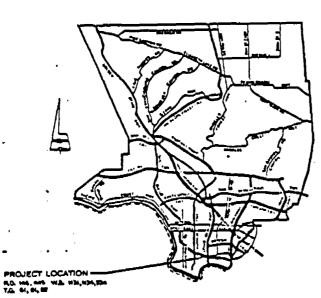
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CONVENTIONAL SYMBOLS FOR EXISTING TOPOGRAPHY

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GUTTER
PAVEMENT: CONCRETE
MEMALY
WALK
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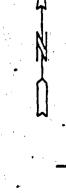
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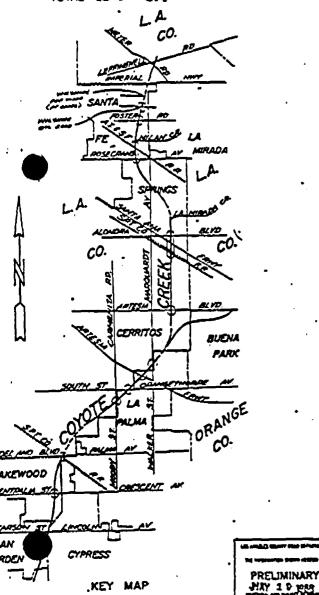
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ASH CONTRACT NO. 2340R

OTE CREEK BIKE PATH (WEST SIDE)
MEYER ROAD TO CENTRALIA STREET

TOTAL LENGTH 6.0 MILES



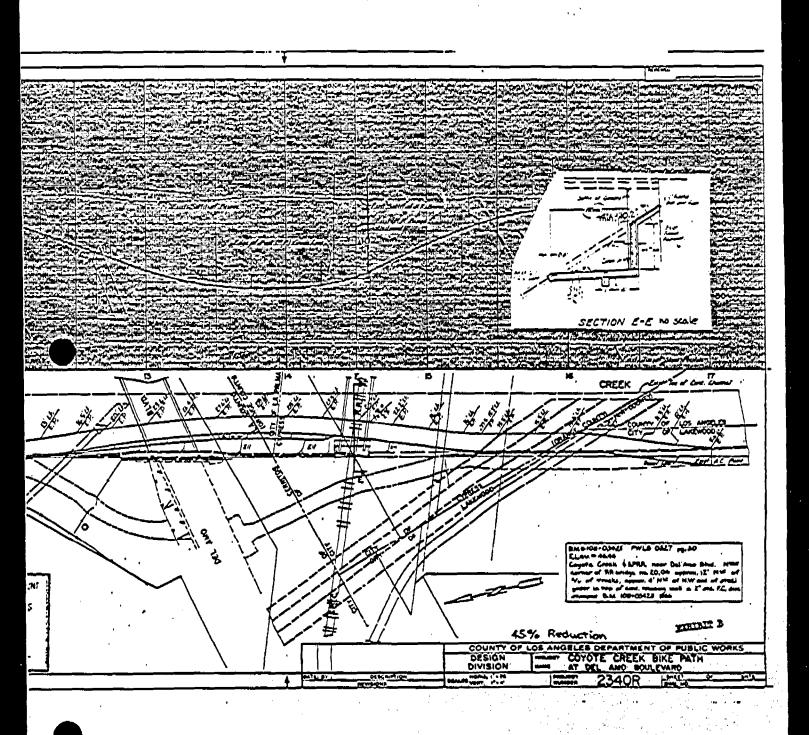
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