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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the State of California,)
Department of Transportation for an)
order authorizing the Department to:)
Widen, by reconstruction, an existing)
grade separation over the tracks of the)
Southern Pacific Transportation Company)
in the City of San Jose, Santa Clara)
County, California.)

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Application 88-10-024
(Filed October 12, 1988)

OPINION

The State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), requests authority to reconstruct and widen the Laurel Street Overhead on Interstate 880 (I-880, formerly State Route 17) over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) main line in San Jose, Santa Clara County.

The proposed reconstruction and widening of the Laurel Street Overhead will add to the existing six lanes of freeway traffic an auxiliary southbound outside lane and will increase to 10 feet (standard) the width of the median and outside shoulders. The new overhead above the two tracks will be of drop-in-place precast prestressed I-girder design.

Caltrans 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. Caltrans has determined that the project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Title 21 (Department of Transportation), Subchapter 11, Section 1510.1(c) of the California Administrative Code. Section 1510.1 applies to Class 1: Existing Facilities, with Subsection (c) being applicable to activities involving existing streets and highways.

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

The application meets the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, including Rule 38, which relates to construction of a public highway across a railroad. A sketch of the project vicinity is set forth as Appendix A.

The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission's Traffic Engineering staff. The staff has examined the need to reconstruct the existing inadequate structure and recommends that authority to construct the new improved overhead be granted.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on October 18, 1988. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to reconstruct and widen the Laurel Street Overhead on I-880 at separated grades over the tracks of SPT's main line in San Jose, Santa Clara County.
2. Reconstruction and widening of the Laurel Street Overhead is required to increase roadway capacity and improve safety.
3. Public convenience, necessity, and safety require the reconstruction and widening of the Laurel Street Overhead.
4. Caltrans 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 exemption determination.
6. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may 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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The State of California, Department of Transportation, (Caltrans), is authorized to reconstruct and widen the Laurel Street Overhead on I-880 at separated grades over the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) main line in San Jose, Santa Clara County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the application, identified as Crossing E-45.3-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 obstruction and shall be promptly restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

4. Construction and maintenance costs shall be borne in accordance with an agreement which has been entered into between the parties. A copy of the agreement, together with plans of the crossings 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.

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

6. 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.


7. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated FEB 24 1989, at San Francisco, California.

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

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


Victor Weisberg, Executive Director

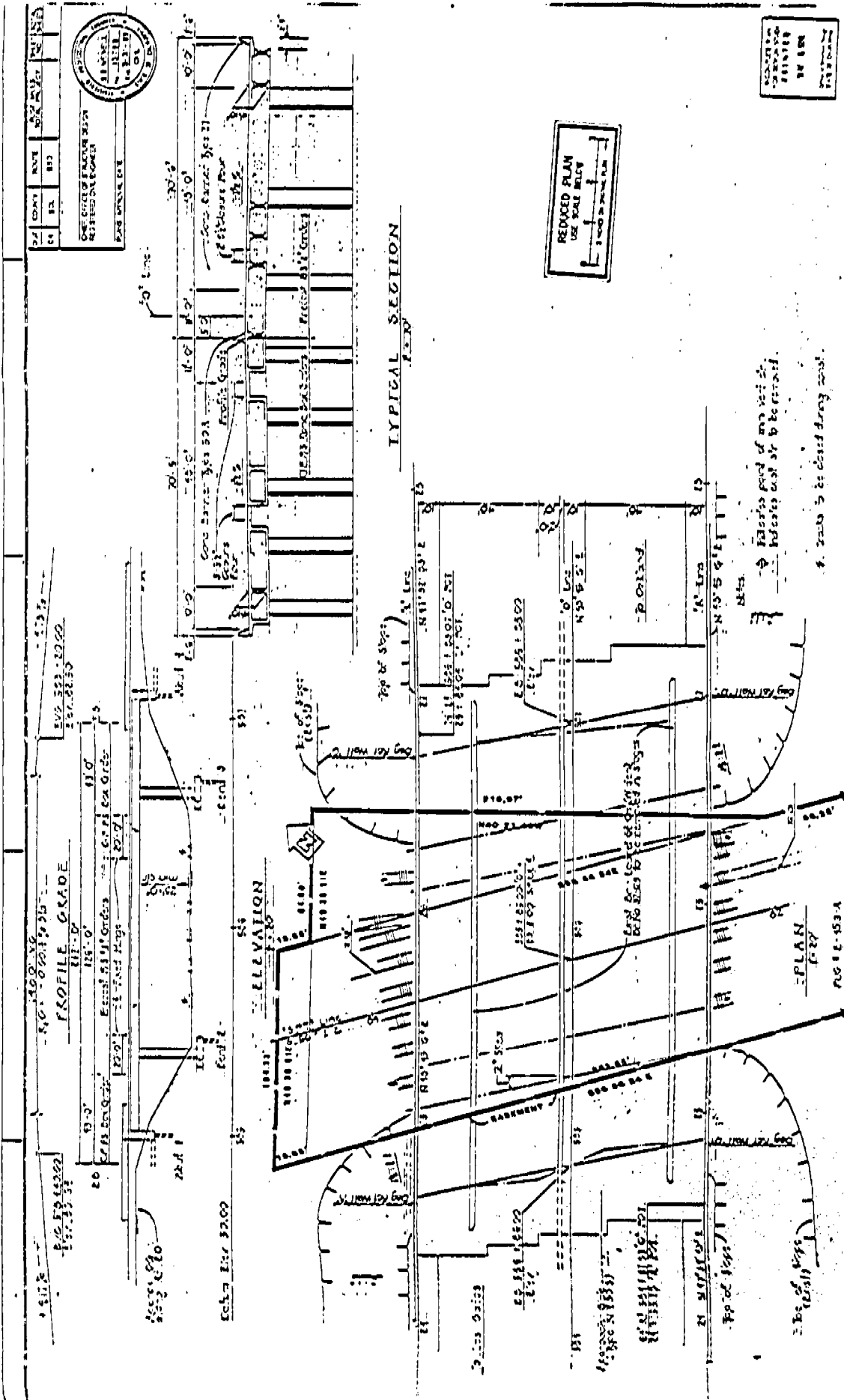
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