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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of the County of Los Angeles for the construction of a proposed grade crossing of Canyon Park Boulevard at the Southern Pacific Transportation Company's El Paso line, proposed crossing B - _____, in the County of Los Angeles

Application 88-12-059 (Filed December 29, 1988)

OPINION

The County of Los Angeles (County) requests authority to construct Canyon Park Boulevard at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Paso main line, in the Solemint Area of Los Angeles County. As part of the project, an existing nearby private grade crossing of SPT's tracks will be closed upon completion of the new grade crossing and its opening to vehicular traffic.

The construction of Canyon Park Boulevard at Sierra Highway will provide access to a proposed 5,400 residential unit development on a 988 acre site located southerly and adjacent to SPT's tracks, northerly and westerly of State Route 14 (SR-14) Antelope Valley Freeway and easterly of Sierra Highway. The completion of Canyon Park Boulevard, as well as the closure of the existing private crossing, is an essential element in providing adequate access to and traffic circulation within the residential development, to be known as American Beauty Homes.

County is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq. After preparation and review of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), County approved the project. On December 23, 1988, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Los Angeles 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 EIR and Notice of Determination.

The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Safety Division Traffic Engineering staff.

County has met the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure including Rule 38 which relates to the construction of public highways across a railroad. Detailed drawings of the crossing street geometrics are attached to Appendix "A" of this order.

By motion filed January 12, 1989, SPT requested an additional 60 days in which to complete its review of the proposed at-grade crossing. Examiner's ruling granted SPT's request for additional time, which ruling expires on March 29, 1989. There are no other unresolved matters, a public hearing is not necessary. Findings of Fact

- 1. County requests authority under Public Utilities Code (PU) §§ 1201-1205 to construct Canyon Park Boulevard at grade across the track of SPT's El Paso main line in the Solemint area of Los Angeles County.
- 2. Construction of the crossing is required to provide access to and adequate traffic circulation within the American Beauty Homes Residential Development.
- 3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the Canyon Park Boulevard grade crossing.
- 4. Public safety requires that protection at the crossing be two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals and two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers (General Order (GO) 75-C).

- 5. Upon completion of the new grade crossing and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing nearby private grade crossing should be closed and physically removed.
- 6. County is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.
- 7. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Determination.
- 6. The project will have no significant effect on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

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

QRDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The County of Los Angeles (County) is authorized to construct Canyon Park Boulevard at grade across the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) El Paso main line in the Solemint Area of Los Angeles County, at the location and substantially as shown on the plans attached to the application and this order, to be identified as Crossing B 444.05.
- 2. Construction of the crossing shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of GO 72-B.
- 3. Clearances shall conform to GO 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.
- 4. Protection at the crossing shall be two Standard No. 9 automatic gate-type signals and two Standard No. 9-A automatic gate-type signals with cantilevers (GO 75-C).
- 5. Construction expense of the crossing and installation cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by County.

- 6. Maintenance of the crossing shall conform to GO 72-B. Maintenance cost of the automatic protection shall be borne by County under PU Code Section 1202.2.
- 7. Construction plans of the crossing, approved by SPT, together with a copy of the agreement entered into between the parties, shall be filed with the Commission prior to commencing construction.
- 8. Upon completion of the new grade crossing and its opening to vehicular traffic, the existing nearby private grade crossing at Mile Post 440.10, shall be closed and physically removed.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
 - 11. The application is granted as set forth above.

 This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

 Dated __MAY 26, 1989 , at San Francisco, California

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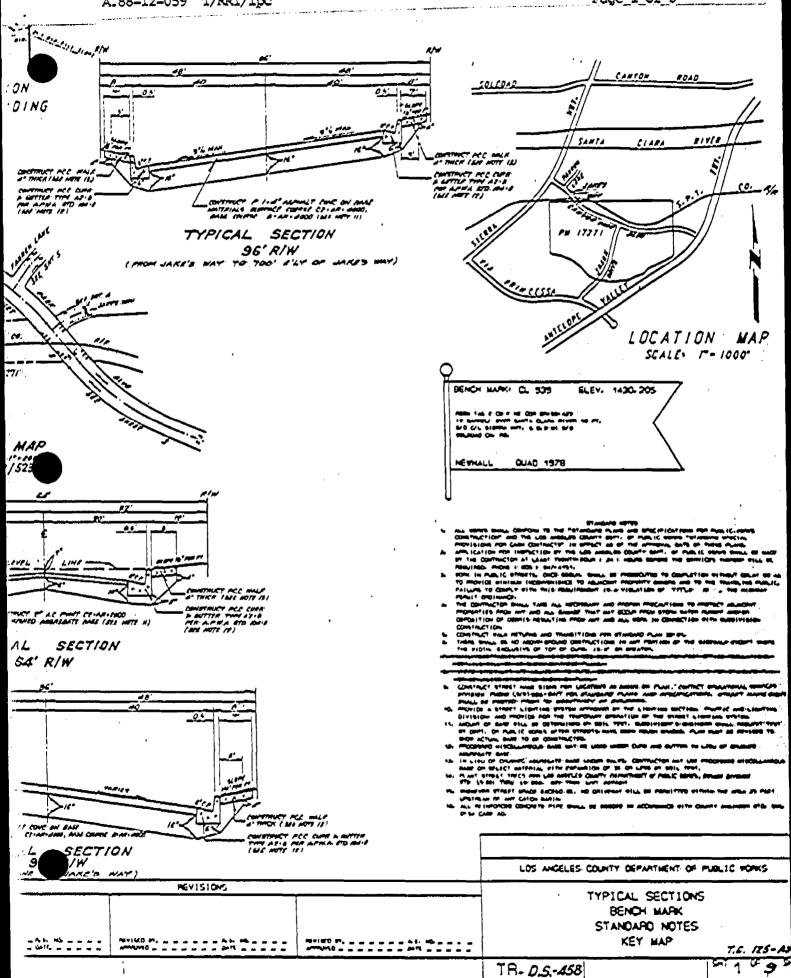
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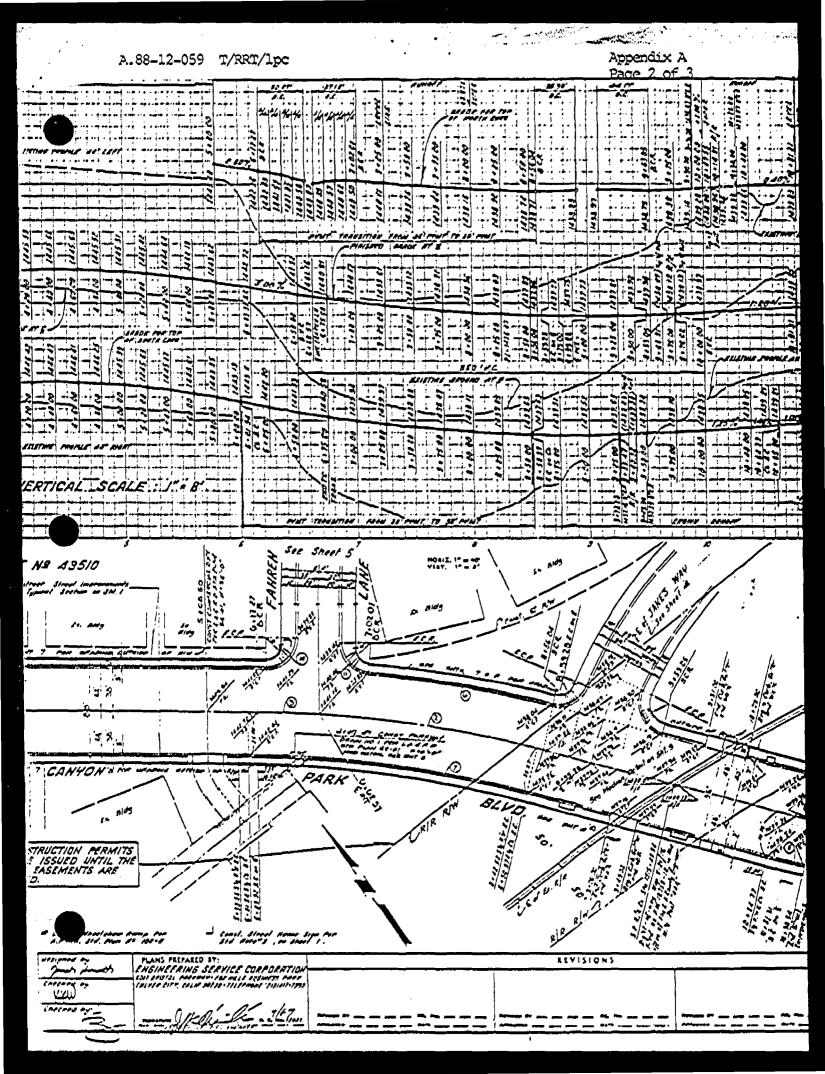
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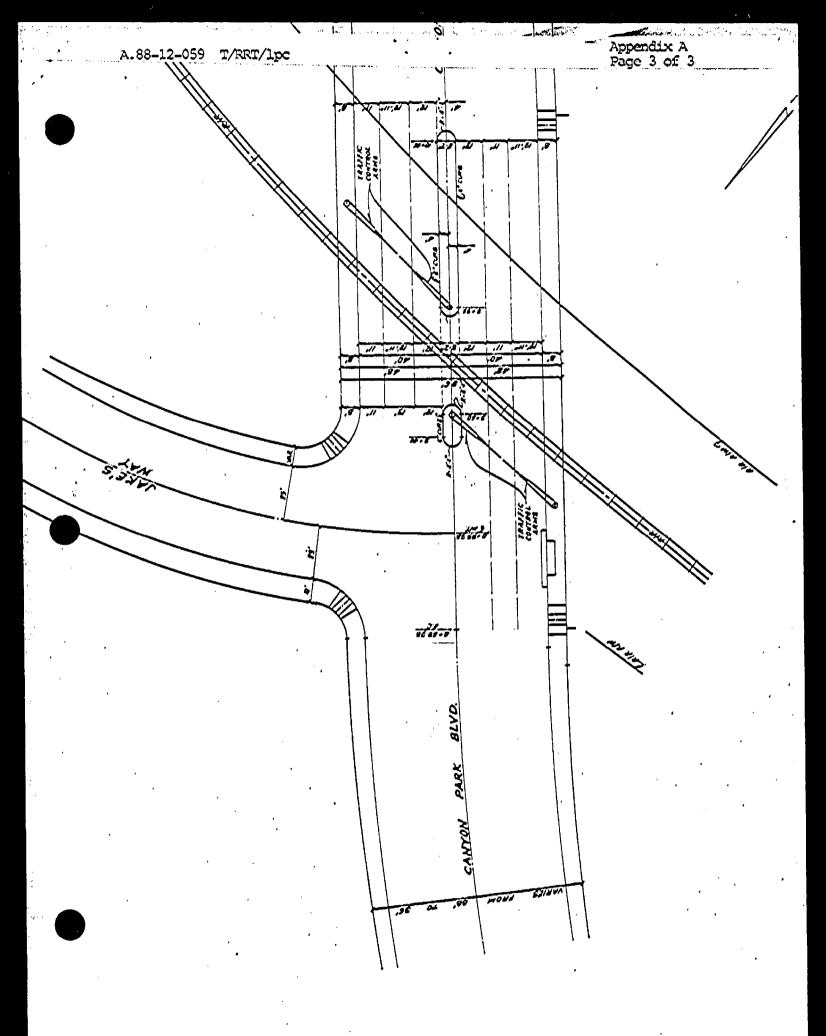
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