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Decision 89 07 006

JUL 6 1989

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION )  
 COMMISSION for an order authorizing )  
 the construction of two light rail )  
 vehicle tracks at grade along )  
 Flower Street; across 12th Street )  
 at grade; across an alley at grade; )  
 across a pedestrian crossing at )  
 grade; across a driveway at grade; )  
 across Pico Blvd. at grade; across )  
 Cameron Lane at grade; and across )  
 six driveways at grade all in )  
 the City of Los Angeles. )

Application 88-08-008  
 (Filed August 4, 1988)  
 (Amended April 13, 1989)

OPINION

As part of the project to construct a light rail transit (LRT) system, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) requests authority to construct two light rail vehicle (LRV) tracks along Flower Street at grade and to perform other alterations as required in connection with twelve LRV crossings as set forth in the appendix, in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

The Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit project is part of an on-going transit development process in which the Long Beach-Los Angeles Corridor and thirteen other corridors have been identified as candidates for transit improvements. The project is being planned as a conventional LRT system from downtown Los Angeles to downtown Long Beach to serve between 54,000 and 76,000 passengers per day. A variety of impacts were identified, both beneficial and adverse. Mitigation measures will either eliminate or reduce the severity of the adverse impacts to acceptable levels.

LACTC 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 Environmental Impact Report (EIR), LACTC approved the project. On March 29, 1985, a Notice of Determination was filed with the Secretary for Resources and with the Los Angeles County Clerk which found that "The Project will have a significant effect on the environment." A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project.

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

The site of the project has been inspected by the Commission's Safety Division Traffic Engineering staff, who after review of the proposed crossing improvement plans, portions of which have been incorporated in the appendix attached to this order, recommends that LACTC be granted the sought authority.

LACTC has met the filing requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure including Rule 40, which relates to the construction of a railroad track across a public highway. Detailed drawings of the at-grade crossings and street geometrics are in the appendix attached to this order.

LACTC wishes to commence construction of this portion of its LRT system at the earliest possible date. It is, therefore, requested that the usual 30-day effective date on an order be waived. We will make our order effective immediately.

Notice of the application and amendment were published on the Commission's Daily Calendar on August 9, 1988 and May 2, 1989, respectively. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

#### Findings of Fact

1. LACTC requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct two LRV tracks at grade along Flower Street and across 12th Street, an alley, pedestrian crossing, driveway, Pico Boulevard, Cameron Lane, and six driveway crossings in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, as set forth in the appendix.

2. Construction of the two LRV tracks at grade along Flower Street and twelve crossings is an essential element in construction of the LRV system, as set forth in the appendix.

3. Public convenience and necessity require construction of the tracks at grade along Flower Street and the twelve crossings, as set forth in the appendix.

4. Public safety requires that protection at the crossings be LRT traffic signals and traffic lights as set forth in the appendix.

5. LACTC is the lead agency for this project under CEQA, as amended.

6. The Commission is a responsible agency for this project and has reviewed and considered the lead agency's EIR.

7. The Long Beach-Los Angeles Rail Transit Project will have a significant impact on the environment; however, mitigation measures will either eliminate or reduce the severity of the adverse impacts to acceptable levels.

8. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the project.

Conclusions of Law

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

2. The usual 30-day effective date on an order should be waived as LACTC wishes to commence construction of the project at the earliest possible date.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) is authorized to construct two LRV tracks at grade along Flower Street and twelve crossings in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, as set forth in the appendix.

2. Construction of the crossings shall be equal or superior to Standard No. 1 of GO 72-B.

3. Clearances and walkways shall conform to GO 143.

4. Protection at the crossings shall be as set forth in the appendix.

5. 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 has been filed with the Commission.

6. Preemption of traffic signals, Standard No. 10 pedestrian crossing signals and no left turn signals shall be actuated by the approach of on-rail vehicles of LACTC and as more fully described in the application and appendix attached to this order.

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

8. 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.


9. The application is granted as set forth above.

This order is effective today.

Dated JUL 6 1989, at San Francisco, California

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

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

  
Victor Weiszer, Executive Director  
PB

## A P P E N D I X

As part of the project to construct a light rail transit system, the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (LACTC) proposes to construct two LRV tracks at grade along Flower Street and in connection therewith alter the street geometrics in such a manner that the LRV tracks will occupy exclusively the east half of Flower Street and the other half will be used by southbound vehicular traffic (one-way). A median island will be constructed to separate LRT vehicles from vehicular traffic, with openings at selected driveway and alley crossing locations, as shown on plans attached to the application, this order and more particularly as set forth below:

<u>Crossing No.</u>	<u>Street Name</u>	<u>Crossing Protection</u>
84L-0.62	12th Street	LRT signals actuated by traffic signals.
84L-0.66D	Alley	Train actuated NLT* signals and signs
84L-0.72-D	Pedestrian	Two Std. No. 10 signals
84L-0-73-D.	Driveway signals and signs	Train actuated NLT
84L-0.75	Pico Blvd.	LRT signals actuated by traffic signals
84L-0.79	Cameron Lane	Train actuated NLT signals and signs
84L-0.83-D	Driveway	-do-
84L-0.84-D	Driveway	-do-
84L-0.85-D	Driveway	-do-
84L-0.86-D	Driveway	-do-
84L-0.91-D	Driveway	-do-
84L-0.92-D	Driveway	-do-

\*NLT - No left turn signals

Note: Light rail vehicle movements will be governed by LRT signals which will be actuated by the vehicular traffic signal system.

The approach of light rail vehicles to the alley, to Cameron Lane and to the driveways will actuate illuminated no left turn signals at each driveway. The approach of light rail vehicles will actuate Standard No. 10 (General Order (GO) 75-C) signals at the pedestrian crossing over the northbound track at Pico Station.

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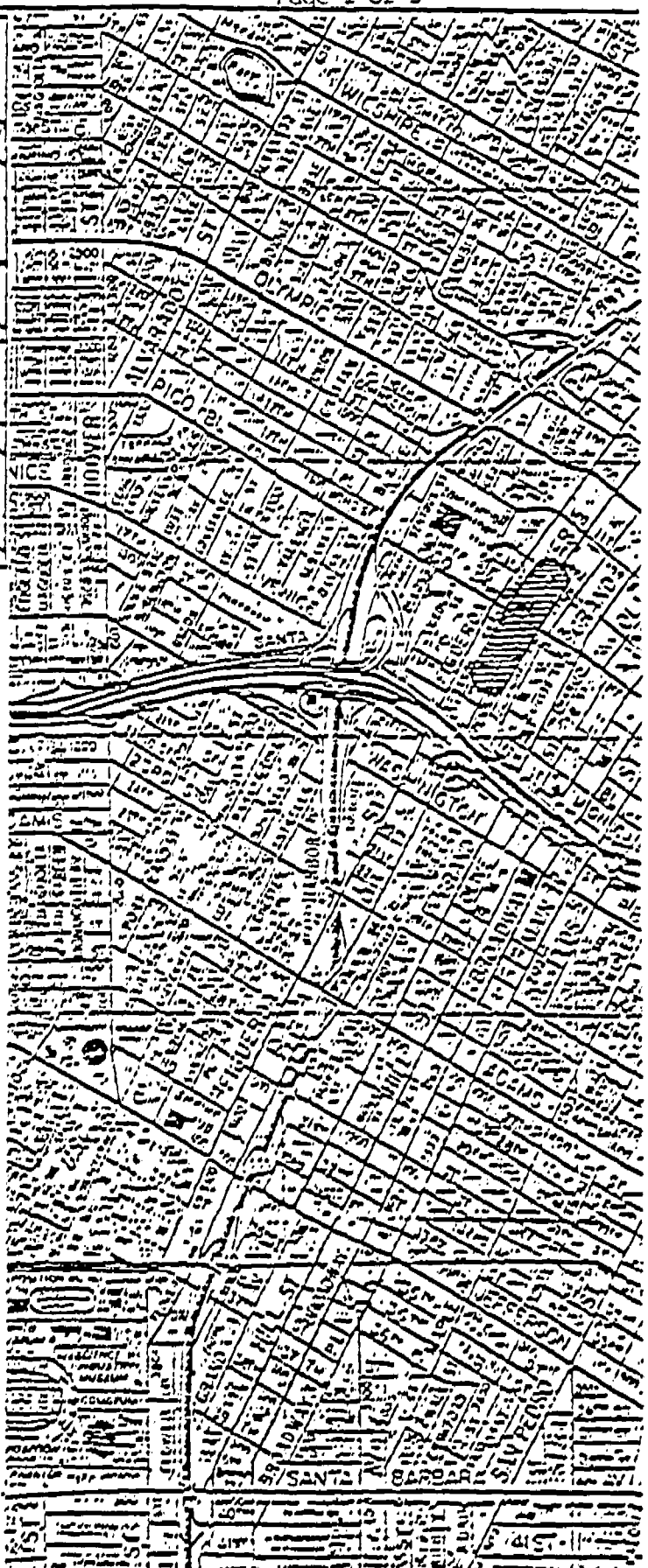
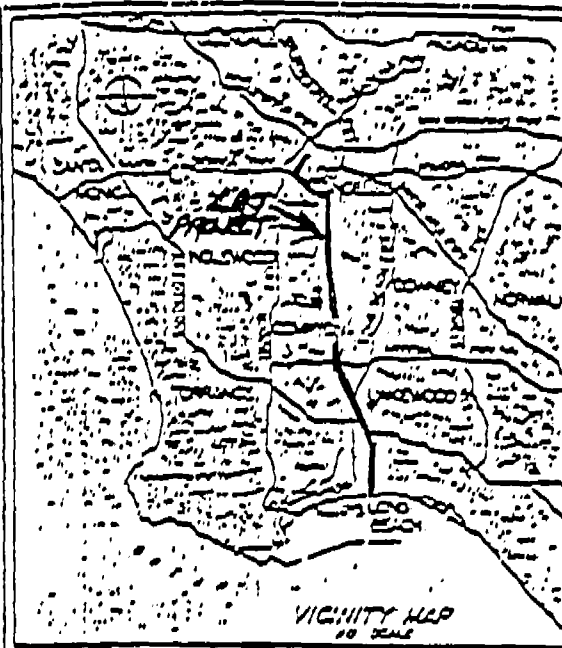
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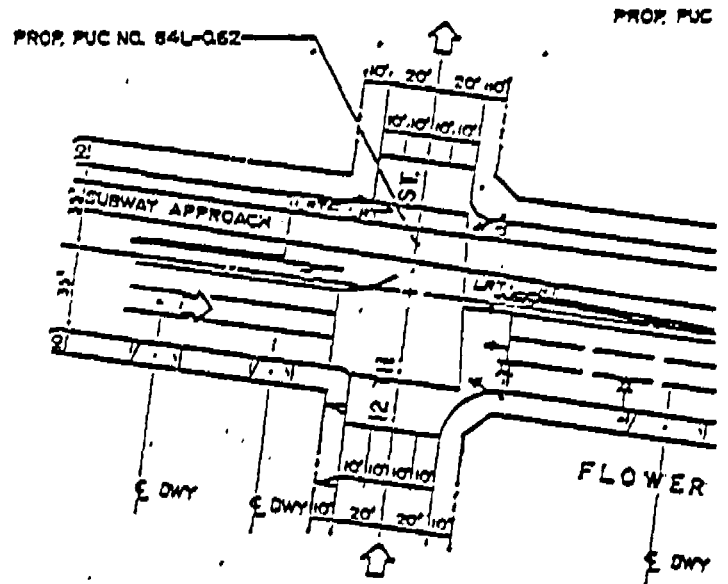
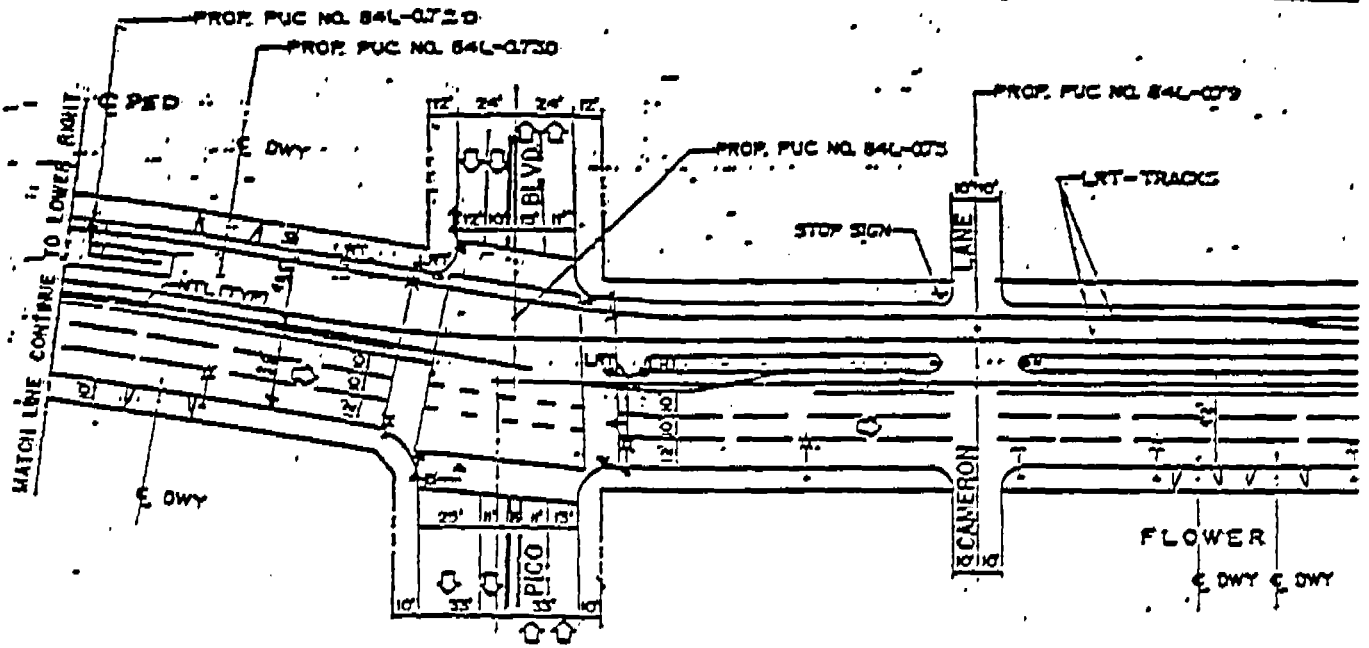
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



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12TH STREET	84L-0.52
DRIVEWAY	84L-0.66D
PEDESTRIAN	84L-0.72D
DRIVEWAY	84L-0.73D
PICO BLVD.	84L-0.75
CAMERON LANE	84L-0.79
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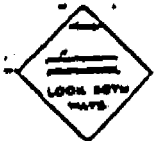
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**LEGEND**

-  TRAFFIC SIGNAL
-  STREET LIGHT
-  LRT TRAFFIC SIGNAL
-  NLT - NO LEFT TURN (TRAIN ACTIVATED SIGNAL)



City Engineer	Public Safety	West Central
City Manager	Police	Central
City Clerk	Fire	East
City Attorney	Sanitation	South
City Auditor	Public Works	North

DESIGNED BY <b>EDU CASTRO</b>	
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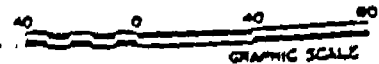
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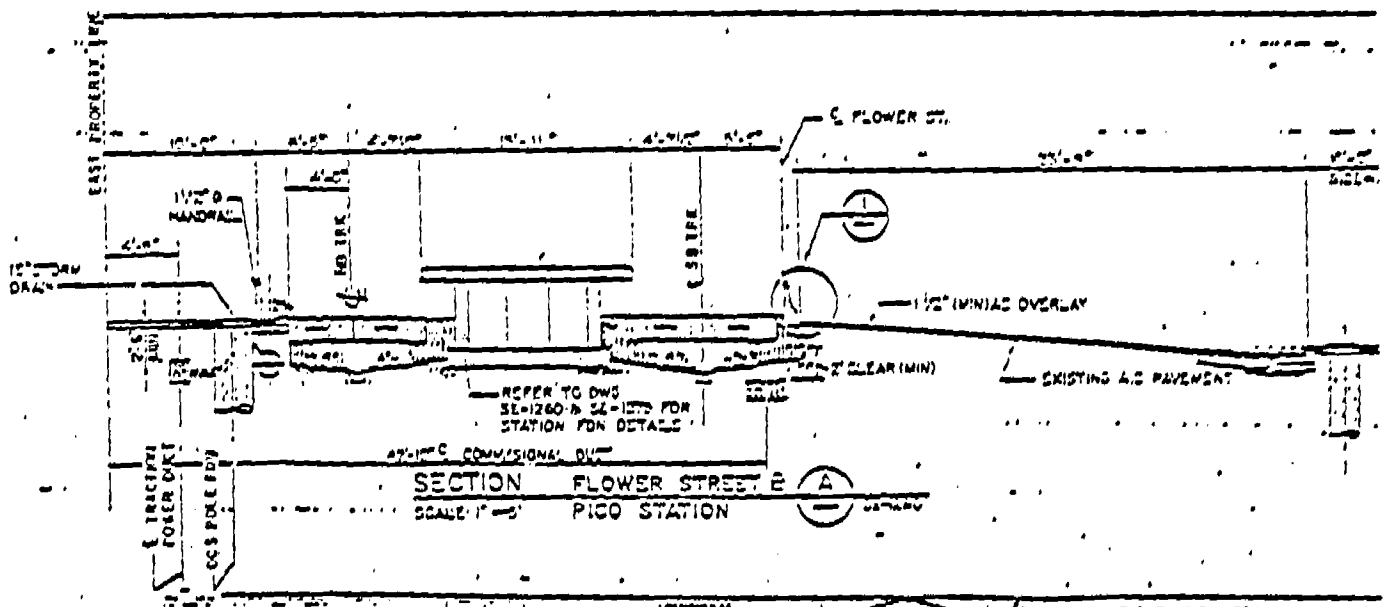
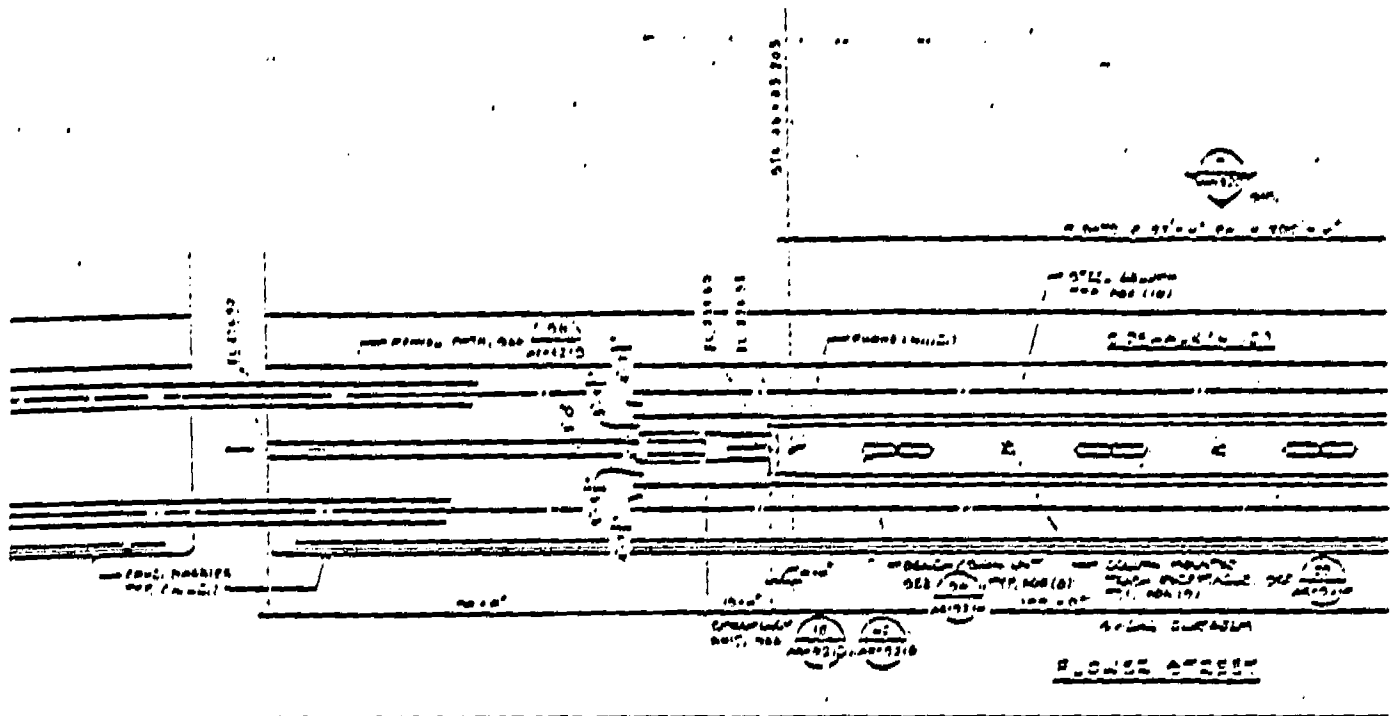
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Los Angeles Rail Transit Project

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APPROVED:

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF LACTC LRT TRACK  
GRADE CROSSING AT 12TH ST AND PICO BLVD  
PROPOSED LACTC CROSSING NOS. 84L-062 AND  
84L-075 CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT NO. 84L-08-008	
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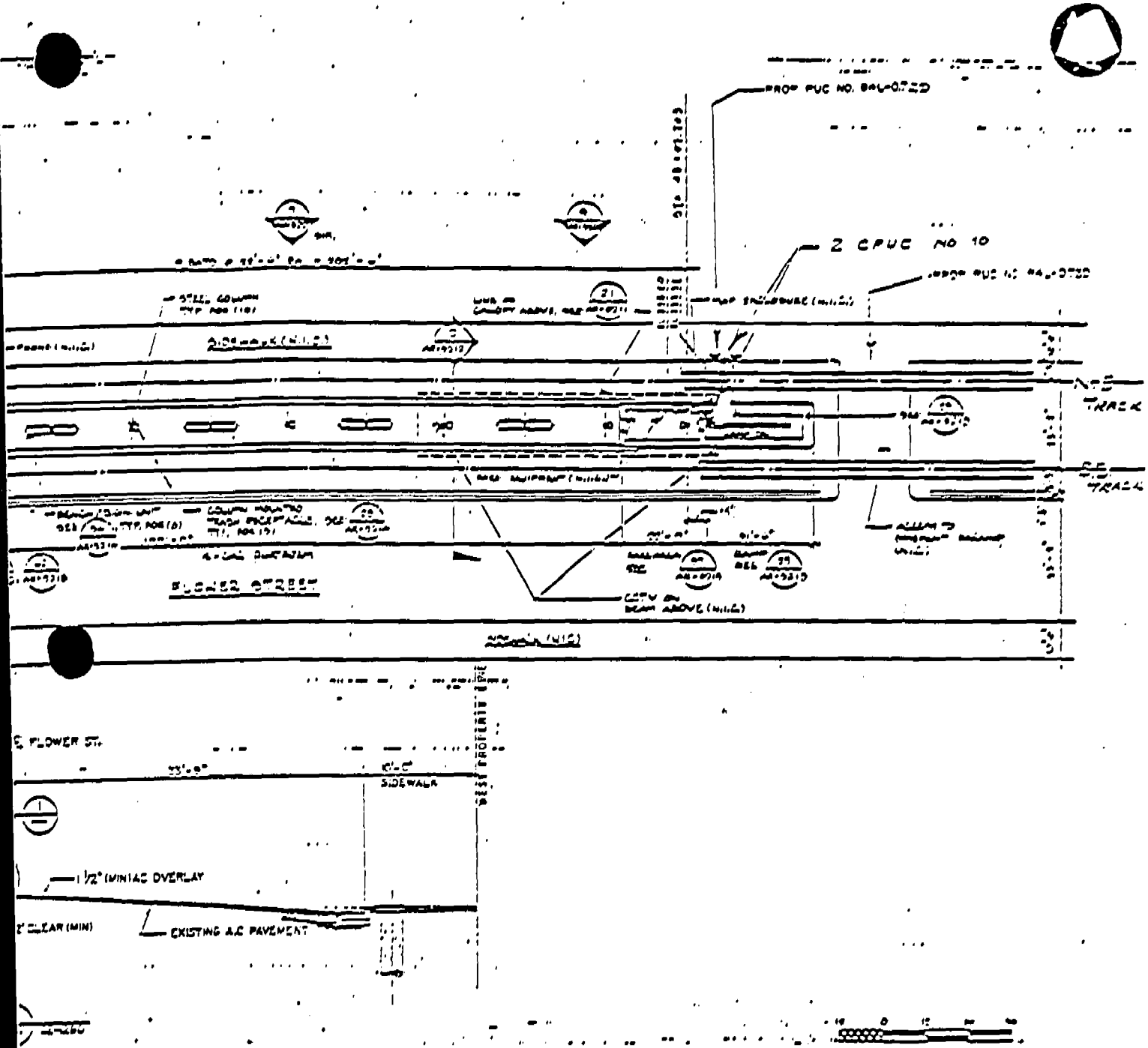


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