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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 an)
order authorizing the County to)
construct the bike path along the)
west levee of the Coyote Creek Flood)
Control Channel under the Southern)
Pacific Transportation Company Santa)
Ana Branch Line at approximate)
crossing BK-502.0 and under the)
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway)
at approximate crossing 2-157.6.)

Application 89-03-038
(Filed March 24, 1989)

OPINION

As part of a project to construct Coyote Creek Bike Path (West Side) from Meyer Road to Centralia Street, total length six miles, the County of Los Angeles (County) requests authority to construct a bike path at separated grades on the west levee of Coyote Creek Flood Control Channel under the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Santa Ana Branch Line in Cerritos and under the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Main Line in Santa Fe Springs.

The proposed grade separations will provide an off-road commuting route from the southeast area of Los Angeles County to the Long Beach area and will connect to the existing San Gabriel River Bikeway extending from Long Beach Harbor to Santa Fe Dam.

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 right-of-way.

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

The sites of the proposed Bike Path undercrossings have been inspected by the Safety Division'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 crossings at separated grades.

The County 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 was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on March 30, 1989. 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 Undercrossings at separated grades under the tracks of SPT's Santa Ana Branch Line in Cerritos and AT&SF's Main Line in Santa Fe Springs, Los Angeles County.

2. Construction of the Bike Path Undercrossings 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 Undercrossings 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 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.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The County of Los Angeles (County) is authorized to construct two bike path crossings at separate grades under the tracks of Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Santa Ana Branch Line in Cerritos and under The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Main Line in Santa Fe Springs, 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 BK-502.0-BD (SPT) and Crossing 2-157.6-BD (AT&SF).

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 and AT&SF 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, the County shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

5. This authorization shall expire if not exercised within two 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 OCT 12 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.

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Wesley Franklin

WESLEY FRANKLIN, Acting Executive Director

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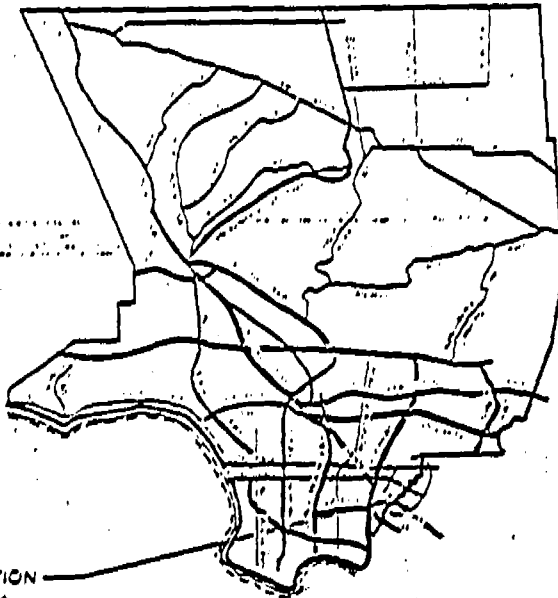
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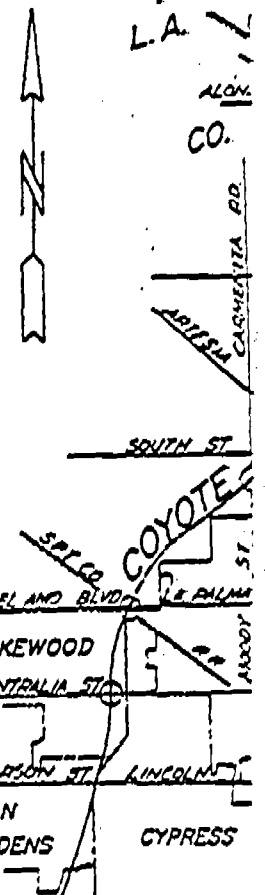
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FIRE HYDRANT	
MANHOLE	
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POLE	
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SIGNAL CONTROL BOX	
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TREES: PALM	
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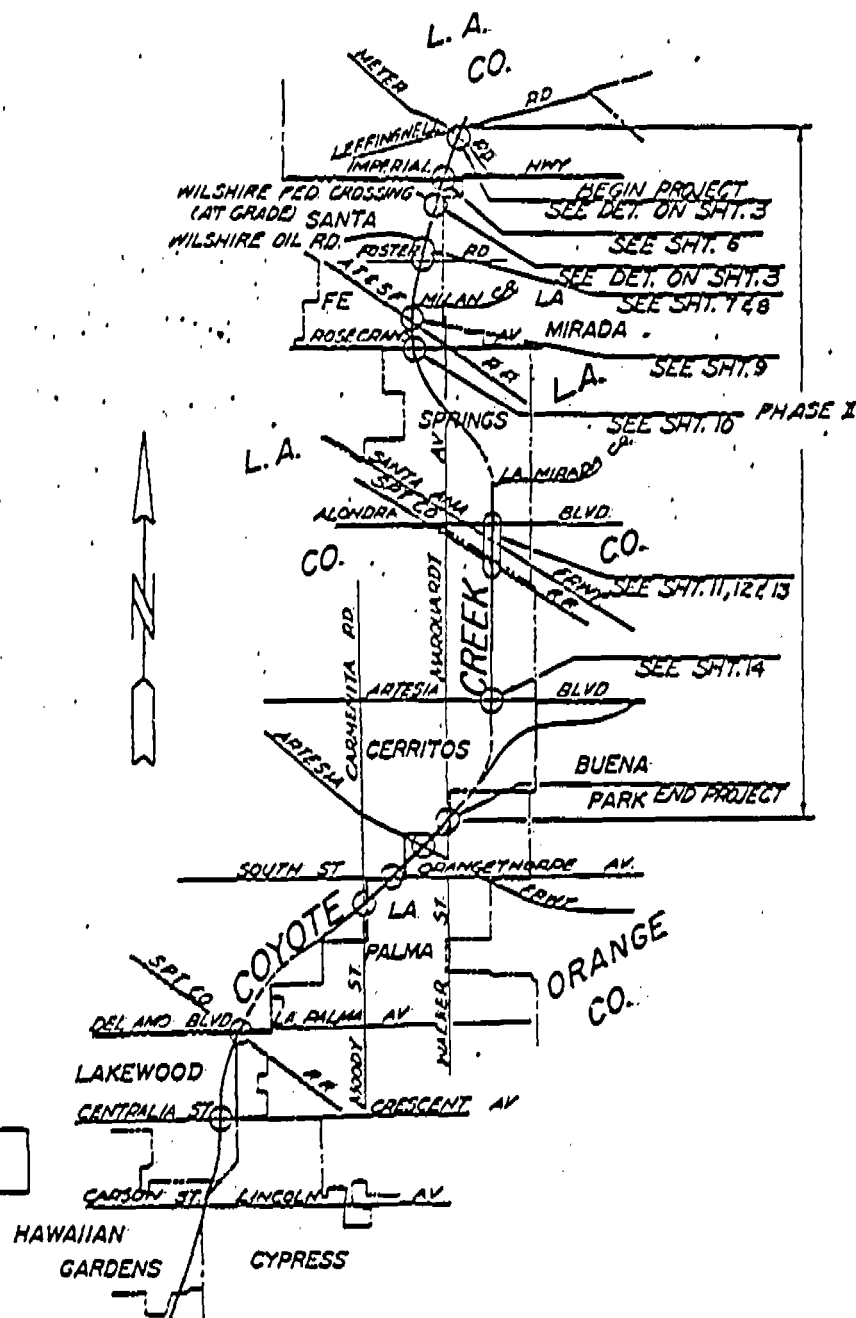
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CASH CONTRACT NO. 2660R

COYOTE CREEK BIKE PATH (PHASE II)

MEYER ROAD TO MARQUARDT AVENUE

TOTAL LENGTH 4.1 MILES



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