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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the City of Rancho Cucamonga)
 for an Order authorizing construction of a)
 crossing at separated grades between)
 Milliken Avenue and the track of The)
 Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company,)
 sometimes referred to as the "Milliken)
 Avenue Underpass," P.U.C. 2-95.6B)

Application 90-01-042
 (Filed January 18, 1990)

O P I N I O N

The City of Rancho Cucamonga (City) requests authority to construct the Milliken Avenue Underpass at separated grades under the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Barstow Main Line (one existing main line track, one future track and the east leg of the relocated "Y" track) in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County.

The proposed underpass consists of two prestressed, precast reinforced concrete structures, with a total length of about 165 feet, abutment to abutment. A temporary shoofly track will be required northerly of the mainline tracks during construction of the grade separation to facilitate excavation, earthwork and existing track removal.

The completed Milliken Avenue Underpass will be an extension of Milliken Avenue from its present terminus at 7th Street across the AT&SF tracks northerly to Foothill Boulevard. This will greatly improve north-south traffic circulation, will serve the intensive residential and industrial development now under way in Rancho Cucamonga, and will provide access to the proposed Regional Shopping Center on Foothill Boulevard. It will also serve as the primary truck access route to the City's "Industrial Specific Plan" area. Milliken Avenue will become a

major north-south arterial carrying three lanes of traffic in each direction. The Milliken Underpass will carry six vehicular lanes and two 5-foot sidewalk-bicycle paths.

City 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. City prepared an Environmental Assessment to specifically address the grade separation project and issued a Negative Declaration. A Notice of Determination was filed with the County Clerk which found that "The project will not have a significant effect on the environment".

The Commission is a responsible agency for this project under CEQA and has independently reviewed and assessed the Environmental Assessment and Negative Declaration. The site of the proposed Milliken Avenue Underpass has been inspected by the Safety Division's Traffic Engineering staff. The staff examined the need for and the safety of the proposed underpass and recommends that approval be granted.

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 railroads. Detailed drawings of the grade separation and street geometrics are included in the Appendix of this order.

Notice of the application was published in the Commission's Daily Calendar on January 26, 1990. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

Findings of Fact

1. City requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to construct the Milliken Avenue Underpass at separate grades under the tracks of AT&SF's Barstow Main Line in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County.

2. Railroad operations require temporary construction of a shoofly track northerly of AT&SF's existing operating right-of-way during construction of the railroad bridge structures.

3. The proposed underpass is required to improve traffic circulation and access to the central Rancho Cucamonga area.

4. Public convenience, necessity and safety require construction of the Milliken Avenue Underpass.

5. City 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 Environmental Assessment and Negative Declaration.

7. The project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

Conclusion of Law

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

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. City of Rancho Cucamonga (City) is authorized to construct Milliken Avenue Undercrossing at separated grades under the tracks of The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company (AT&SF) Barstow Main Line in Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino County, at the location and substantially as shown by the plans attached to the application and the Appendix of this order, to be identified as Crossing 2-95.6-B.

2. City is authorized to construct a temporary shoofly track north of the existing operating tracks during construction of the railroad bridge structures.

3. Upon completion of the railroad bridge structures and restoration of the train traffic to its former alignment, the temporary shoofly shall be closed and physically removed.

4. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D. Walkways shall conform to GO 118.

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, together with plans of the crossing approved by AT&SF, shall be filed with the Commission's Safety Division prior to commencing construction. Should the parties fail to agree, the Commission will apportion the costs of construction and maintenance by further order.

6. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, City shall notify the Commission's Safety Division in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

7. 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.

8. The application is granted as set forth above.

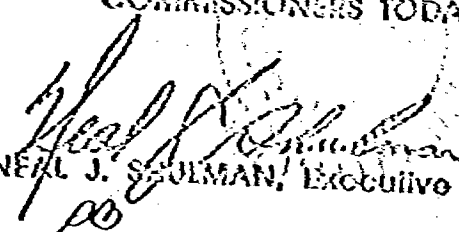
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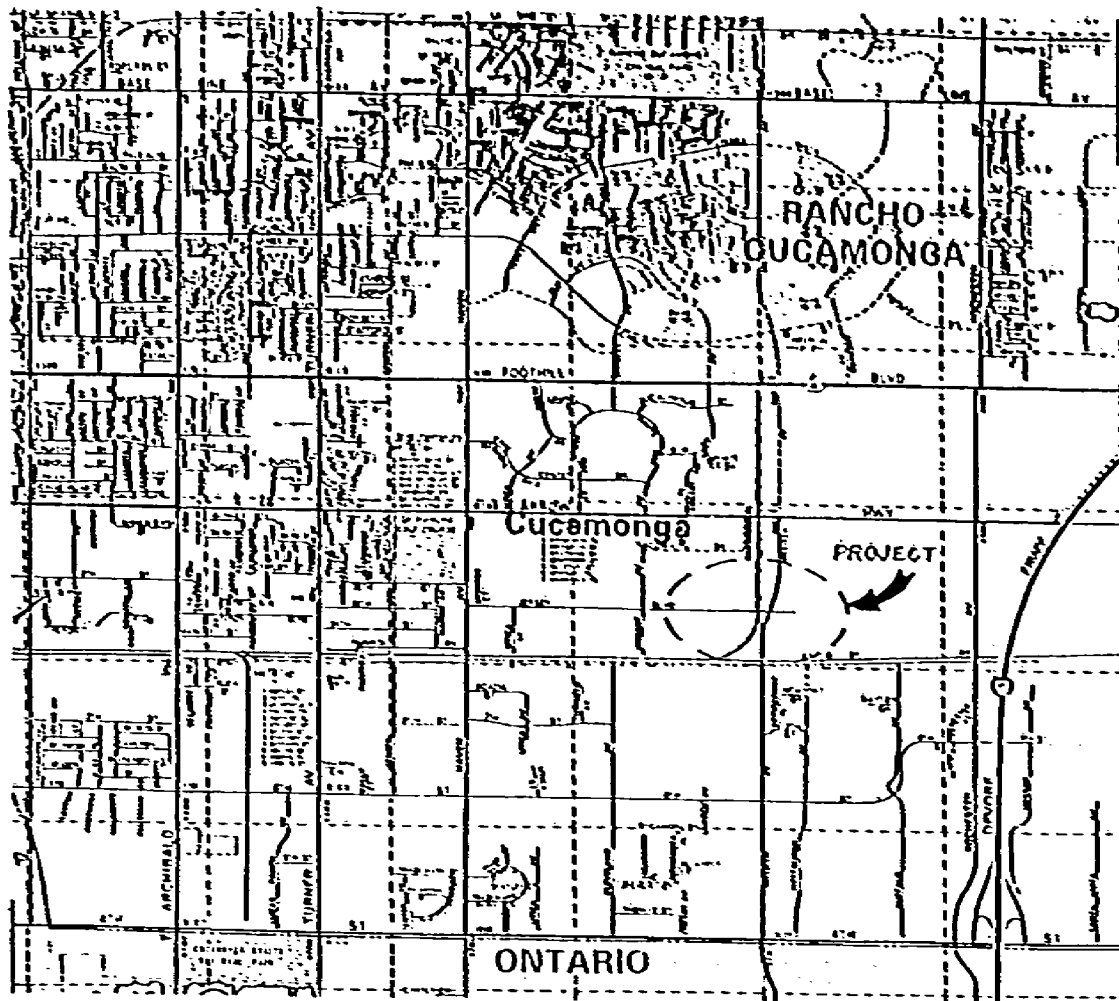
Dated SEP 12 1990, at San Francisco, California.

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

Commissioner John B. Ohanian,
being necessarily absent, did
not participate.

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


NEAL J. SEELMAN, Executive Director



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EXHIBIT 2
REGIONAL MAP

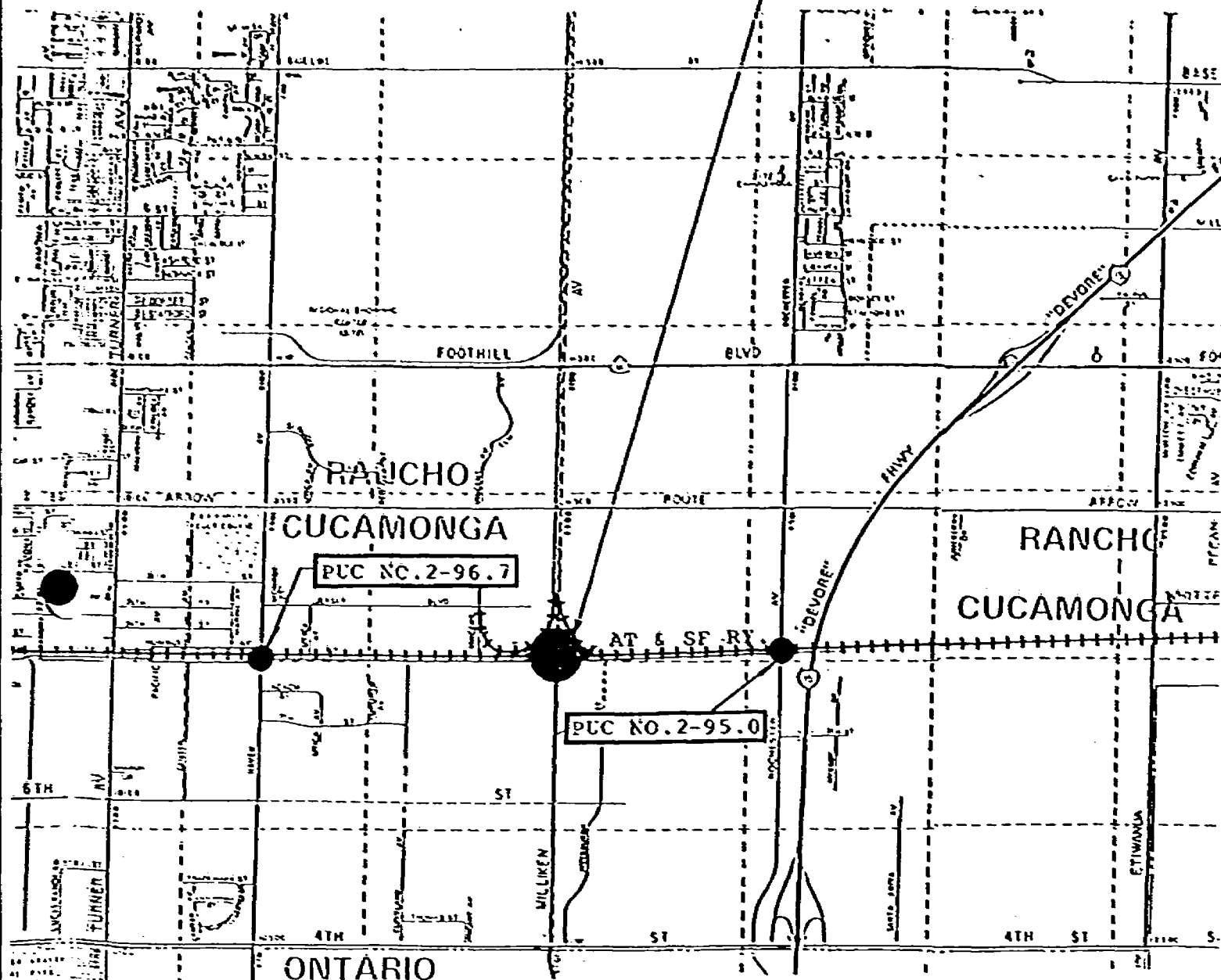
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Proposed Underpass



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EXHIBIT "B" SHEET 1

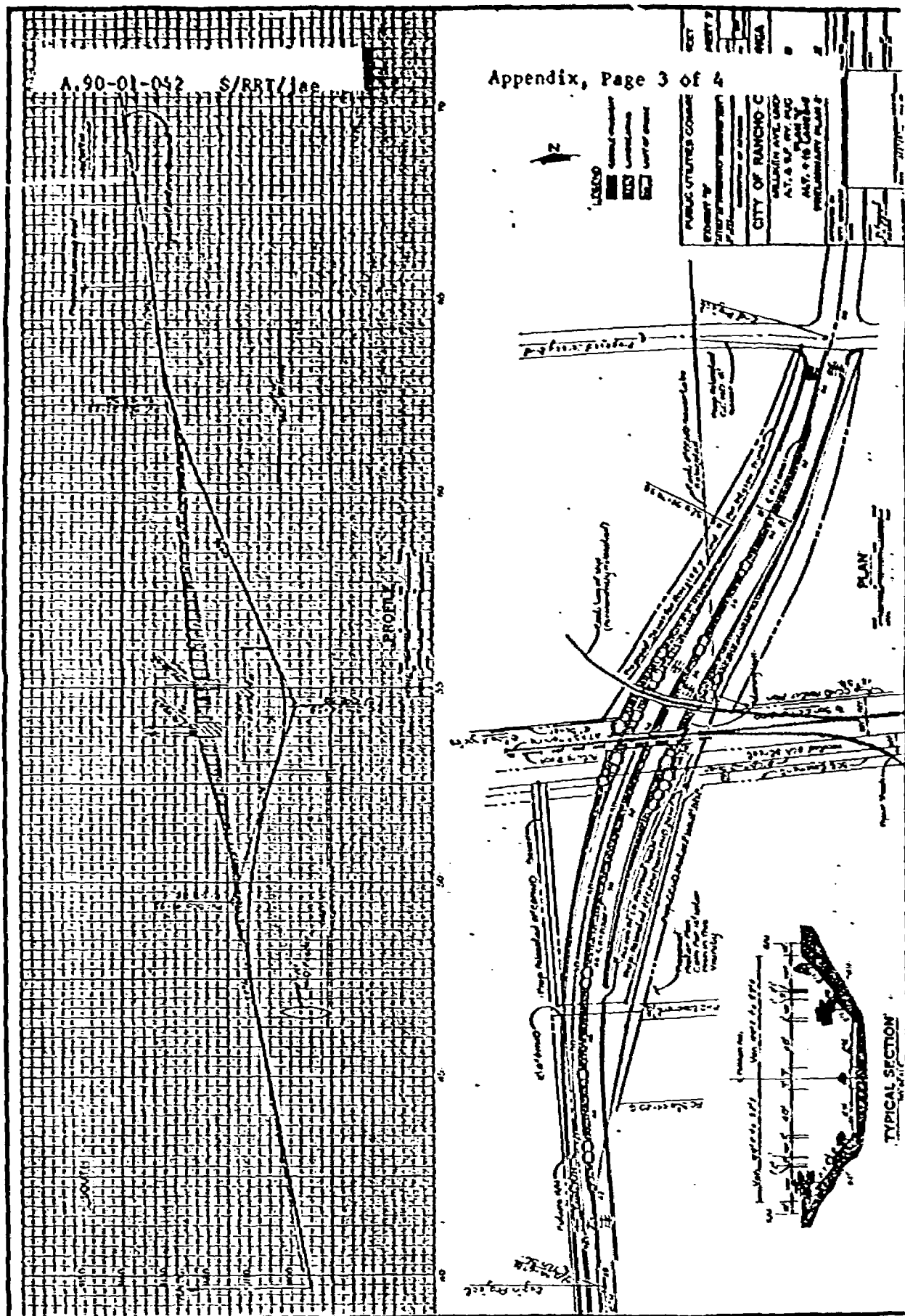
City of Rancho Cucamonga

VICINITY MAP

Milliken Avenue Underpass
at AT & SF Railway
P.U.C. No. 2-95.6B

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L. D. King, Inc. • Engineers/Planners

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CITY ENGINEER

