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Decision 90-12-093 December 19, 1990

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 existing crossings PUC No. )  
2B-43.40-A and PUC No. 2-167.90-AC )  
in Orange County, State of California. )

**ORIGINAL**

Application 90-06-016  
(Filed June 8, 1990)

O P I N I O N

As part of the project to widen, reconstruct and improve State Route 57 (SR 57) Orange Freeway between Interstate Route 5 (I-5) Santa Ana Freeway and Lambert Road, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requests authority to widen two SR 57 bridges over The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company (AT&SF) tracks in Placentia, Orange County.

The two SR 57 bridges are known as the Placentia and South Placentia Overheads. The Placentia Overhead spans AT&SF's San Bernardino subdivision mainline while the South Placentia Overhead spans AT&SF's San Diego subdivision lead track between the Fullerton industrial district and Placentia. This east-west lead track is called the Kimberly lead, for the avenue which parallels most of its length and a major user, Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

The widening of SR 57 will allow the addition of an auxiliary lane and shoulder to the northbound lanes. The Placentia Overheads would be widened 12 feet 9 inches along their east edge. The widened portion of the Placentia Overhead over the mainline will be precast prestressed concrete "I" girders with decking, while the South Placentia Overhead widening over the lead track will be reinforced concrete "T" beams.

Caltrans is the lead agency for this project under California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended by Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000, et seq. Caltrans has

determined that the reconstruction of existing grade separations, is categorically exempt from the reporting requirements of CEQA under Public Resources Code Section 21080.13.

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

The existing grade separations have been inspected by the Commission's Safety Division - Traffic Engineering staff. After review of the proposed widening plans staff recommends that Caltrans' request be granted.

The application was found to be in compliance under the Commission's filing requirements, including Rule 39 of Rules of Practice and Procedure which relates to the widening of existing crossings and separations over railroad track. A site map and detailed drawings of the overheads are shown in Appendix A.

By protest filed July 6, 1990, AT&SF stated that the railroad and Caltrans were not yet in agreement with respect to the methods and the terms of construction. AT&SF withdrew its protest on October 11, 1990, after agreement had been reached. There are no other unresolved matters. A public hearing is not necessary.

#### Findings of Fact

1. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to widen the Placentia and South Placentia Overheads of SR 57 over AT&SF's San Bernardino subdivision main track and the Kimberly lead track respectively, in Placentia, Orange County.

2. Widening of the overheads will make possible the addition of an auxiliary lane and shoulder to the northbound lanes of SR 57 between I-5 and Lambert Road, improving traffic safety and capacity.

3. Public convenience, necessity and safety require widening of the overheads.

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. Under Public Resources Code Section 21080.13 the activity is exempted from the requirements set forth in CEQA; therefore the guidelines (14 Cal. Admin. Code - Division 6) concerning the evaluation of projects and the preparation and review of environmental documents do not apply.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is authorized to widen the Placentia Overhead over The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) San Bernardino subdivision mainline, identified as Crossing 2B-43.4-A and to widen the South Placentia Overhead over AT&SF's San Diego subdivision Kimberly lead track, identified as Crossing 2-167.9-AC, in Placentia, Orange County, at the locations and substantially as shown in Appendix A and plans attached to the application.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (GO) 26-D for the Placentia Overhead (AT&SF Main Line).

3. Clearances shall be in accordance with GO 26-D for the

South Placentia Overhead (Kimberly lead track), except that during the period of construction a clearance of not less than 21'-0" above top of rail shall be authorized. AT&SF shall be authorized to operate with such reduced overhead clearance provided that instructions are issued by the railroad and filed with the Commission forbidding employees to ride on tops of cars beneath the structure.

4. Caltrans shall notify the Commission and AT&SF at least 15 but not more than 30, days in advance of the date when the temporary impaired clearance will be created.

5. Walkways shall conform to GO 118. Walkways adjacent to any trackage subject to rail operations shall be maintained free of obstructions and shall be promptly restored to their original condition in the event of damage during construction.

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

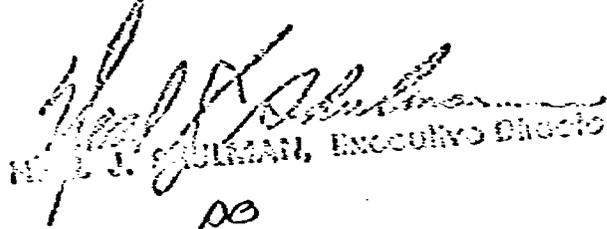
7. Within 30 days after completion of the work under this order, Caltrans shall notify the Commission in writing that the authorized work has been completed.

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.

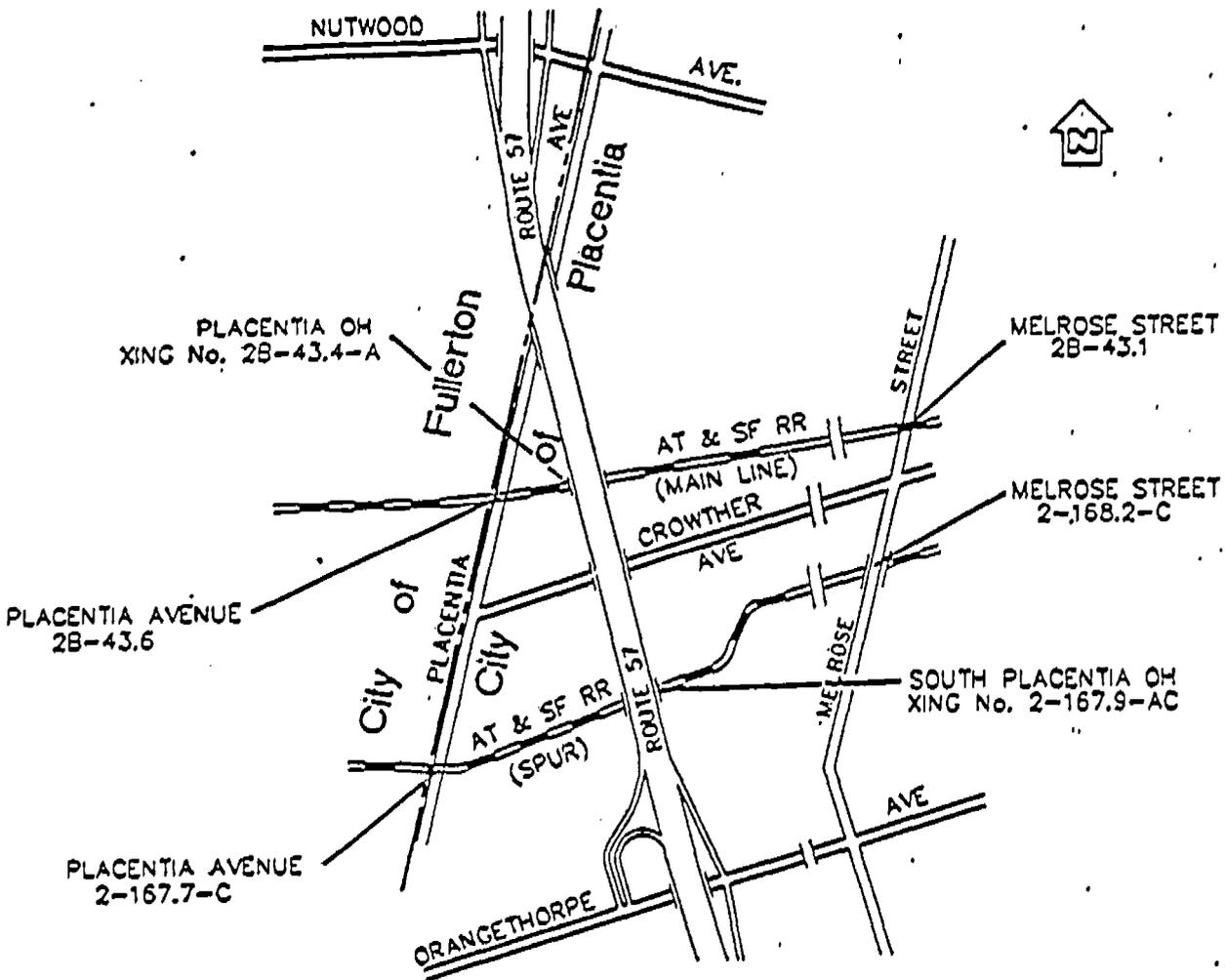
9. The application is granted as set forth above.  
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.  
Dated DEC 19, 1990, at San Francisco, California.

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

  
NEIL J. SULLIVAN, Executive Director  
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VICINITY MAP

EXHIBIT "B"

PLACENTIA OVERHEAD (WIDEN) AND  
SOUTH PLACENTIA OVERHEAD (WIDEN)  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SHEET

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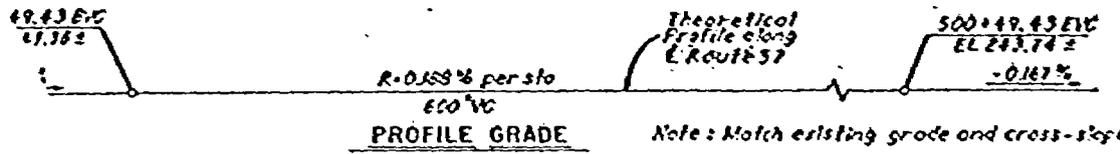
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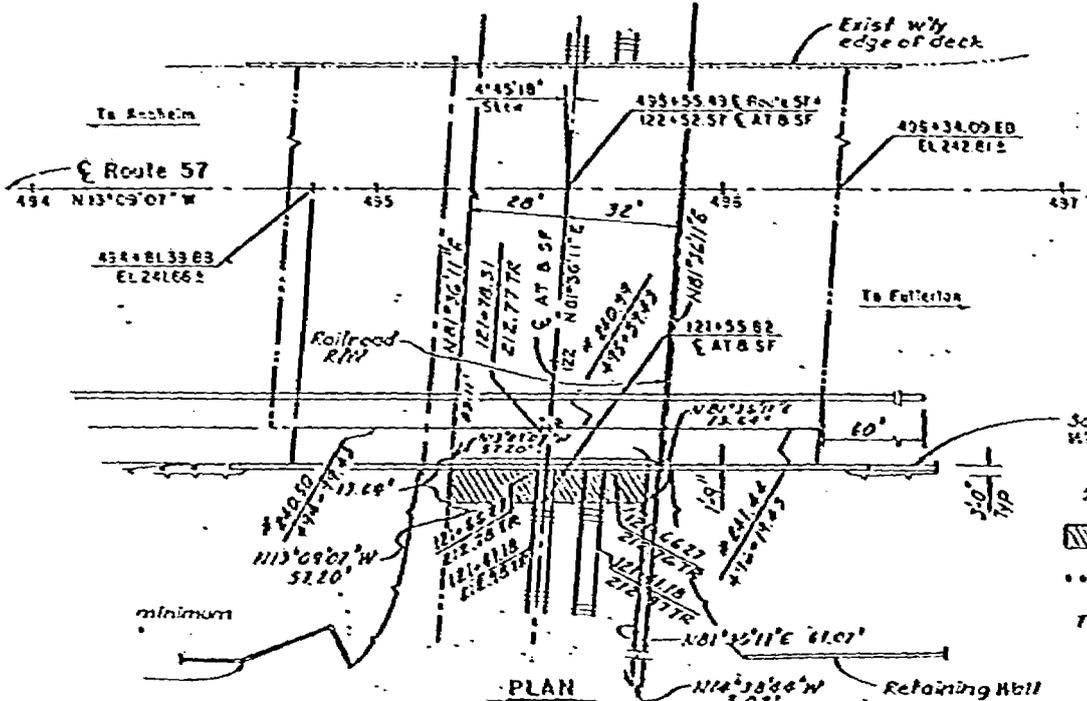
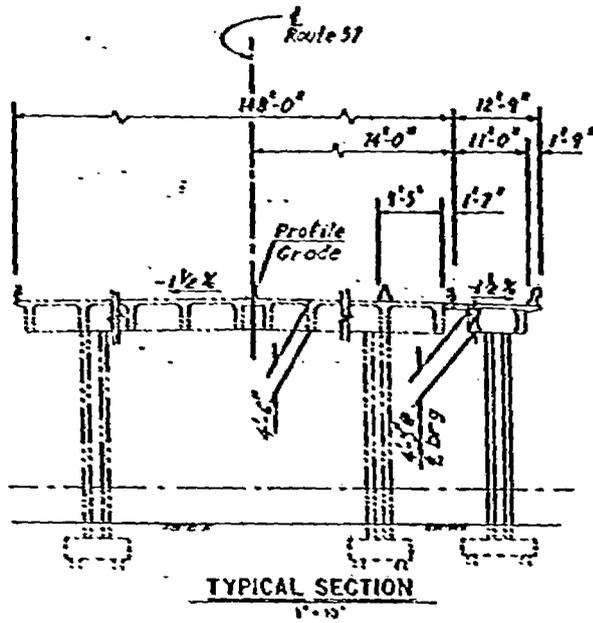
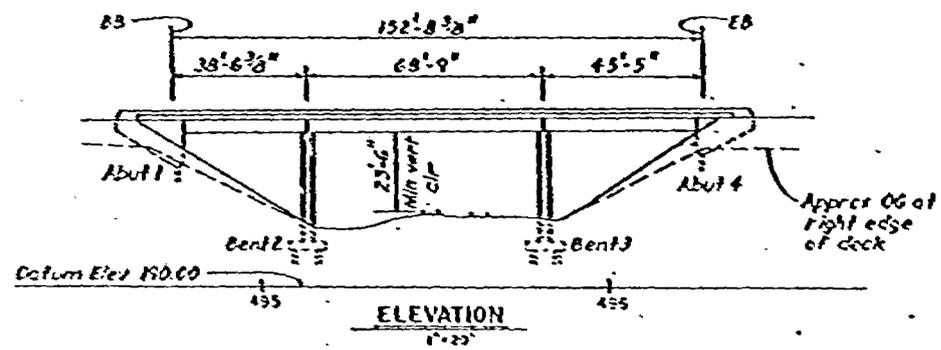
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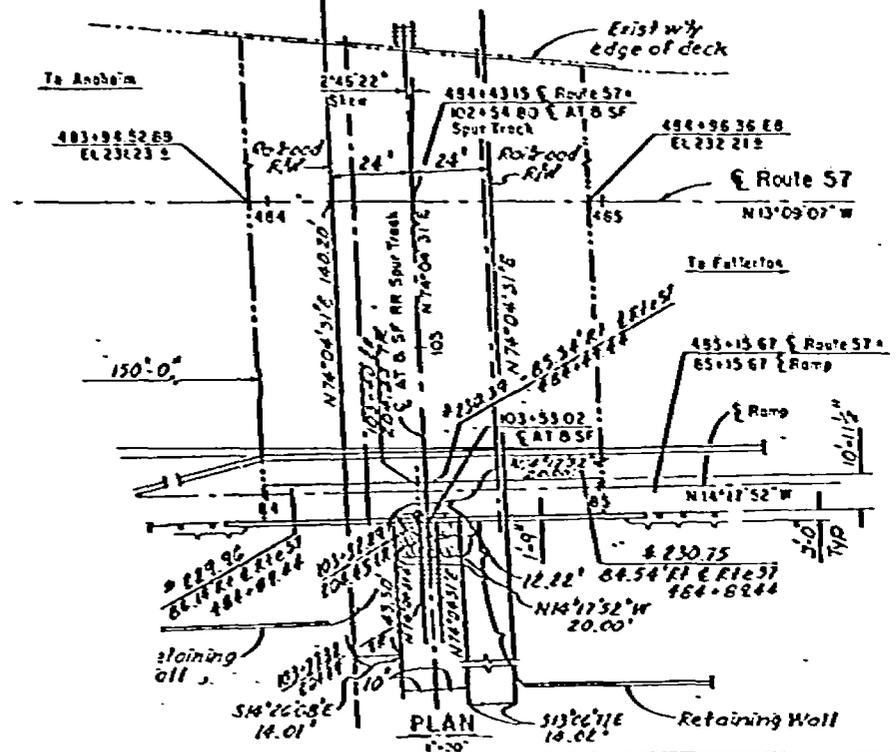
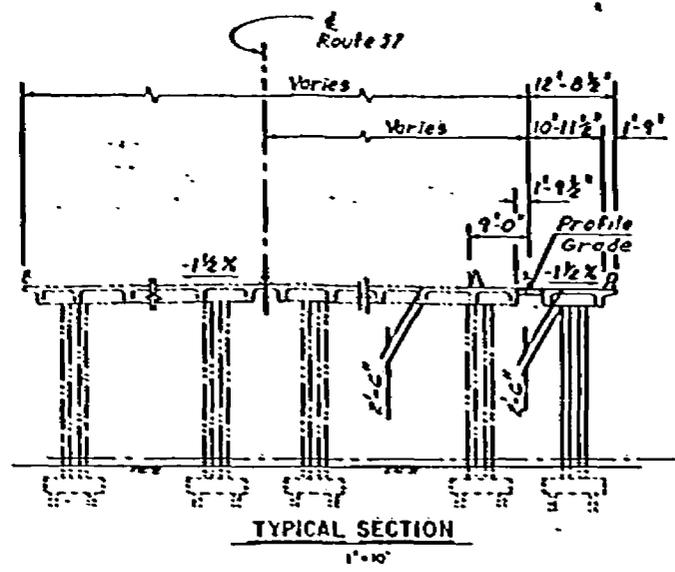
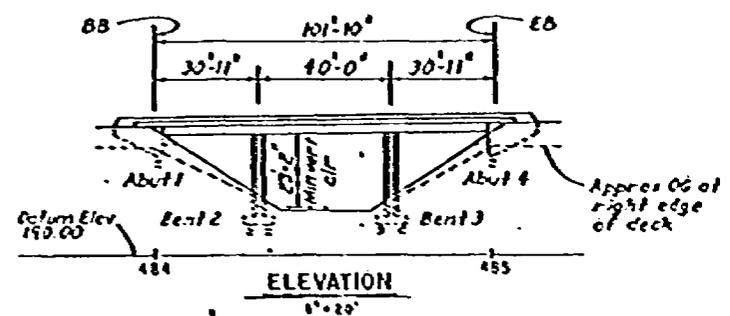
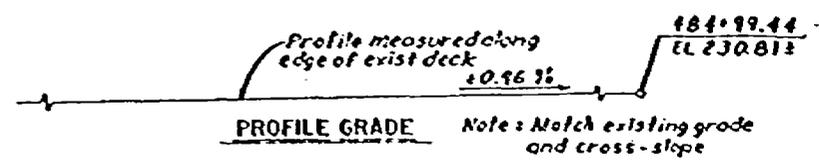
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- \* = Survey level at exist edge of deck
- ▨ = New Easement Limits
- .... = Final Easement Limits
- TR = Top of rail elevation

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- \* Survey Elev at exist edge of deck
  - ▨ New Easement Limits
  - ..... Final Easement Limits
  - TR Top of rail elevation
- Railroad Traffic Falsework Opening
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| Min Vert Clr | Horiz Clr Width |
| 21'-0"       | 20'-0"          |

EXHIBIT "B"

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