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Decision 91 07 063 JUL 24 1991

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 West Prado Overhead on State )  
Route 91 which crosses Atchison, Topeka, )  
and Santa Fe Railway Company's track in )  
Riverside County, State of California. )

ORIGINAL

Application 90-06-014  
(Filed June 6, 1990)

OPINION

As part of the project to widen, reconstruct, and improve State Route 91 (SR-91) - Riverside Freeway - between the Orange County Line and the City of Riverside, the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requests authority to widen the existing West Prado and Prado Overheads over The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Main Line tracks in the Prado Dam area of Riverside County.

Caltrans proposes to widen the existing SR-91 grade separation Overheads within the freeway median by approximately 33 feet, as indicated in the Application and Appendix A, attached to this order, to provide extra lanes for High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV). The additional HOV lanes will provide additional capacity and improve traffic flow, thereby reducing peak hour traffic delay and congestion.

Caltrans is the lead agency for this project under California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), as amended, Public Resources (PR) Code Sections 21000, et seq. Caltrans has determined that this project, 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 with Commission's filing requirements, including Rule 39 of the 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 Caltrans and the railroad were not yet in agreement as to the proposed project's construction method and terms. During several months of negotiations the parties were able to resolve their differences and on April 15, 1991, AT&SF withdrew its protest to the proposed widening of the West Prado and Prado Overheads.

Findings of Fact

1. AT&SF filed a protest to the Application on July 6, 1990, stating that applicant and the railroad were not yet in agreement with respect to the method of construction of the overhead widening project.

2. By motion filed April 15, 1991, AT&SF withdrew its protest on the basis that Caltrans and the railroad were now in agreement as to the terms and method of construction of the Prado and West Prado Overheads. There are no other unresolved matters.

3. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to widen the Prado and West Prado Overheads at separated grades over AT&SF's Main Line in the Prado Dam Area of Riverside County.

4. Widening of the Prado and West Prado Overheads is required to add two additional HOV lanes within the median of SR-91, to reduce peak hour traffic delay and congestion, between the limits of the City of Riverside and the Orange County Line.

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

6. Caltrans 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 determination.

8. 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.

3. There is no opposition to this application, and a public hearing is not necessary.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is authorized to widen the Prado and West Prado Overheads of State Route 91 over The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company's (AT&SF) Main Line in the Prado Dam Area of Riverside County, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the Application and Appendix A of this order, identified as Crossing 2B-27.85-A (Prado Overhead) and Crossing 2B-29.54-A (West Prado Overhead).

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with GO 26-D.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. The application is granted as set forth above.

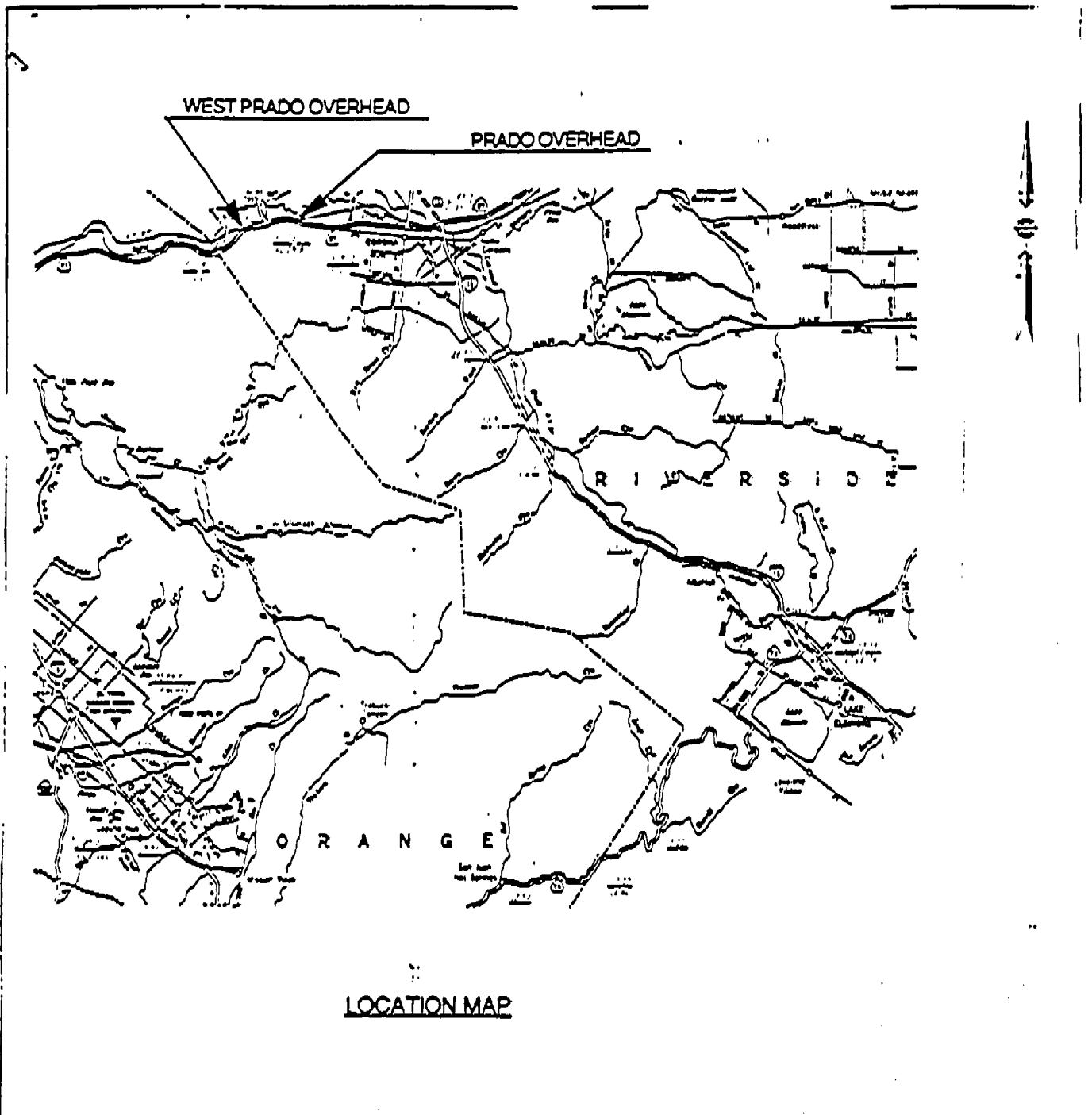
This order becomes effective 30 days from today.

Dated JUL 24 1991 at San Francisco, California.

PATRICIA M. ECKERT  
President  
G. MITCHELL WILK  
JOHN B. OHANIAN  
DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
NORMAN D. SHUMWAY  
Commissioners

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

  
NEAL J. SHULMAN, Executive Director




LOCATION MAP

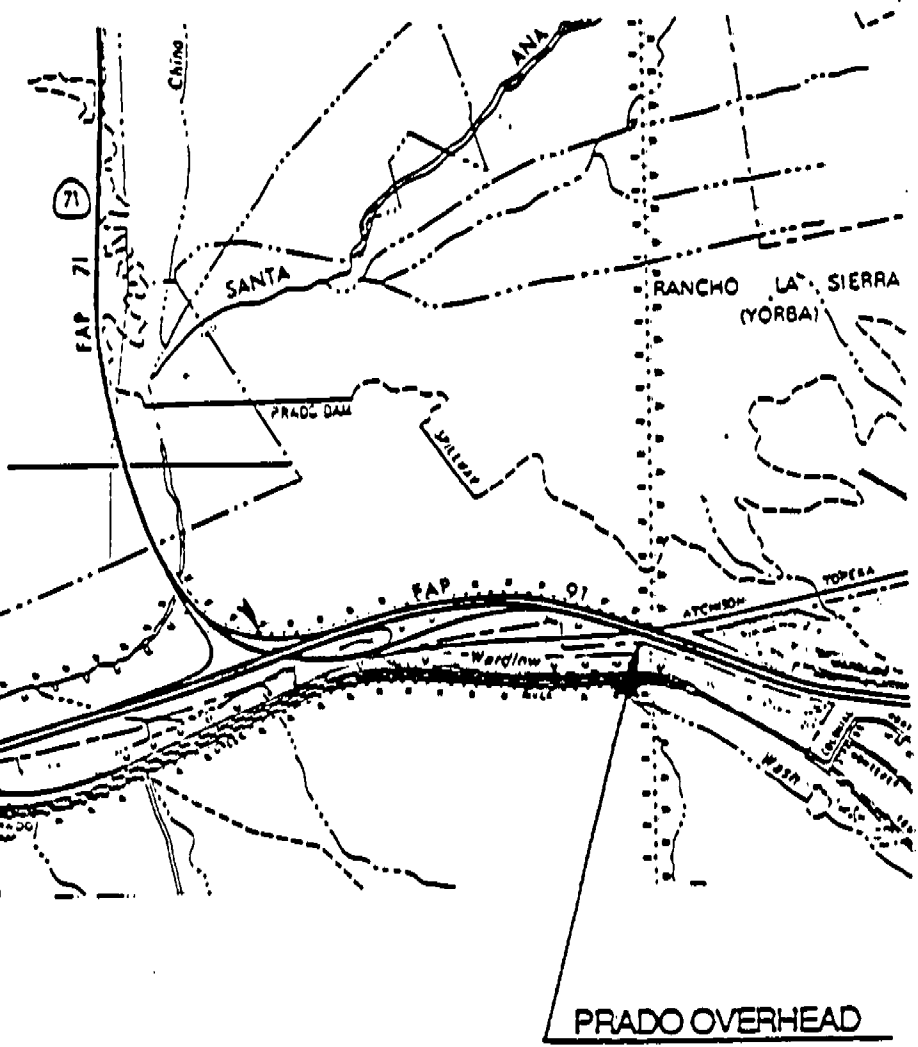
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VICINITY MAP

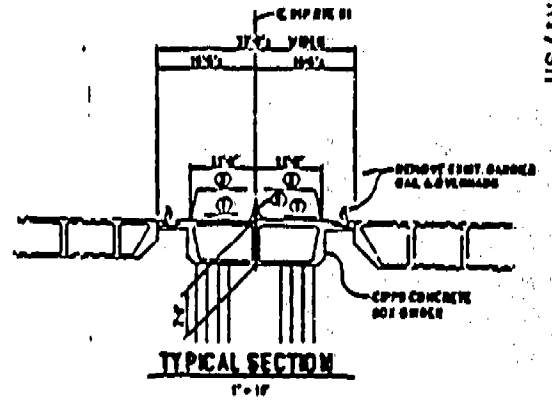
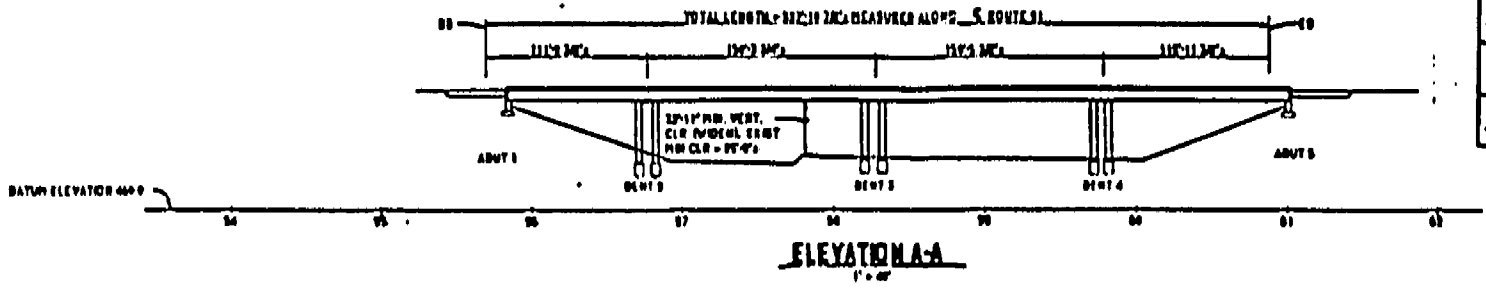
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 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
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 LOCALS & VICINITY MAP  
 Proposed Improvements at Prado Overhead and  
 West Prado Overhead on  
 State Route 91 in Riverside County  
 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SHEET - EXHIBIT B

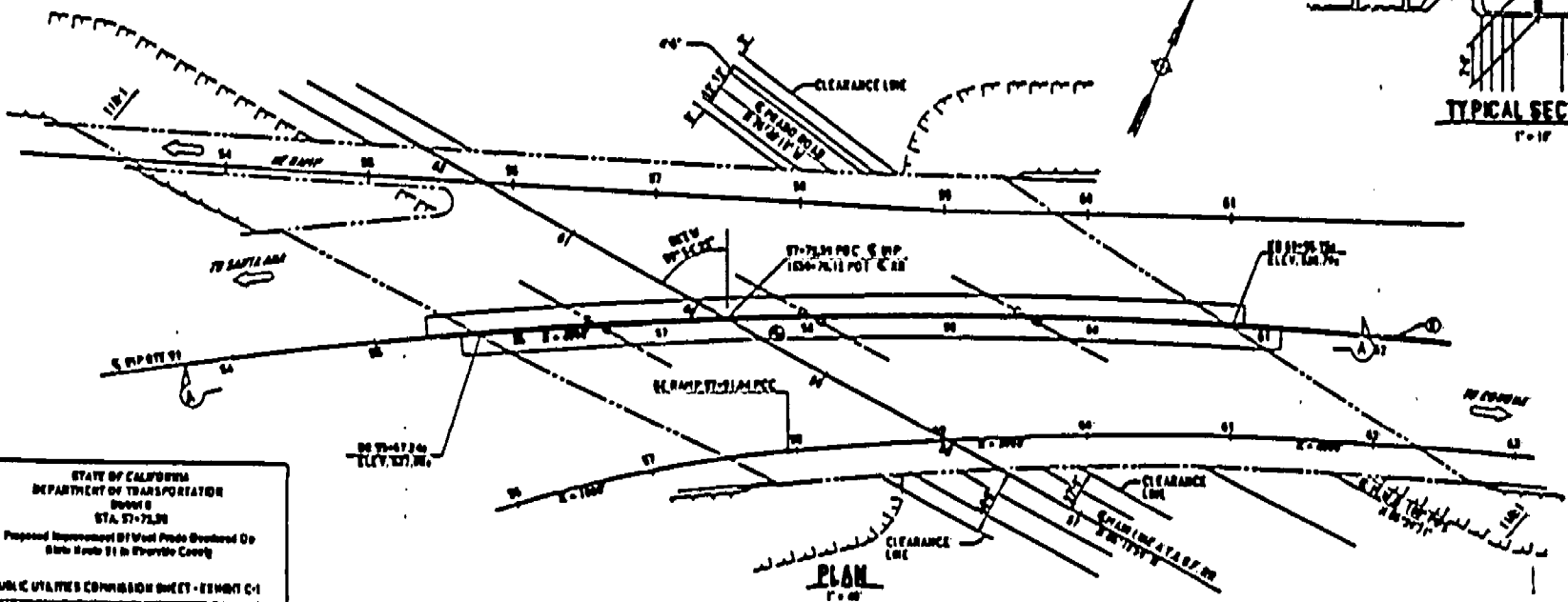
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- ② CONC. BARRER TYPE 50 PPM
- ③ PROFILE GRADE
- ④ INDICATE POINT OF MINIMUM CLEARANCE



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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
Sheet 6  
STA. 57+75.00  
Proposed Improvement of West Freeway Overlaid On  
State Route 51 in Riverside County

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION SHEET - EIGHT C-1

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Appendix A  
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