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Decision 96-02-015 February 7, 1996

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: )  
Reconstruct the La Cumbre Road )  
Overhead, located in the City )  
of Santa Barbara, County of )  
Santa Barbara, State of )  
California. )

**ORIGINAL**

Application 95-07-014  
(Filed July 11, 1995)

O P I N I O N

State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) requests authority to reconstruct La Cumbre Road Overhead grade separation over Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Line tracks, in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara.

The existing physical width constraints of the La Cumbre Overpass, require that this structure be widened to accommodate an additional lane northbound and a bike lane in each direction of travel. Adding the new lanes will reduce congestion by increasing roadway capacity. During construction, construction staging will allow La Cumbre Road traffic uninterrupted use of the structure; railroad traffic will remain largely unaffected.

Caltrans 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. Caltrans issued a Negative Declaration and on May 7, 1993, filed a Notice of Determination 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 reviewed and considered the lead agency's Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination.

The site of the proposed project has been inspected by the Commission's Safety and Enforcement Division - Traffic Engineering staff. Staff examined the need for and safety of the proposed project and recommends that the new overhead be approved.

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 reconstruction of existing crossings and separations over railroad track. Detailed drawings of the proposed overhead are included in Appendix A attached to this order.

Findings of Fact

1. Notice of the Application was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on August 3, 1995. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary.

2. Caltrans requests authority under Public Utilities Code Sections 1201-1205 to widen the existing La Cumbre Road Overhead at separated grades over SPT's Coast Main Line in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara.

3. Widening of the existing overpass is required to accommodate a new through lane in each direction of travel, thereby reducing congestion and increasing roadway capacity on La Cumbre Road.

4. Public convenience, necessity and safety require widening of the existing La Cumbre Road Overpass.

5. Caltrans 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 Negative Declaration and Notice of Determination.

Conclusion of Law

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

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is authorized to reconstruct La Cumbre Road Overhead grade separation over Southern Pacific Transportation Company's (SPT) Coast Main Line tracks, identified as Crossing E-366.7-A, in the City of Santa Barbara, County of Santa Barbara, at the location and substantially as shown by plans attached to the Application and Appendix A of this order.

2. Clearances shall be in accordance with General Order (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 SPT, shall be filed with the Commission's Safety and Enforcement 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 FEB 7, 1996, at San Francisco, California.

DANIEL Wm. FESSLER  
President

P. GREGORY CONLON

JESSIE J. KNIGHT, JR.

HENRY M. DUQUE

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Commissioners

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 PROJECT PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION ON  
 STATE HIGHWAY  
 IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
 IN AND NEAR SANTA BARBARA FROM 0.3 MILE SOUTH  
 TO 0.2 MILE NORTH OF LA CUMBRE ROAD OVERCROSSING  
 To be supplemented by Standard Plans dated July, 1932

COUNTY	ROUTE	MILE	POST MILE
03	101	17.5	18.0

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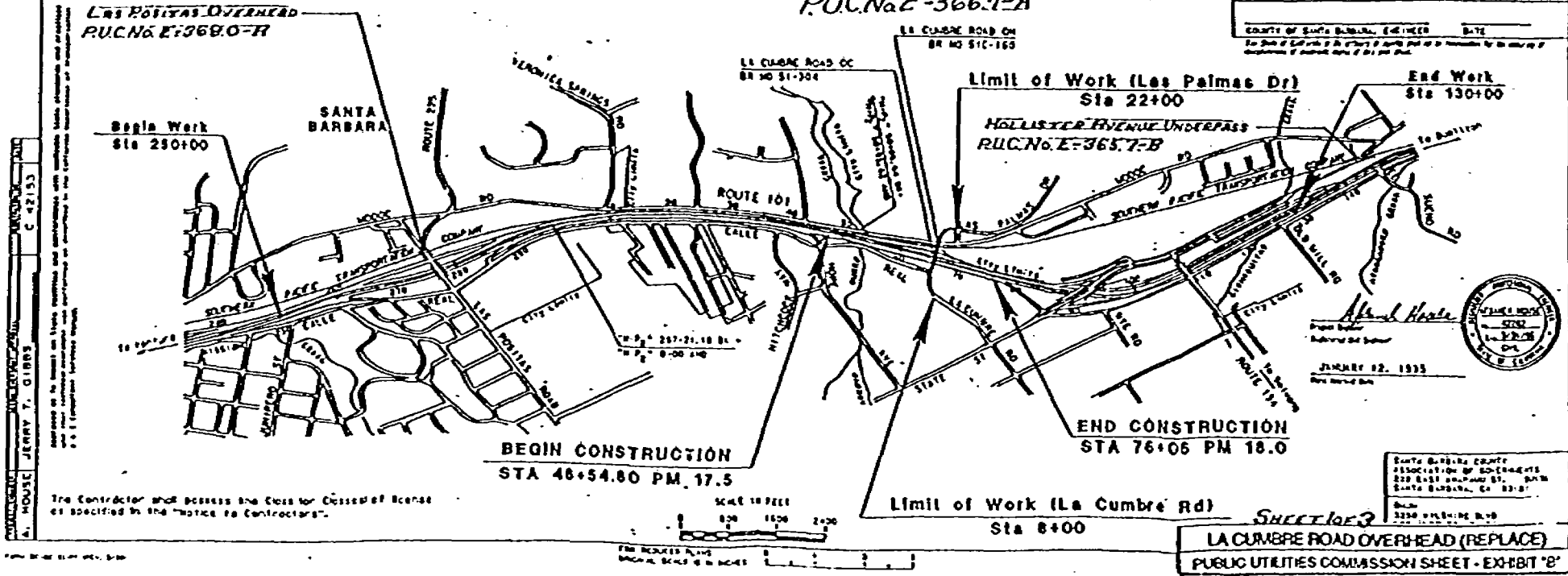
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To Show of Location of the Project of State Highway in Relation to the County of Santa Barbara, California, and to the State of California.

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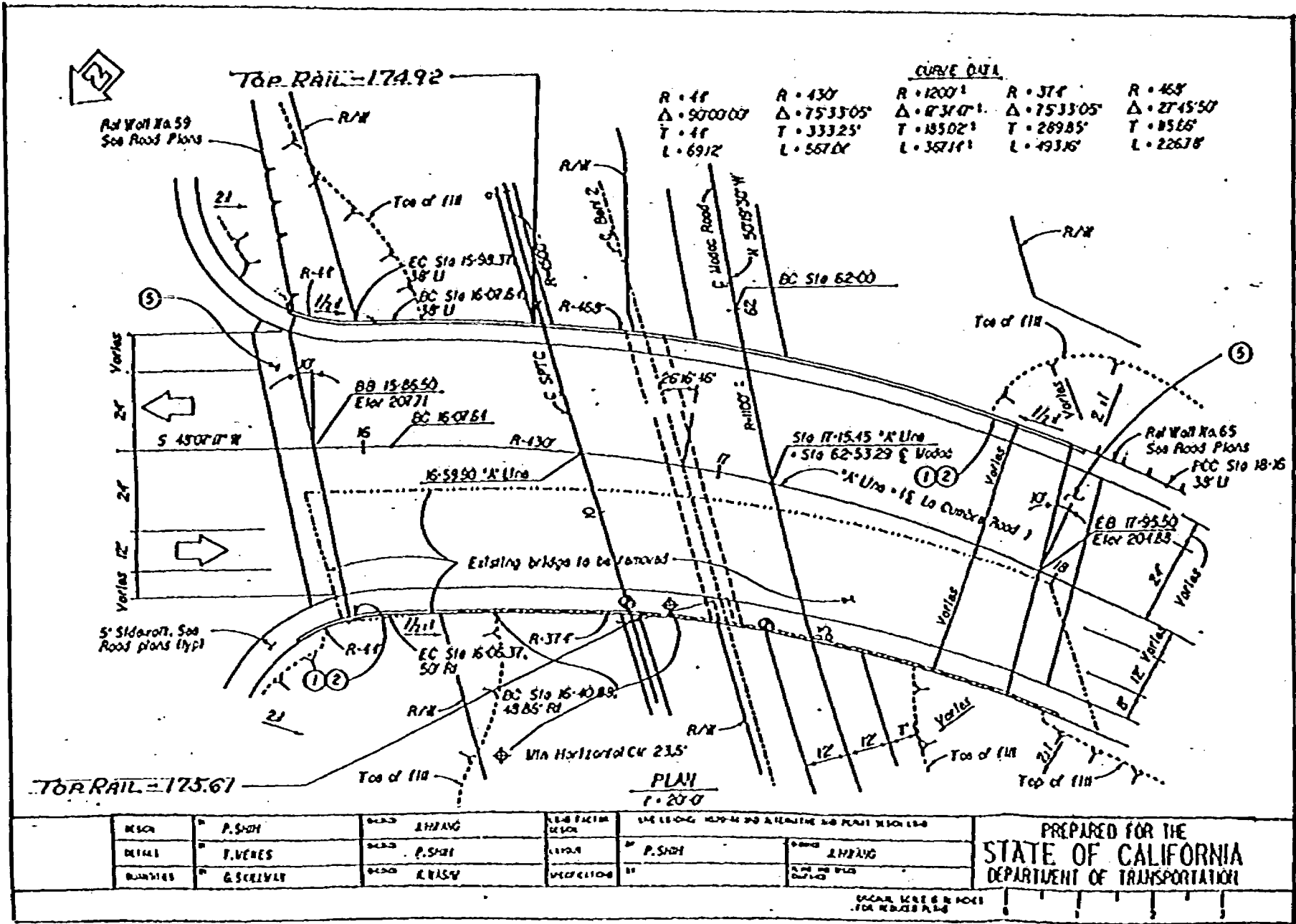


APPROVED FOR THE CONTRACTOR  
 JERRY T. GIBBS  
 HOUSE C 42153

Contractor to be bound on these drawings and specifications with reference to the California Statutes and Regulations and to the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as amended, and to the Standard Plans for Highway Construction, as amended, and to the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as amended, and to the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, as amended.

The Contractor shall possess the Class or Classes of License as specified in the "Notice to Contractors".





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DETAIL	T. VERES	DESIGN	P. SHIH	CHECK	P. SHIH	DESIGN	Z. HANG
QUANTITIES	G. SCHWAB	DESIGN	R. WASH	VERIFICATION	P. SHIH	DESIGN	Z. HANG

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