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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): California Dept. of Transportation
100 South Main St., Suite 100, MS 16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: SR-210 Stormwater MitigationProject Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 210 freeway from post miles 36.0 to 40.6.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is proposing installation of fourteen (14) Best Management Practice devices (BMPs) for a Storm Water Mitigation Project along State Route 210 from postmile 36.0 to 40.6

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of TransportationName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project improves the operation of the existing public transportation facility and is within the State's right-of-way.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Chris Laurel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-897-3616

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Chris Laurel Date: 1/10/20 Title: Environmental Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

07-LA-210 36.0/40.6 32310/0716000061 CE# 201908010
 Dist./Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M. E.A/Project No. Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Best Management Practice Devices (BMPs) installation project along State Route 210 (SR-210) in the City of Duarte and Irwindale and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County between post miles (PM) 36.0 and 40.6. The purpose of the project is to make improvements to the existing highway drainage system by incorporating BMPs that will reduce the amount of natural occurring materials (e.g. vegetation, rocks, soils, and litter) discharged into local waterways. Vegetation removal would be required and all work would be completed within the Caltrans right-of-way. (Continued on next page).

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency ☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
☒ Categorically Exempt: Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.


☐ Common Sense Exemption: [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3]).]

Susan Tse Koo

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or
Environmental Branch Chief

Amir Elsharief

Print Name: Project Manager


Signature

01/10/2020
Date


Signature

1/10/20
Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☒ 23 USC 326: The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☐ 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c) ()

☐ 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) ()

☒ Activity 1 listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State

☐ 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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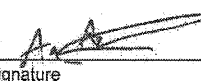
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or
Environmental Branch Chief

Amir Elsharief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer


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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 1/9/20

Date of ECR or equivalent: 1/9/20

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet

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A total of fourteen (14) Best Management Practices stormwater capture devices are planned to be installed to mitigate stormwater pollution from the Caltrans roadway system. Bioswales (BSW), Design Pollution Prevention Areas (DPPIA), and Austin Vault Sand Filters will be installed within the Caltrans right-of-way. The BMP locations are attached to this document.

Biology:

- Coordination with the Office of Landscape Architecture is required to develop a revegetation plan for locations that will require the removal of existing vegetation. The Division of Environmental Planning should be involved in the development of the plant palette for the landscape plan. If native vegetation will be removed, then an appropriate replacement ratio should be developed in coordination with the Office of Landscape Architecture and the Division of Environmental Planning.
- Minimize the use of invasive species, such as iceplant, and maximize use of native species, such as deer grass, to minimize environmental impacts and increase environmental benefits of the project.
- Native plants should be considered in the plant design. These plants offer a beneficial value due to being drought tolerant, adaptable to heavy clay native soils, leaf litter that serves as valuable mulch, easy maintenance, not prone to getting diseases, and deep roots that offer soil stabilization to prevent erosion.
- The Division of Environmental Planning will be provided the Project Specifications & Expenditures Review Package for review and comments.
- The Project Biologist and Environmental Construction Liaison must be invited to the pre-construction meeting, with one week prior notice.
- The Project Biologist, Christopher Stevenson, must be notified two weeks prior to construction (at 213-897-0146 or Christopher.Stevenson@dot.ca.gov) so that preconstruction surveys may be conducted and exclusionary devices and methods may be discussed, per the following standard specification: 14-6.03 Bird Protection.
- Avoid impacts to large native shrubs and trees, specifically laurel sumac and chaparral yucca native shrubs found within Site #175, #177, #178 and #184 of the project footprint. These native shrubs should be protected in place and impacts avoided through protective measure such as installing ESA (Environmentally Sensitive Area) fencing around each individual shrub. A Caltrans Biologist should be notified to identify each individual species prior to start of construction to alert resident engineer and contractor of each species location to be avoided.
- No asphalt grindings shall be used within 100 feet of any water course. Water course, for this purpose, is defined as any feature, either natural or man-made, which conveys water during any time of the year. The limitation on asphalt use near waterways is restricted to compacted shoulder backing.
- No work should commence until the vegetation to be removed has been surveyed for nesting birds and cleared by the District Biologist.
- Protect Canary Island Pine trees located in Site #157. No BMP device should be placed within the root crown of any tree. An ESA zone shall be installed by the District Biologist to designate the protect root crown. Contact District Biologist at least 2 weeks prior to construction to survey Site #157.
- There will be no known hazardous wastes or materials within the roadways, construction area, and surrounding area; however, if hazardous materials are found onsite, the contractor will be responsible for collection, containment and disposal of all waste produced from work done on this project, including potential hazardous waste, in compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and local waste laws/regulations.
- This project must employ all appropriate Stormwater and Erosion Control Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction, and these must be incorporated into the project specifications. Prior to the start of construction all drain inlets and outlets must be protected with BMPs to prevent construction materials and debris from entering drainages. Therefore, this project has very little potential to create water quality impacts. Temporary Construction BMPs will be required such as wind erosion control, sediment tracking control, street sweeping and vacuuming, stabilized construction roadway, spill prevention control, solid waste management, hazardous waste management, sanitary/septic waste management, material delivery and storage, material use, vehicle and equipment cleaning, vehicle and equipment fueling, and vehicle maintenance.
- Vegetation removal should be avoided during the bird nesting season (February 1st through September 15th). Should vegetation need to be removed during this period, the District Biologist shall be notified two weeks prior to the start of construction to determine if nesting birds are present. In the event that nesting birds are observed, the Resident Engineer (RE) shall pause work until a qualified biologist has determined that fledglings have left the nest. If this is not possible, the RE shall coordinate with the District Biologist to minimize the risk of violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). Most likely, the District Biologist will recommend a buffer of 150 ft. for songbirds and a buffer of 500 ft. for raptors during all phases of construction. Nesting birds are protected under the MBTA and cannot be impacted by construction activities, including but not limited to noise, dust pollution, and habitat disturbance.
- If the project scope should change for any reason, the Division of Environmental Planning will be notified to determine whether current environmental documentation is adequate.

Hazardous Waste:

- A project-specific site investigation will be required for ADL and other potential contaminants in the soil during the PS&E phase.
- A project-specific Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) must be prepared to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead contaminant in soil.
- An asbestos survey must be performed to identify asbestos containing construction material.
- Imported borrow from non-commercial or out-of-state sources will require testing of soil prior to acceptance and placement at detection limits that are below concentrations that have adverse impacts.
- The handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of Treated Wood Waste are subject to California hazardous waste regulations.

Air Quality:

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Continuation Sheet

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- Objectionable odors should be minimized by conducting certain construction activities in areas at least 500 feet from sensitive receptors as feasible.

Cultural Resources:

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work will be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

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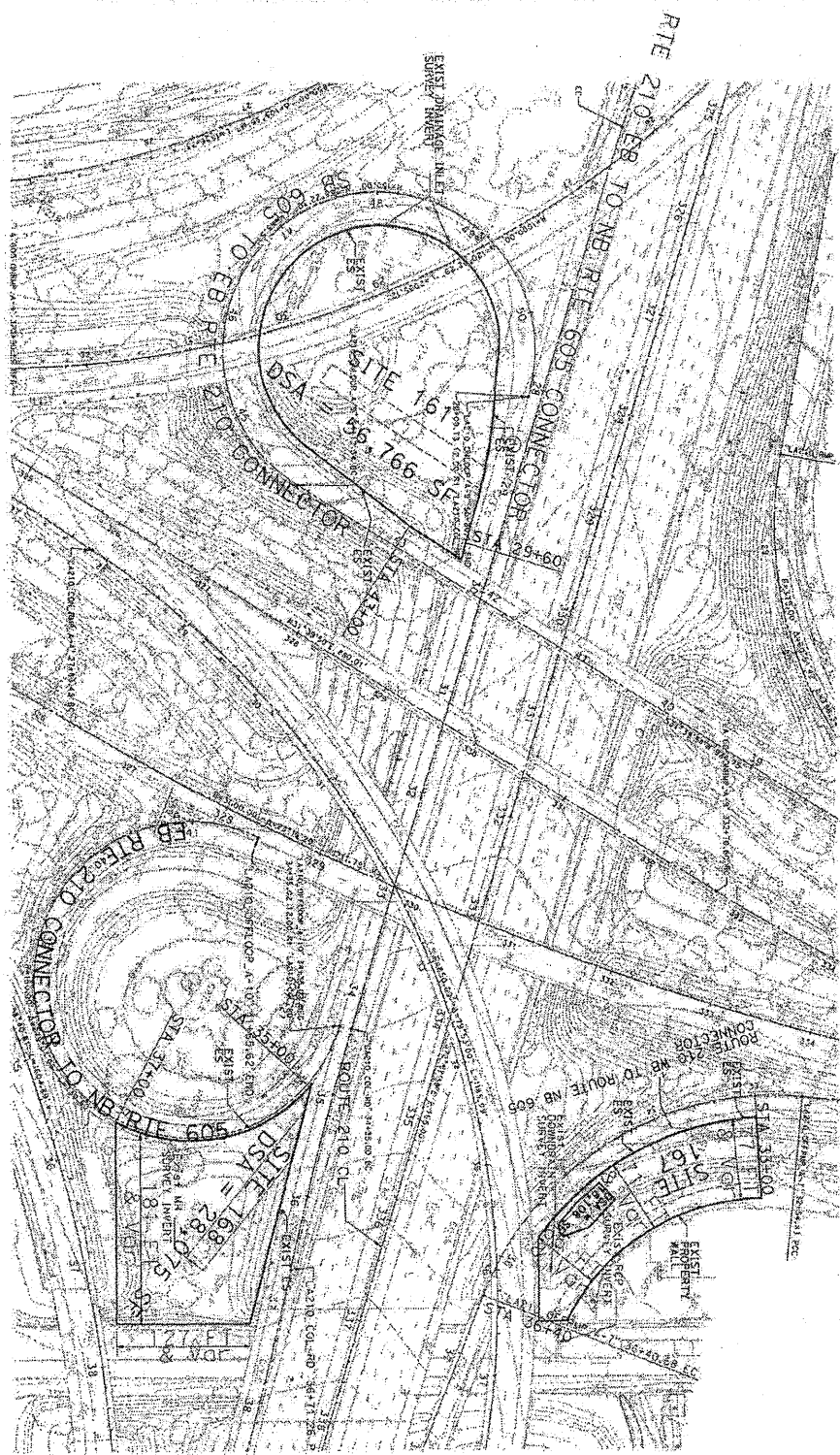
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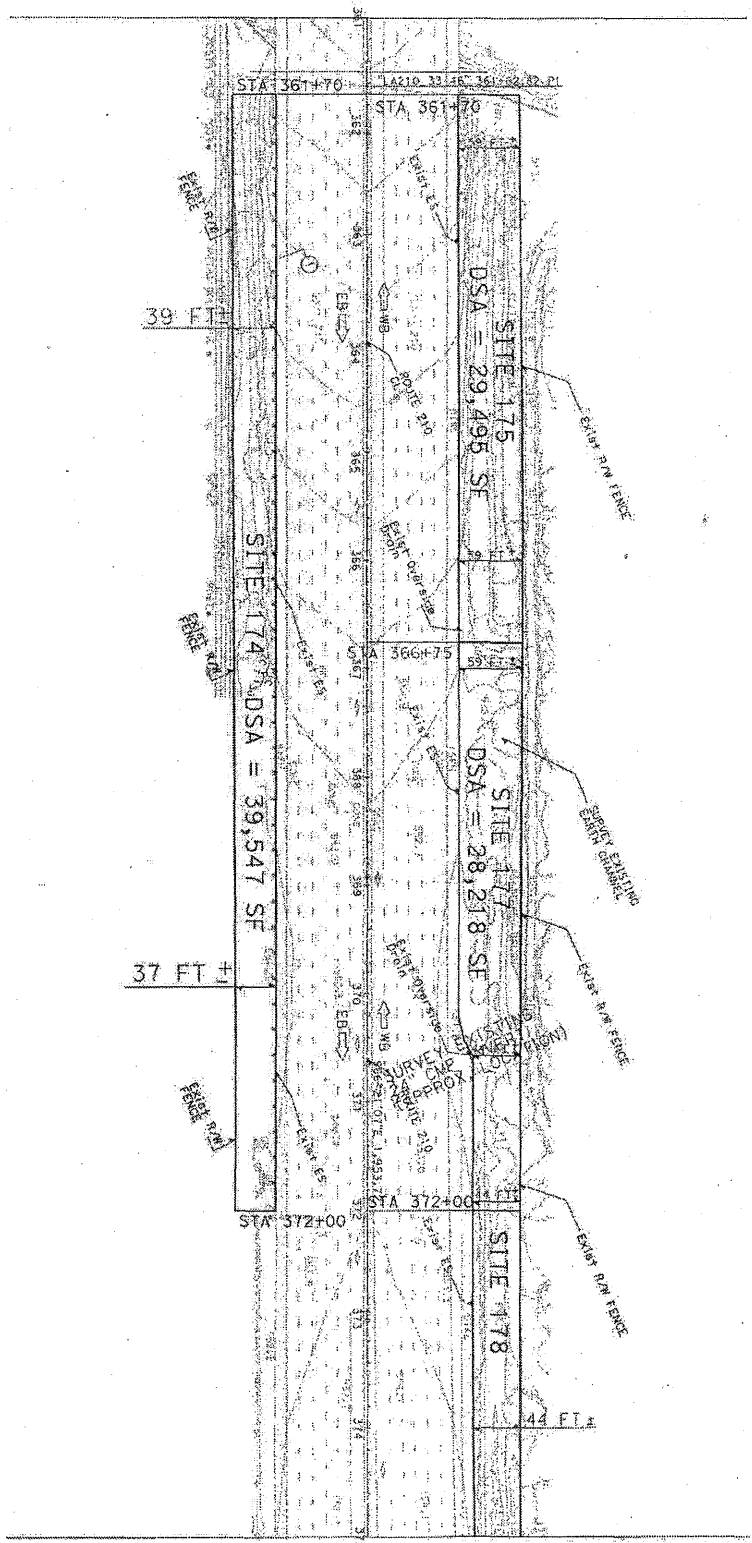
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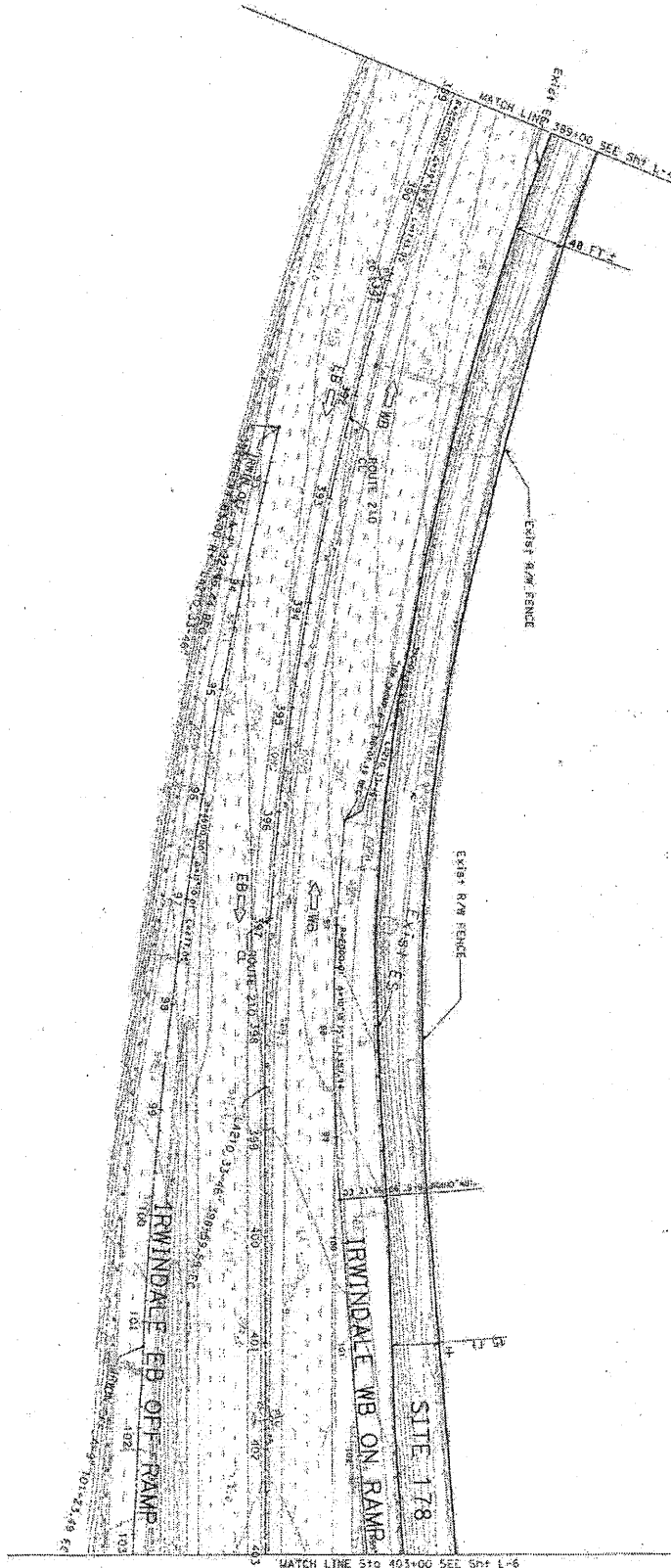
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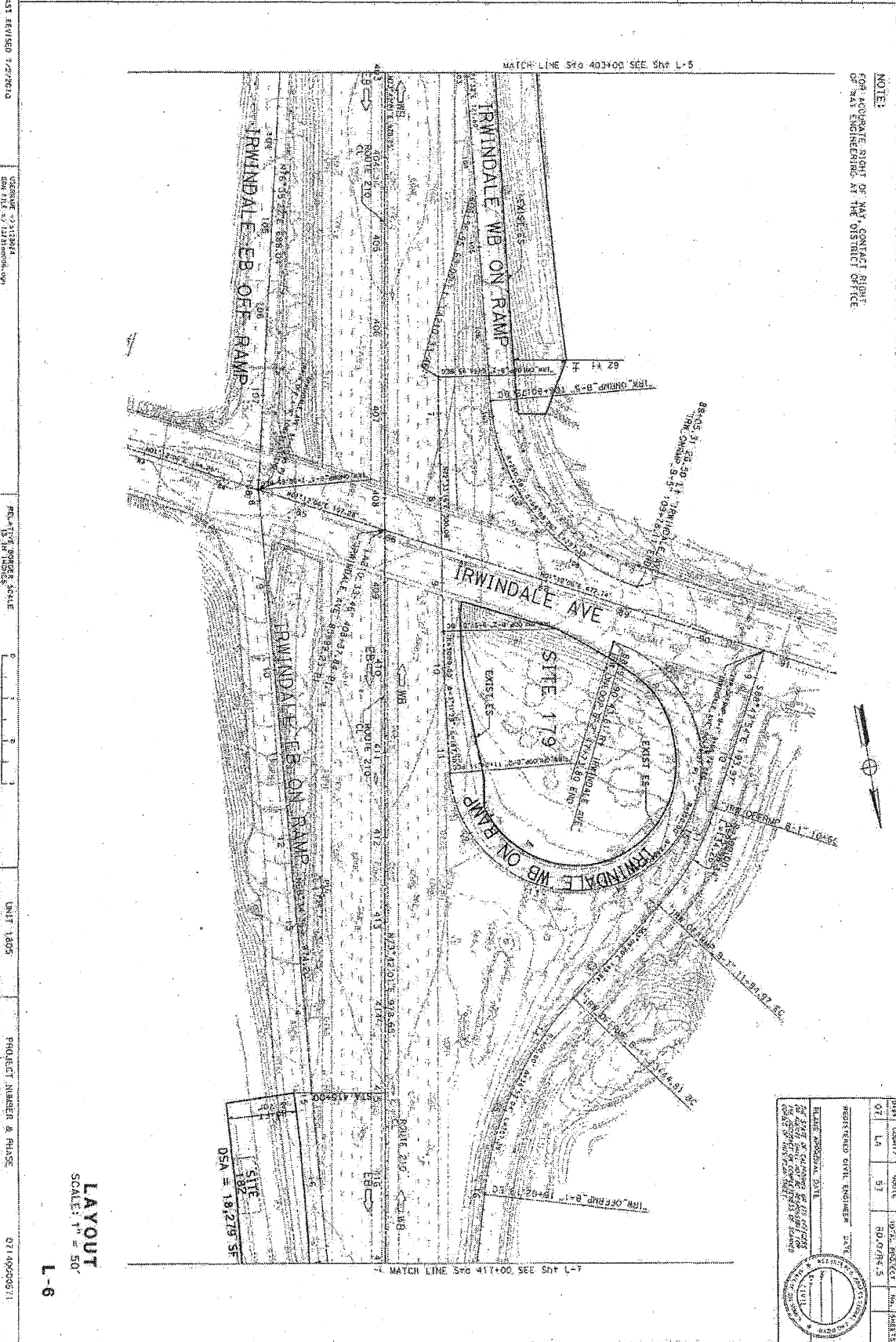
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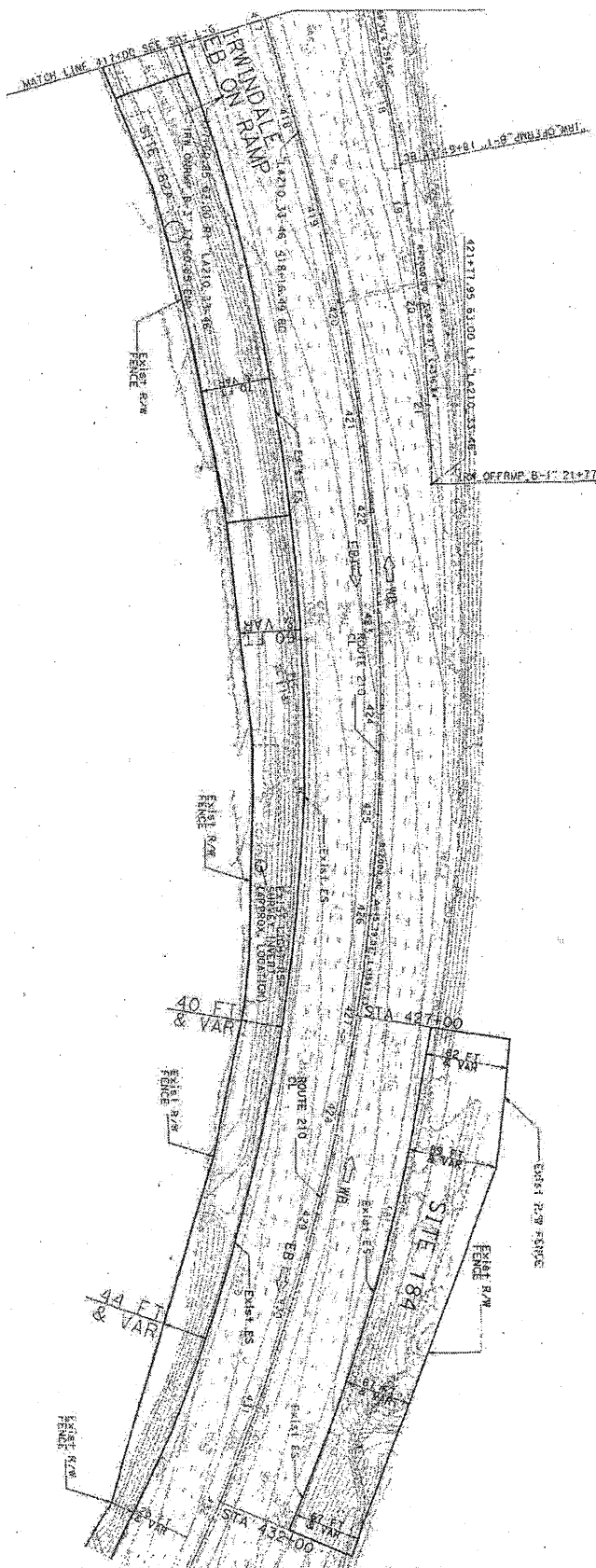
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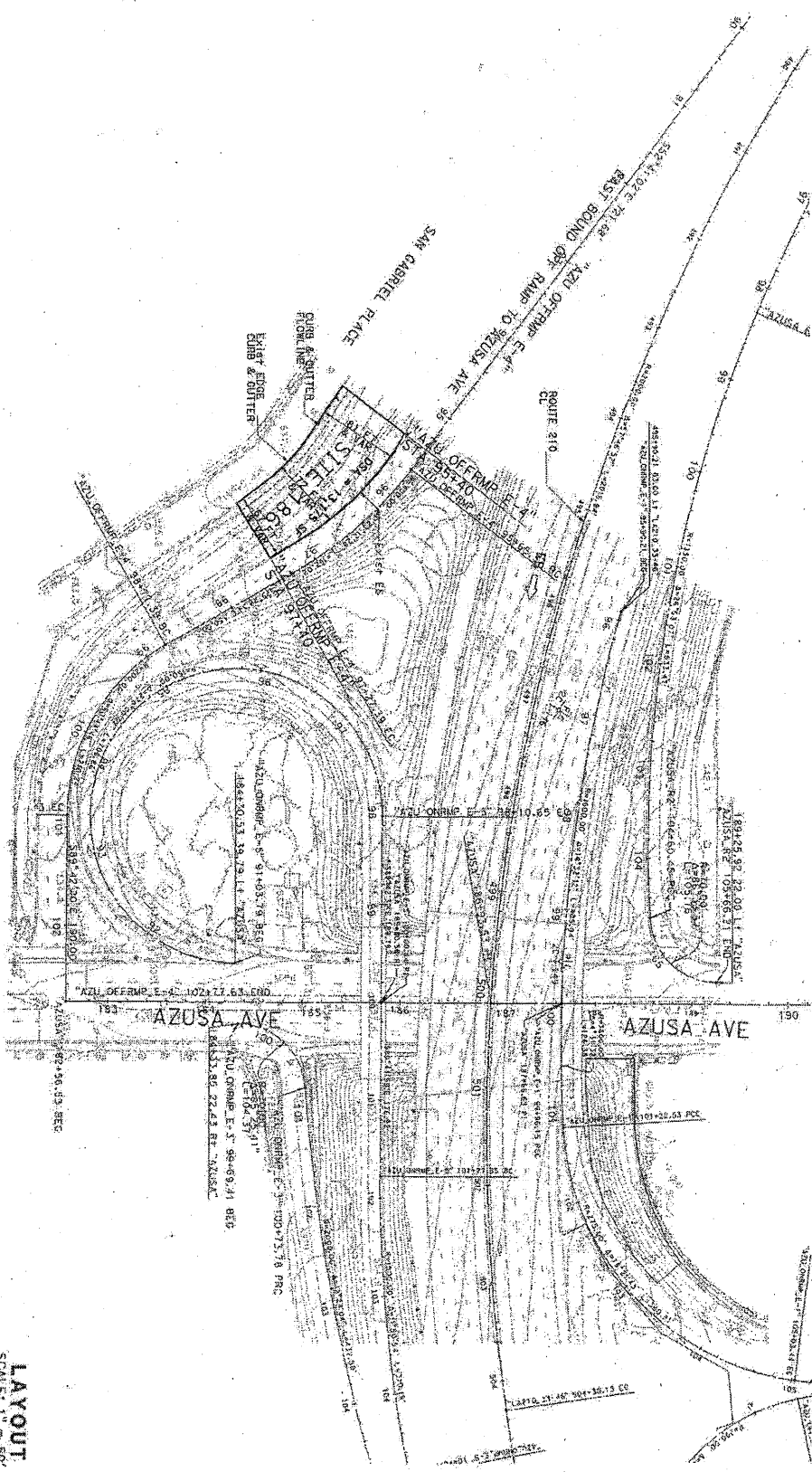
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