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STAFF REPORT: CONSENT CALENDAR

Application No.: 6-04-15

Applicant: California Department of Transportation Agent: Gladys Baird

Description: Widen Harbor Drive southbound onramp to Interstate 5 (I-5) by 4.5 feet for 4,220 lineal feet, install Closed Circuit Television, Maintenance Pullout, Traffic Monitoring System (TMS) and ramp metering; modify 16 drainage inlets between Harbor Drive and Orange County Line (about 17 miles).

Site: North and Southbound lanes of I-5 from Harbor Drive to Orange County Line, Camp Pendleton, San Diego County

Substantive File Documents: Department of Transportation Letter, dated October 23, 2001; CDP #6-01-161

I. STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

The staff recommends the Commission adopt the following resolution:

MOTION: *I move that the Commission approve the coastal development permit applications included on the consent calendar in accordance with the staff recommendations.*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT CONSENT CALENDAR:

Staff recommends a **YES** vote. Passage of this motion will result in approval of all the permits included on the consent calendar. The motion passes only by affirmative vote of a majority of the Commissioners present.

II. Standard Conditions.

See attached page.

Orange County Line. The drainage units are being modified as a safety measure; the top of the grate covers will be at grade rather than above ground where they presented a hazard to motorists. All of the improvements, aside from the drainage inlets, are located near the Harbor Drive interchange and within Caltrans right of way. The project was originally approved as CDP #6-01-161. However, the permit was never issued and has expired.

Regarding the 16 drainage inlets between Harbor Drive and the Orange County Line, most of the inlets drain under I-5 to the west into existing lined and unlined ditches, some permeable, and discharge into mostly vegetated areas which allows the runoff to percolate and filter naturally. No runoff goes directly into any waterbody. No filters are proposed in the inlets. Proposed temporary (construction) BMPs include fiber rolls and temporary concrete washouts to be implemented concurrent or prior to construction activities to protect storm drain inlets, creeks, etc., from erosion and sediments during construction activities. The Commission's water quality specialist has reviewed the project and determined that no additional requirements for permanent or temporary BMPs are necessary. Special Condition #1 requires final plans showing the proposed location of the temporary BMPs. Nine of the proposed drainage inlets are adjacent to sensitive biological resources; however, the biologist states that inlets at these locations may be constructed if certain conditions are met:

All areas beyond 5 feet from the edge of pavement would be designated as Environmentally Sensitive Areas. No construction activities including access, staging, or storage of materials are allowed in these areas.

In areas potentially inhabited by the coastal California gnatcatcher, work must be conducted outside of the breeding season (generally August 31 to February 15)

Those locations with potential presence of Pacific pocket mouse may be worked on year-round if silt fencing is installed prior to commencement of work to protect vegetation and soil.

Regarding the remainder of the project, equipment is proposed to 1) ensure the safety of Caltrans maintenance crews (MVPO) and 2) monitor the flow of traffic (CCTV, TMS and ramp metering). The MVPO is 660 sq.ft. in size and is a semi-rectangular shaped impervious blacktop surface and is used to provide a safe place for maintenance vehicles to park by the freeway. Paving these areas will reduce the amount of time that maintenance personnel will be exposed to traffic. The CCTV and the TMS are traffic surveillance systems designed to monitor existing freeway conditions for motorists and Caltrans workers. Some lane and ramp closure would be required but would be conducted at night and the lanes and ramps would be reopened in time for morning traffic. The length of time to complete the project would take about two years. All work is proposed within Caltrans right-of-way. Some existing ornamental vegetation would be removed to install the improvements but would be replaced upon installation. Special Condition #1 requires the facilities to be colored in dark tones, and also requires that

proposed development conforms to Sections 30210 through 30214, Sections 30220 through 30224, Section 30252 and Section 30604(c) of the Coastal Act.

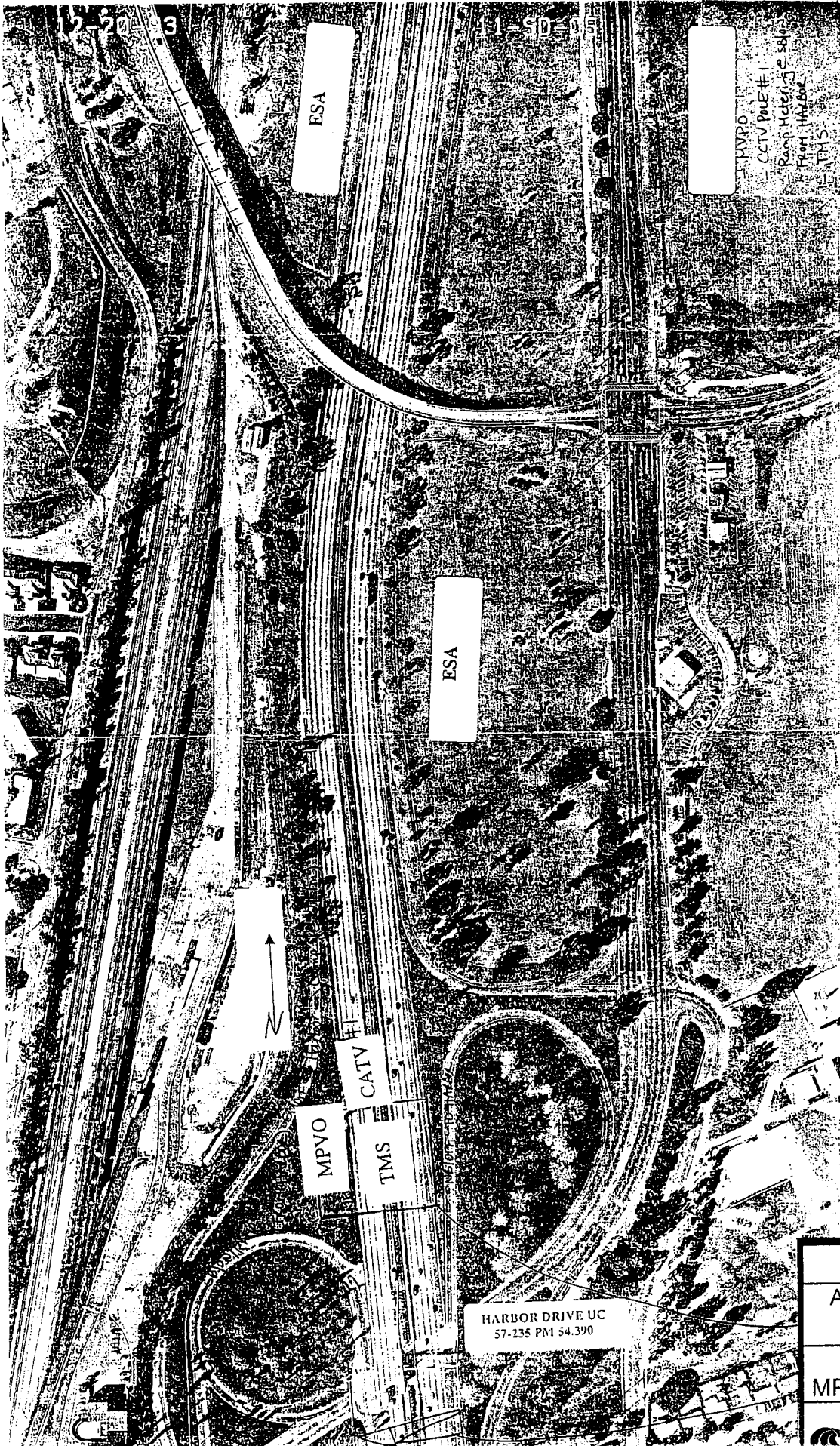
E. Growth Inducement. As proposed, this development will not be growth inducing. The proposed facilities are intended to provide a back-up safety system and storm water interception for low flows. System capacity is not being increased consistent with Section 30250 of the Coastal Act.

F. Local Coastal Planning. The subject site is located in an area of original jurisdiction, where the Commission retains permanent permit authority and Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act remains the legal standard of review. As conditioned, the proposed development is consistent with Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. Approval of the project, as conditioned, will not prejudice the ability of the County of San Diego to obtain its certified LCP.

G. California Environmental Quality Act. As conditioned, there are no feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen any significant adverse effect which the activity may have on the environment. Therefore, the Commission finds that the proposed project, as conditioned to mitigate the identified impacts, is the least environmentally damaging feasible alternative and is consistent with the requirements of the Coastal Act to conform to CEQA.

STANDARD CONDITIONS:

1. **Notice of Receipt and Acknowledgment.** The permit is not valid and development shall not commence until a copy of the permit, signed by the permittee or authorized agent, acknowledging receipt of the permit and acceptance of the terms and conditions, is returned to the Commission office.
2. **Expiration.** If development has not commenced, the permit will expire two years from the date on which the Commission voted on the application. Development shall be pursued in a diligent manner and completed in a reasonable period of time. Application for extension of the permit must be made prior to the expiration date.
3. **Interpretation.** Any questions of intent or interpretation of any condition will be resolved by the Executive Director or the Commission.
4. **Assignment.** The permit may be assigned to any qualified person, provided assignee files with the Commission an affidavit accepting all terms and conditions of the permit.
5. **Terms and Conditions Run with the Land.** These terms and conditions shall be perpetual, and it is the intention of the Commission and the permittee to bind all future owners and possessors of the subject property to the terms and conditions.



TRENCH LINE

MP From Harbor Drive
line loops (Both directions)

EXHIBIT NO. 2
APPLICATION NO.
6-04-015
Aerial showing MPVO, TMS & CATB

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NOTE:

FOR COMPLETE RIGHT OF WAY AND ACCURATE ACCESS DATA,
 SEE RIGHT OF WAY RECORD MAPS AT DISTRICT OFFICE.



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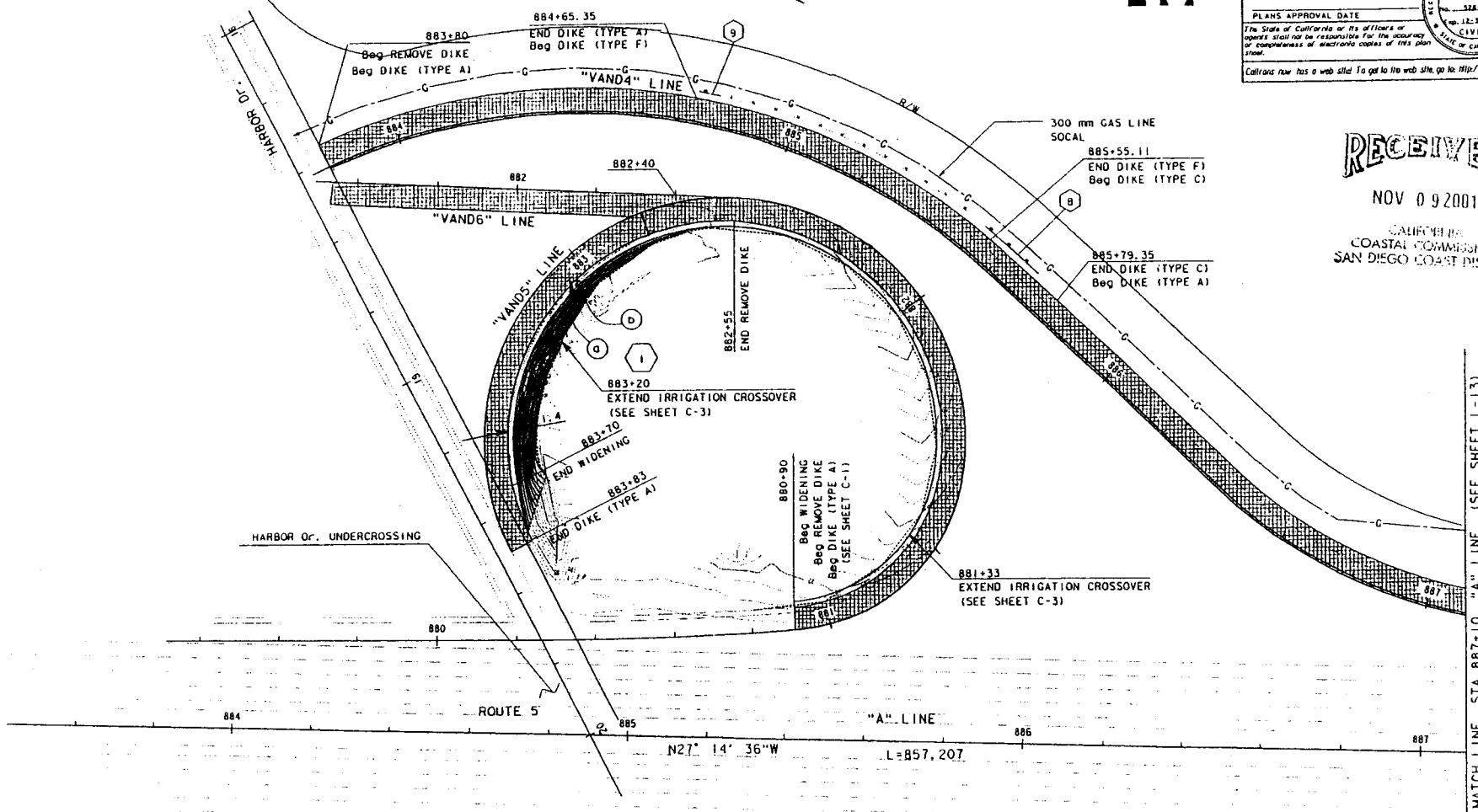
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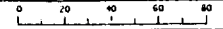
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