



# CITY OF SARATOGA

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May 22, 2014

Via First Class Mail

Hon. Ash Kalra,  
Chairperson, Board of Directors  
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority  
3331 North First Street  
San Jose, CA 95134

RE: Proposed Highway 85 Expansion

Dear Chairperson Kalra:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Saratoga City Council regarding the 1989 Performance Agreement duly executed between the City of Saratoga and the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority, the predecessor of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). A copy of the agreement is attached.

Pursuant to VTA's By-Laws, State enabling legislation and VTA staff representations, VTA is the successor agency to the Santa Clara County Traffic Authority and has assumed all powers, obligations, assets and responsibilities of the prior agency, including the 1989 Performance Agreement with the City of Saratoga.

Section 4 of the 1989 Performance Agreement states in relevant part:

Route 85 through the CITY will be a 6-lane facility with a median width of '46 reserved for mass transportation, and a vertical profile as shown in Attachment "A".

The City noted this commitment by VTA in its February 25, 2014 comments on the Project Initial Study. Those comments, however, were directed to the Caltrans staff rather than directly to VTA. This letter is intended to remind VTA of this commitment

and similar commitments in its agreements with the City of Cupertino and the Town of Los Gatos.

In addition, the City wishes to emphasize its earlier comment noting that SR 85 cuts through the heart of the Saratoga community. Noise from SR 85 already far exceeds that expected at the time it was approved. The City Council urges VTA to ensure that the ongoing operations and maintenance of Highway 85 together with any projects pursued in the corridor be carried out in a way that will reduce existing noise levels and otherwise be in accordance with the Performance Agreement and all applicable laws. This is crucial to the quality of life of Saratoga residents.

The City and VTA have a long history of working collaboratively in the public interest and the City trusts that VTA will continue its past practice and fully comply with the Performance Agreement and consider the well-being of Saratoga residents in all its planning for Highway 85.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Lo', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Emily Lo  
Mayor, City of Saratoga

Enclosure: 1989 Performance Agreement

cc: Saratoga City Council  
City Manager  
City Clerk

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, in 1984 the voters of Santa Clara County passed Measure A on the ballot, authorizing a one-half of one percent sales tax in the County for a period of ten years, to fund major highway improvements on State Routes 85, 101, and 237; and

WHEREAS, the TRAFFIC AUTHORITY was created to administer the program and see that specific identified improvements were implemented; and

WHEREAS, through the development of Freeway Agreements, it became evident that a separate Agreement was appropriate between the CITY and the TRAFFIC AUTHORITY which would outline mitigation standards, establish specific design guidelines, and specify CITY participation in the design process; and

WHEREAS, the TRAFFIC AUTHORITY intends to provide equitable application of policies and measures for all Corridor cities, in the implementation of the Route 85 freeway project; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the execution of a Performance Agreement on April 4, 1988, CITY conducted an election, the results of which advised the CITY to amend existing Freeway and Performance Agreements to provide for an interchange within the CITY's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, it is the mutual desire of the parties hereto, to enter into this amended Performance Agreement in accordance with the attached information;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED:

1. This Agreement is executed in conjunction with the separate Freeway Agreement between the CITY and the CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (herein referred to as "CALTRANS").

2. This Agreement, by reference, incorporates the following documentation: the TRAFFIC AUTHORITY'S Strategic Plan, August 1988; the Route 85 Environmental Impact Statement, July 1987; the Mitigation Plan, December 1987; and the Route 85 Bicycle Corridor Plan, November 1988. Commitments made by this Agreement shall be an extension of these documents.

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7. The TRAFFIC AUTHORITY will provide levels of landscaping over and above those required by Federal and State standards. Specific types and locations will be determined in the design process, with input from the Aesthetics Review Committee and approval by the CITY. Landscaping design will seek to maximize local aesthetics, and minimize long-term maintenance costs, within the available budget.

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The TRAFFIC AUTHORITY agrees to provide access at the Route 85 crossing of Saratoga Creek for future CITY construction of a park trail through this area.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
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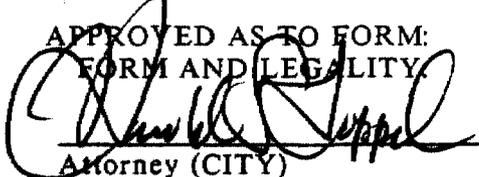
  
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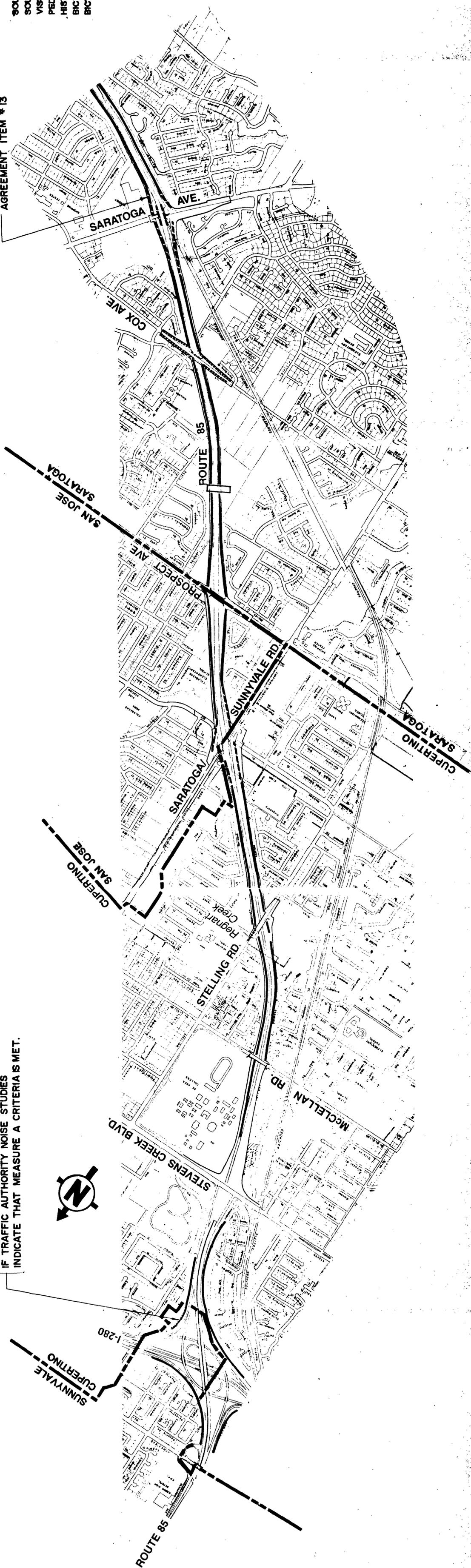
  
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- PEDESTRIAN OVERCROSSING
- HISTORIC PROPERTY
- BICYCLE PATH
- ▨ BICYCLE BRIDGE

SEE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT ITEM #13

THIS SOUNDWALL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, IF TRAFFIC AUTHORITY NOISE STUDIES INDICATE THAT MEASURE A CRITERIA IS MET.



Attachment 'C'

**ROUTE 85 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT**

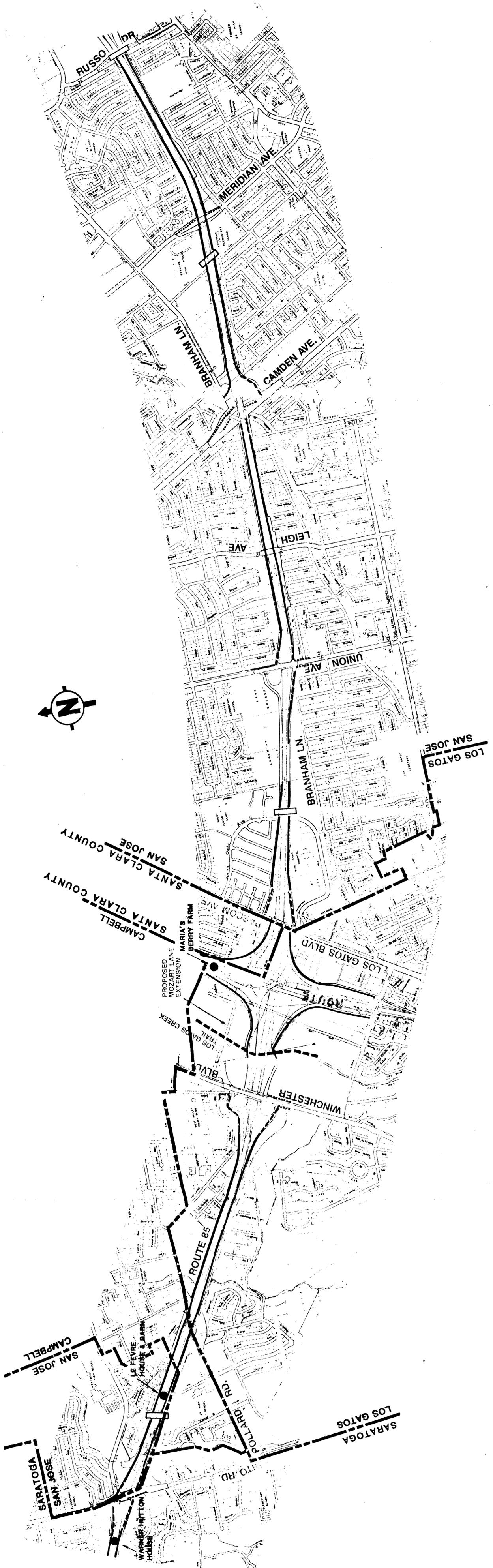
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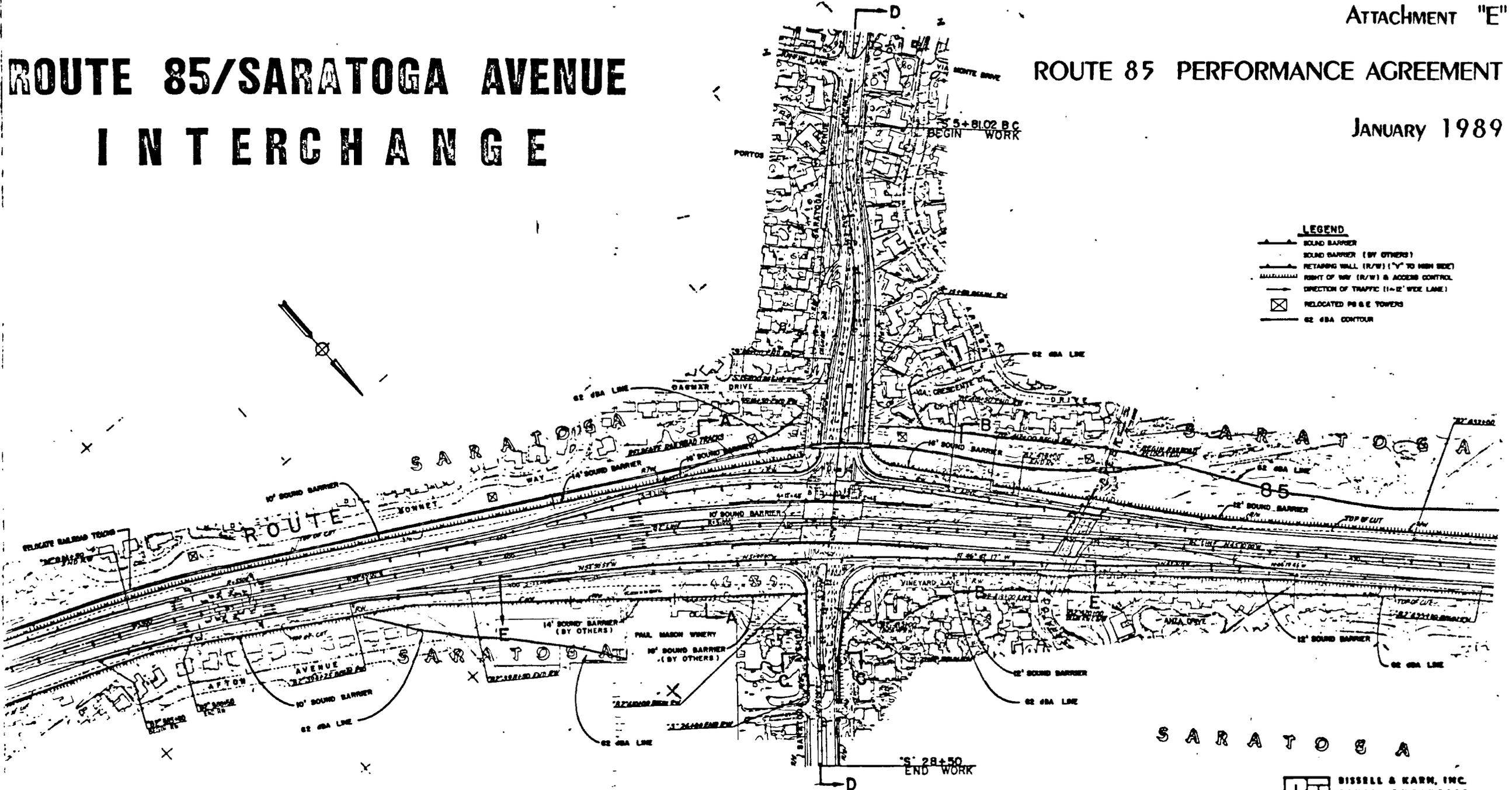
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**ROUTE 85 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT**  
 Sheet 2 of 3 : Quito Road to Russo Drive  
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# ROUTE 85/SARATOGA AVENUE INTERCHANGE

ATTACHMENT "E"  
ROUTE 85 PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

JANUARY 1989



- LEGEND**
- SOUND BARRIER
  - SOUND BARRIER (BY OTHERS)
  - ▨ RETAINING WALL (R/W) (1" TO HIGH SIDE)
  - ▨ RIGHT OF WAY (R/W) & ACCESS CONTROL
  - DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC (11-12' WIDE LANE)
  - ⊗ RELOCATED PO & E TOWERS
  - 62' 48A CONTOUR

**BR** BISSELL & KARM, INC.  
CIVIL ENGINEERS  
200 N. MARKET ST., SUITE 200, SARATOGA, CA 95070  
415-861-7100