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Valencia Blvd. OC
Br. No. 53-2927

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Department of Transportation is the owner of the recently replaced Valencia Boulevard Overcrossing, Bridge No. 53-2927 located on Route 5 in the County of Los Angeles. The transportation improvement project that including building this replacement structure was designed by consultants. Athalye Consulting Engineers served as the bridge designer on behalf of the Newhall Land and Farming Company. Our office was responsible for design oversight of the overcrossing from Advance Planning and Type Selection through the final Plan, Specification and Estimate preparation of the project.

This was a unique project because of it being one of the earliest projects designed by consultants to implement the new Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria and because it successfully incorporated numerous non-standard architectural features.

The project turned out exceedingly well both as a structure and as a design effort. Athalye Consulting Engineers completed their assignment as bridge designer in a very professional manner meeting the budget and stringent schedule requirements. They successfully met the needs of not just Caltrans as the owner, but also the community at large and the various other interested parties such as the County of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Clarita and the Newhall Land and Farming Company. Coordination on the aesthetics was particularly successful with vocalized needs of many, including traffic safety, well accomodated without effecting the schedule.

I fully recommend this project as an entry for the "CELSOC 2003 Engineering Excellence Award" under the Small Firms category.

EARL R. SEABERG, Acting Chief
Office of Special Funded Projects

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia P. McCauley".

Patricia P. McCauley, P.E.
Liaison Engineer