

**CARSON CITY CULTURAL COMMISSION  
STAFF REPORT**

**MEETING DATE:** June 19, 2012

**AGENDA ITEM NUMBER:** 3D

**APPLICANT:** Vern L. Krahn, Park Planner

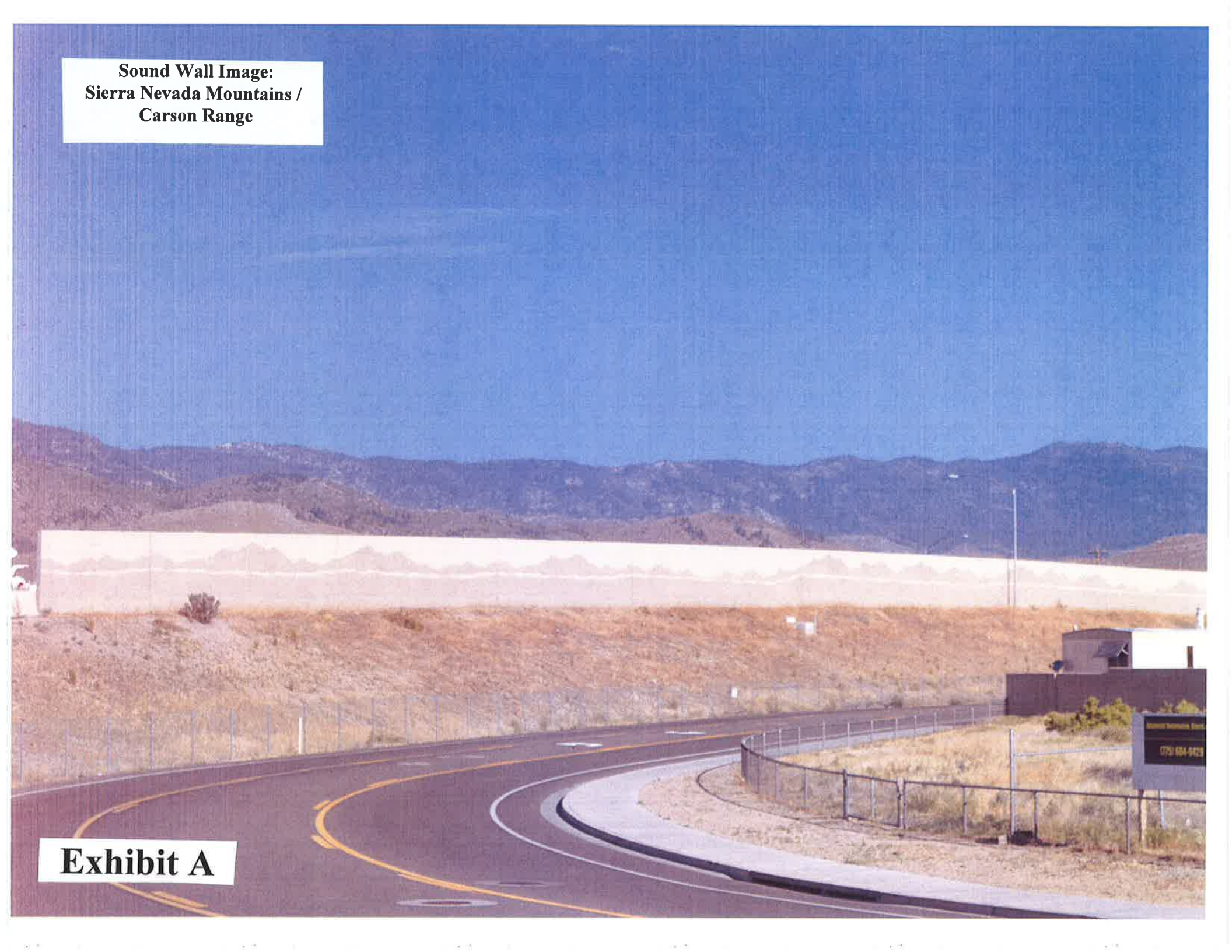
**REQUEST:** Presentation and discussion only on the Carson City Freeway's landscape project's visual and aesthetic treatments, including the design integration of the project's artistic elements into a project framework.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION:** The Carson City Freeway Landscape Project is moving forward and is expected to be complete some time this fall. Staff wants to take this opportunity to give the Commission a "Readers Digest" version of the project's background and the design decision making process on how Carson City, Gardeners Reclaiming Our Waysides, and the Nevada Department of Transportation integrated various visual art images and aesthetic improvements to the freeway's landscaping project from the North Carson Street Interchange to the Fairview Drive Interchange (Refer to Exhibit A).

Staff believes this landscape project, and specifically these historic visual images and aesthetic improvements, will not only enhance the driving experience for both Carson City residents and out of town visitors but it has introduced into the public conscience a real time discussion on how art components can be interwoven into the fabric of a community.

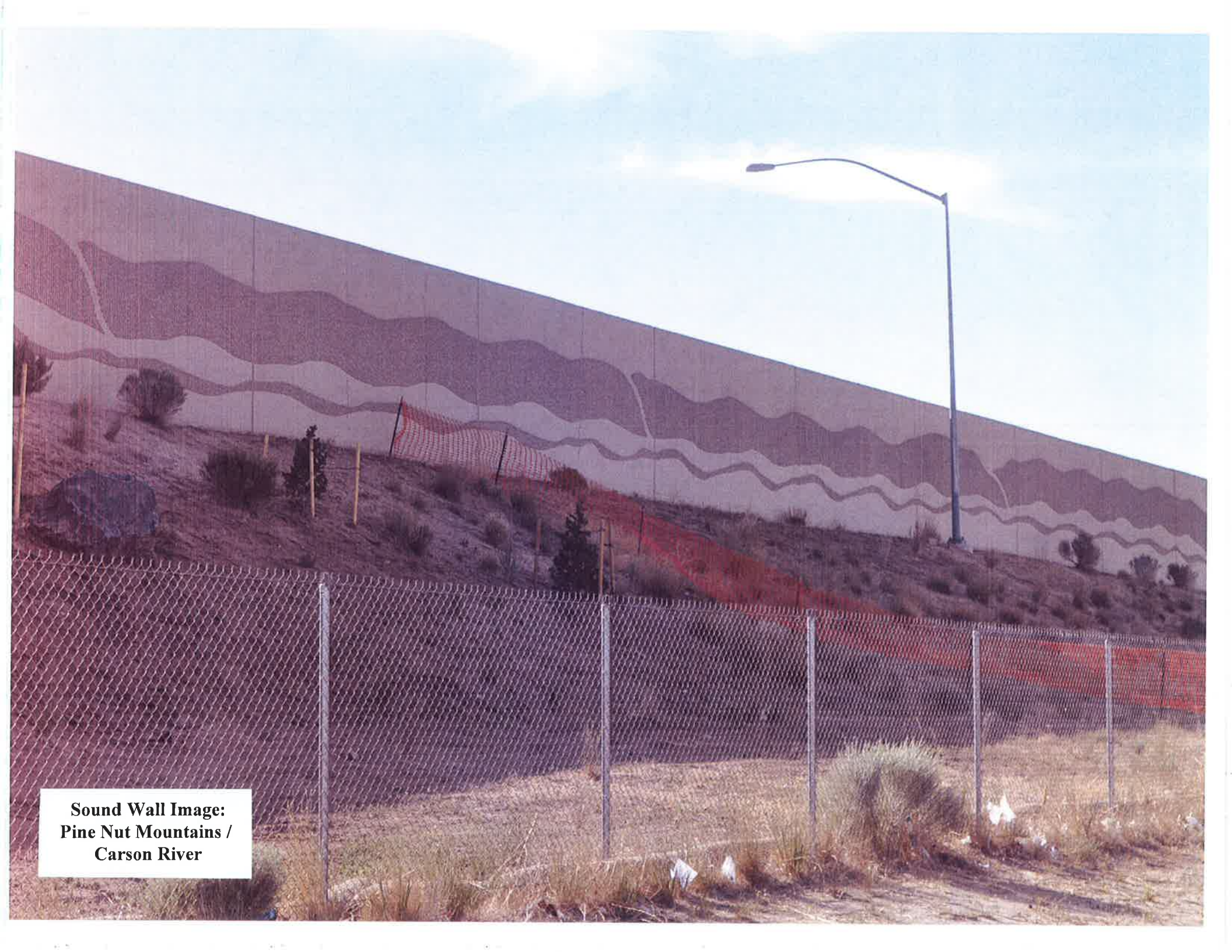
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** No action can be taken at this time. This agenda item is for discussion and informational purposes only.

**Sound Wall Image:  
Sierra Nevada Mountains /  
Carson Range**



**Exhibit A**

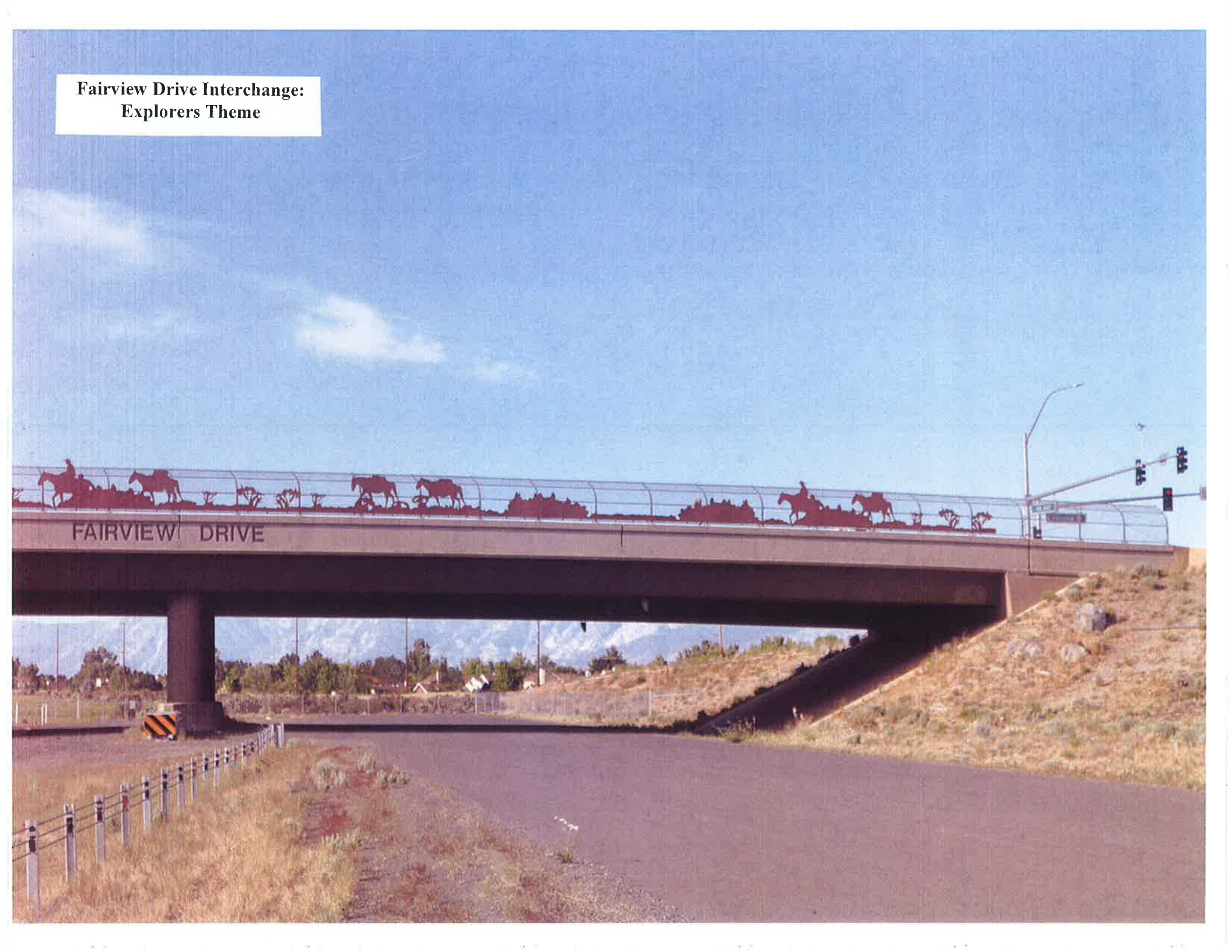




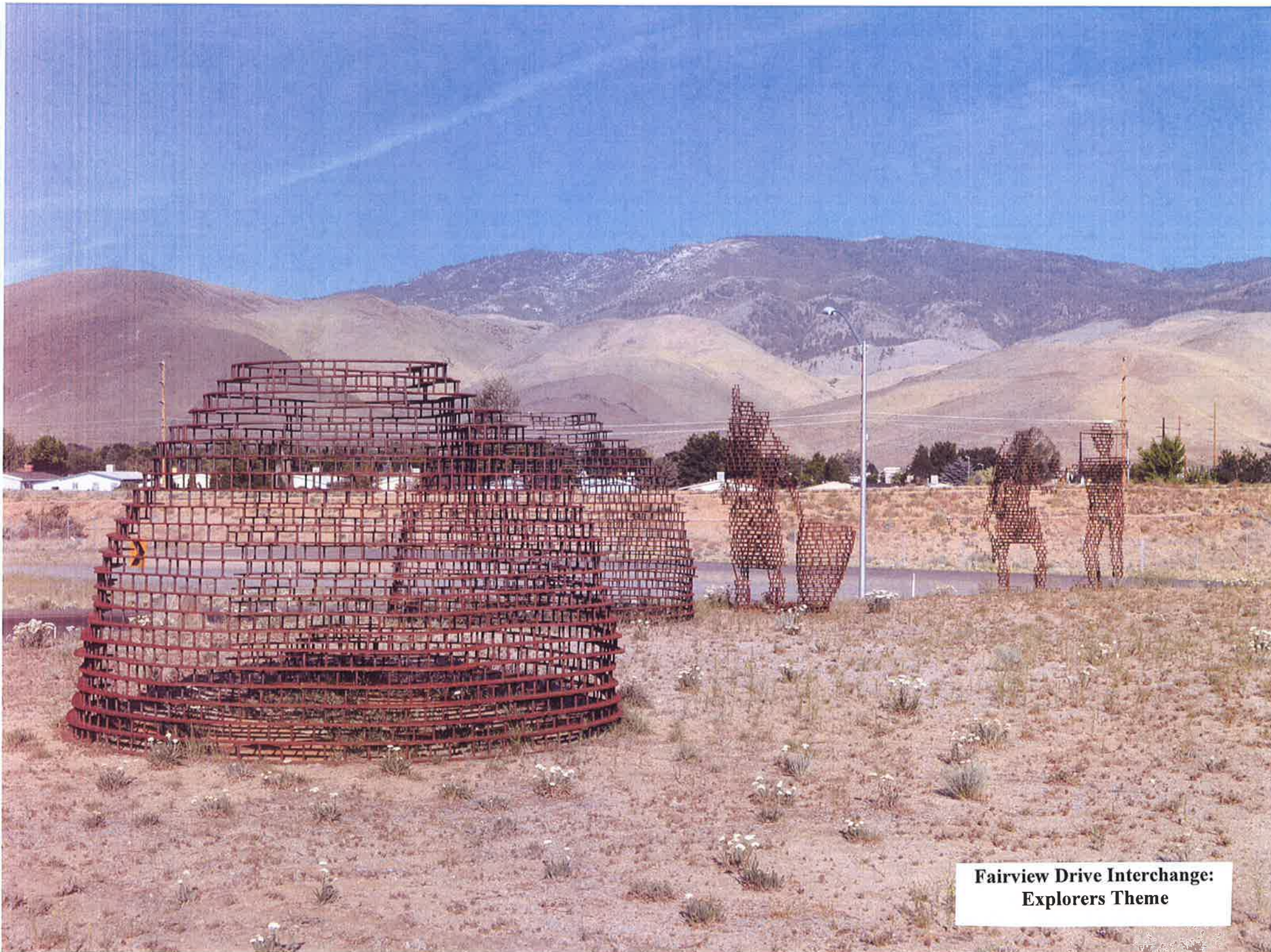
**Sound Wall Image:  
Pine Nut Mountains /  
Carson River**



**Fairview Drive Interchange:  
Explorers Theme**

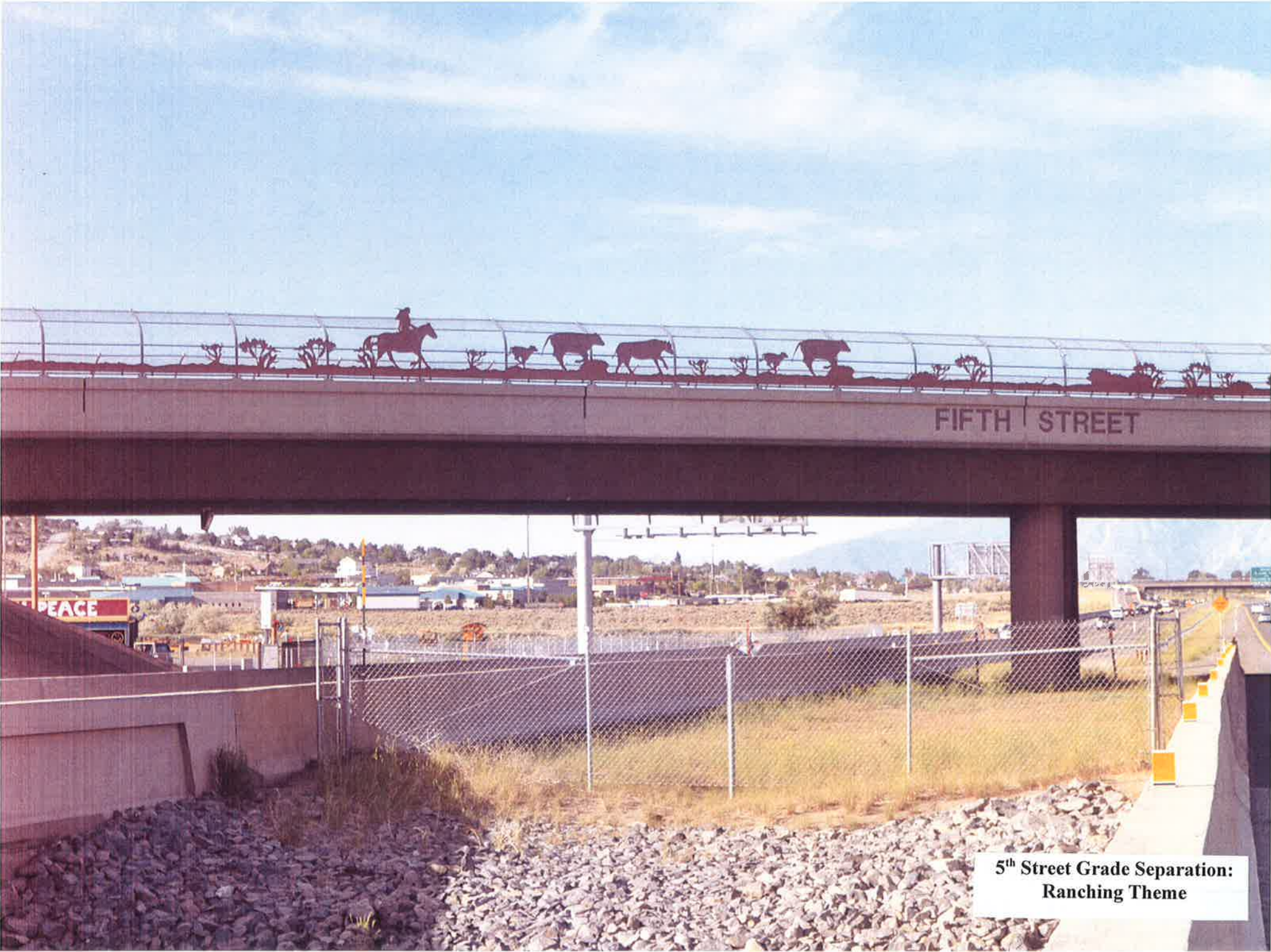






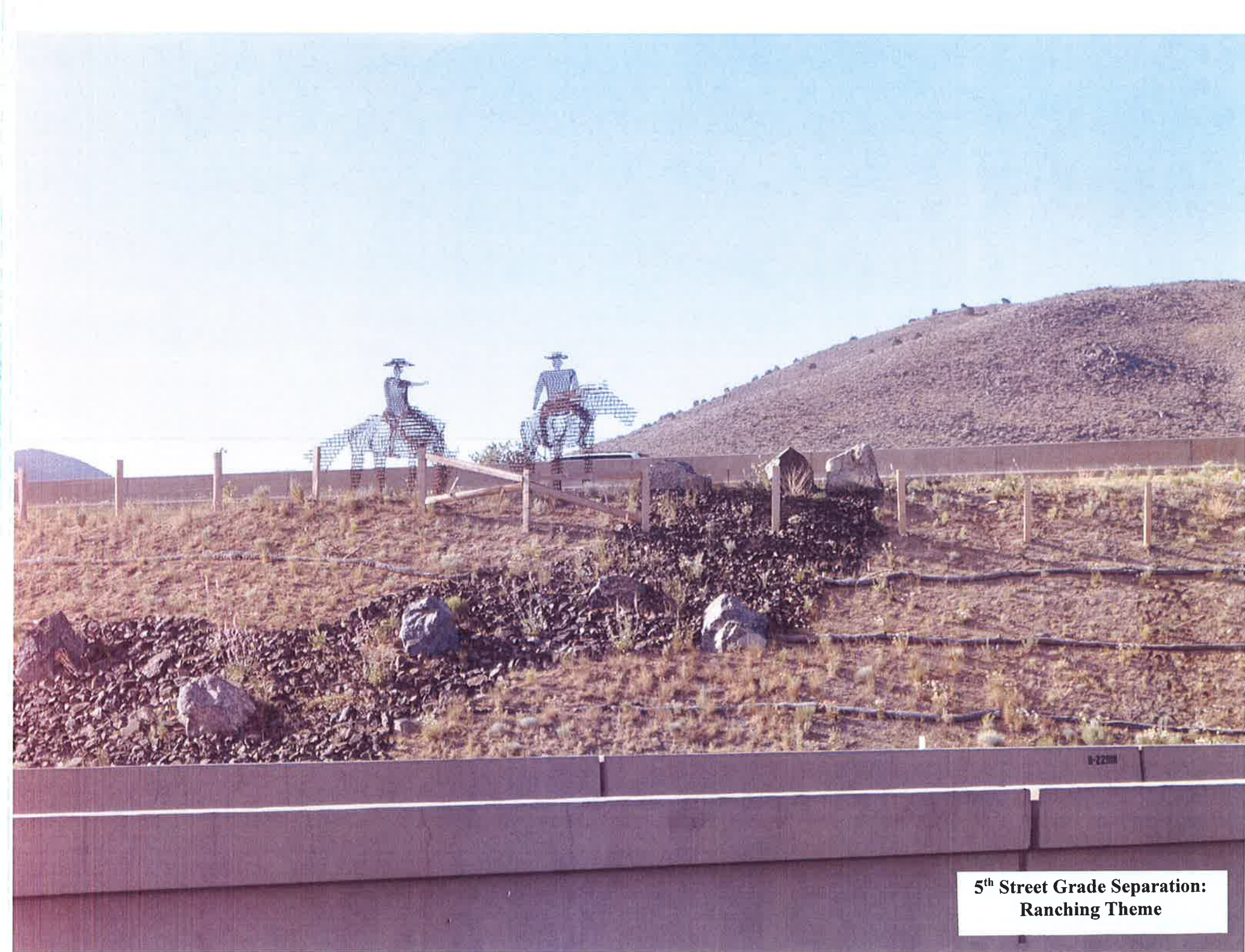
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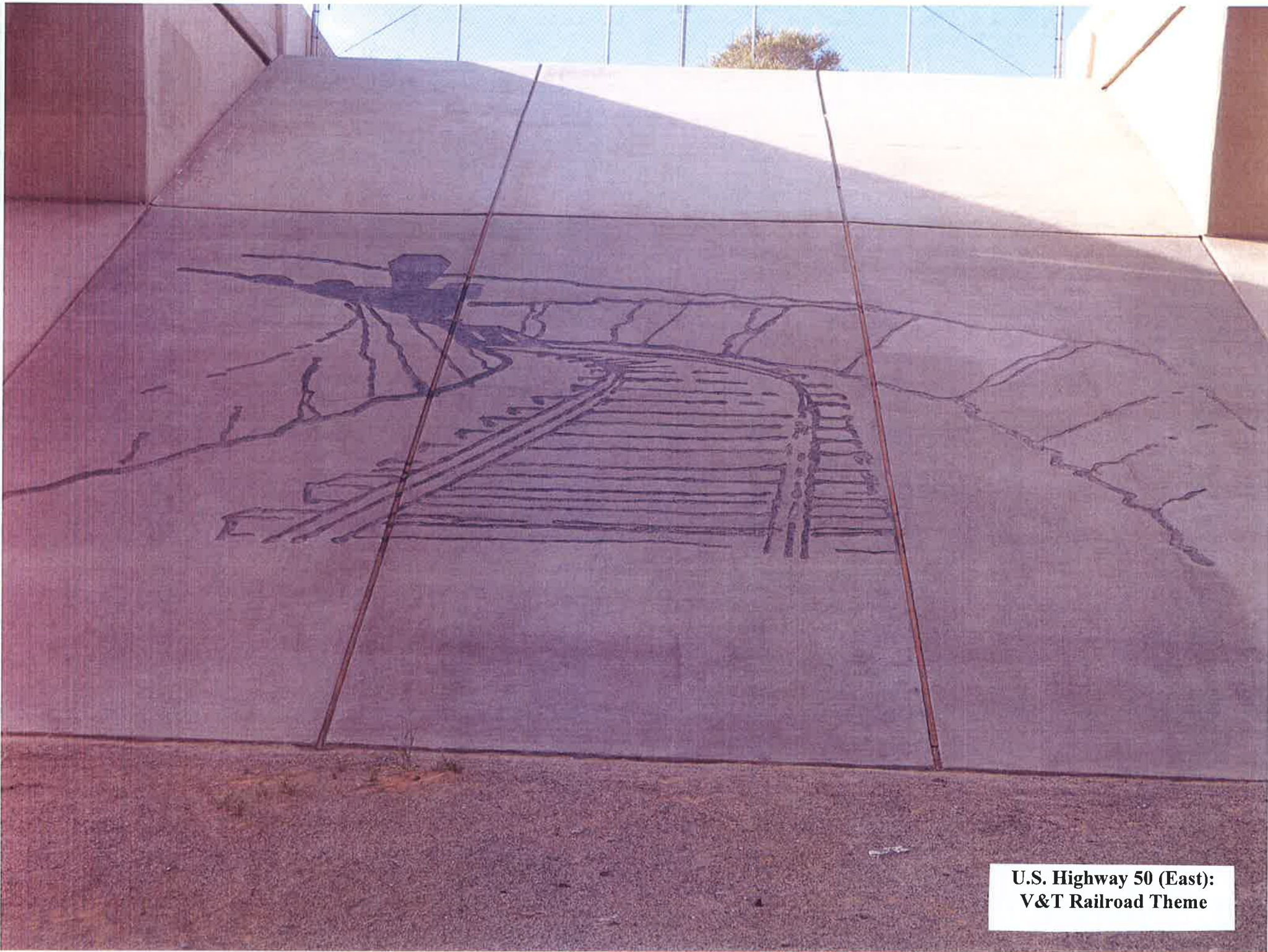
**5<sup>th</sup> Street Grade Separation:  
Ranching Theme**





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**U.S. Highway 50 (East):  
V&T Railroad Theme**