

APPENDIX A

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18 April 1994: Fieldwork begins on Block 18.

December 1994: First phase of fieldwork completed.

1995-1997: Oral history program. 18 interviews conducted with former West Oakland residents. 7 earlier interviews held by the Oakland History Room transcribed. 30 interviews on occupation lore conducted with African American porters, barbers, hairdressers, railroad workers, musicians, dancers, and others who formerly lived in West Oakland. All interviews are on file at the Oakland History Room.

April 1995: Second phase of fieldwork begins following delay as Caltrans contractors remove earth ramp overlying project blocks west of Market Street.

14 June 1995: Project Media day. Present on site were Channels 2, 4, 5, and 7, Associated Press, East Bay Express, and several other local papers.

11 October 1995: KRON Channel 4 affiliate, Bay TV, hosts its two hour morning news show live from Project Block 22.

3 May 1996: End of Fieldwork. Project completed without any delays to construction schedule. Letter report and site record forms submitted to Caltrans documenting field effort on each block.

1996-1999: *Holding the Fort* Exhibit (a tribute to the African American labor movement in West Oakland) tours over a dozen venues in the West before becoming a permanent exhibit at the African American Museum and Library at Oakland (AAMLO). ASC and Caltrans personnel and associates make presentations at most openings.

1995-1998: Traveling exhibit on Cypress archaeology project. *Cypress I-880 Rebuild — Highway to the Past* . Exhibit tours county fairs, professional meetings, and public venues.

1995-1998: Traveling photo exhibit on Cypress archaeology project. *Historical Archaeology: Peeling Away the Layers of Time* .

April 1997-June 1997: Exhibit Oakland History Room. *“Barber Poles and Mugs: Black Barbering and Barbers in West Oakland.”*

Spring 1998: Block 9 excavated.

June 1998: All laboratory work and photography completed. Interpretive Report outlined.

June 1999: Video completed. *Privy to the Past* . Distributed 300 copies. Distribution rights assigned by Caltrans to University of California.

June 1999: Draft Block Technical Reports completed for Blocks 22/24/29, Block 2, Block 3, Blocks 4/5/6, Blocks 19/20/21/37. Awaiting comments from Caltrans.

June 30, 1999: Contract expires for time with funding remaining and work must stop.

July 20, 1999: Public screening of *Privy to the Past* at Caltrans District 4 office in Oakland.

November 2, 1999: Receive fully executed amendment and begin work again.

May 2000: Request amendment for time only to extend reports through December 31, 2001. This was needed to make up for the five months lost in 1999 and for the resulting loss of momentum. Caltrans agrees to process amendment for time.

December 31, 2000: Contract expires with funding remaining. As no amendment for time has been received, work stops on the project. At this time, all of the BTRs are completed and awaiting Caltrans authorization to print.

September 1, 2001: Receive Task Order to finish reports (no additional funding).

December 2001: Twenty-five copies Cypress seven-volume BTRs printed and distributed to libraries.

April 2002: Four hundred copies of Cypress BTRs distributed on CDs to interested parties. Still available via Caltrans webpage.

September 1, 2002: Cypress Interpretive Report due. Extension granted to June 30, 2003 due to serious illness of principal author.

April 1, 2003: All work suspended on project by Caltrans with funding remaining.

November 2003: Draft chapters of Interpretive Report posted to ASC webpage.

January 5, 2004: Receive new Task Order to complete Interpretive Report.

March 31, 2004: Submit draft report.

May 18, 2004: Receive 40 pages of comments from Caltrans.

June 30, 2004: Submit 100 copies of the final report.