The Cypress Freeway Relocation

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Michael Chan is the acting construction manager of the $900 million reconstruction of the Cypress Freeway in Oakland, involving seven major contracts and 15 smaller ones since the October17, 1989, earthquake.

Forty-one people lost their lives on the elevated highway that leads to the San Francisco Bay Bridge. Chan has to coordinate the work with more than 15 federal and state agencies, but thanks to fast track construction schedules, Interstate 880 to Westbound I-80 was expected to open to traffic in the summer of 1997. Eastbound freeway traffic is expected to flow by winter of 1998.

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Figure 20. Michael Chan shows a slide of a car on the elevated Cypress Freeway in 1989 about to fall through

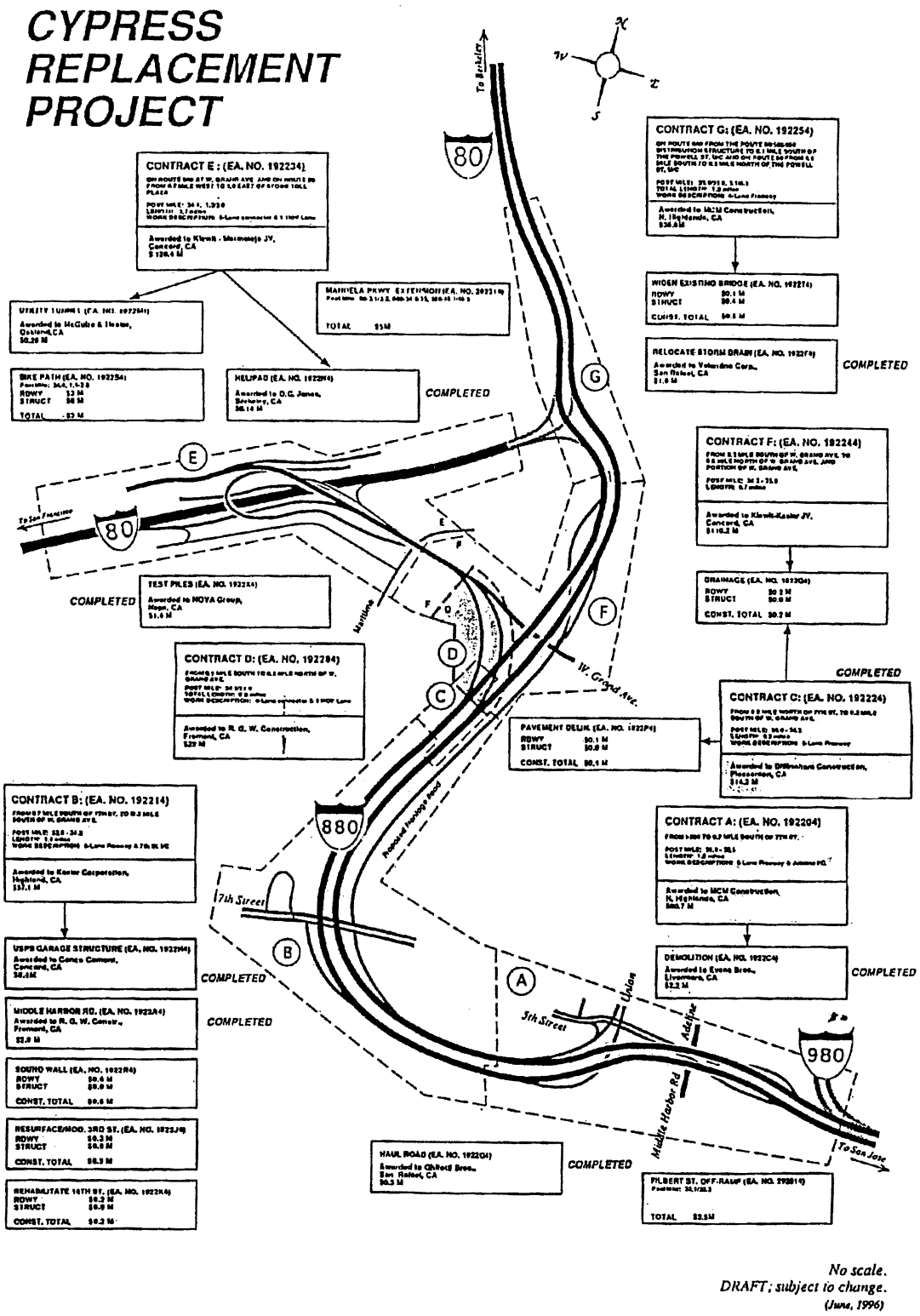

Figure 21. Cypress Replacement Project