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The Cuesta Grade was a feared passage through the Central Coast hills between San Luis Obispo and Atascadero. This photo was taken in 1938 during construction of the present four-lane Highway 101. Construction took just 18 months after the then-state highway commission approved a \$945,000 contract for the project. The steep grade has undergone at least two facelifts since the mid-1960s.

