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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR THE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the enclosed Authorizing Resolution with the California Department of Transportation an operating administration of the State of California, and the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation. This Resolution authorizes the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to file applications for Caltrans and the Federal Transit Administration assistance programs, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to issue annual certifications and assurances and other documents that Caltrans and the Federal Transit Administration require before awarding assistance grants or cooperative agreements, and to execute grant agreements on behalf of the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to file applications for grants and to issue certifications, assurances, and other documents required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants. This action also delegates authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute grant agreements on behalf of the County.

The Department of Public Works applies to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for FTA, Section 5311, funds for providing transportation services to residents in the rural areas of the North County. The FTA requires grant applications for Section 5311 to be submitted to Caltrans since the State is the grant manager.

Starting in Fiscal Year 1999, the FTA changed their procedures regarding the processing of Federal grants awarded during the Call for Projects by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The FTA expects grant applications and certifications and assurances to be submitted electronically by means of the FTA electronic grant award and management Team Access System. To obtain access to this system, the FTA requires that an Authorizing Resolution, signed by the grant applicant's governing body, be submitted to the FTA.

By designating the Director of Public Works, or his designee, as the County's authorized agent, these applications and certifications can be filed in an expeditious manner.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by expediting the approval process of Memorandums of Understanding in order to receive grant funds in an effective and expeditious manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

As a result of this action, the County, through the Department of Public Works, will be able to apply for and obtain Federal grants through the State, the MTA, and the FTA. These grants reimburse the County for a portion of the cost incurred to provide various transit services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

We have reviewed the above-referenced programs and determined that this action does not constitute a project as defined under Section 15378 of the California Environmental Quality Act. This action will not result in the direct or indirect physical change of the environment. The appropriate environmental document will be prepared for each individual project that is administered under the terms of the FTA grant agreements.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on other services or projects. Your approval of this resolution will expedite our participation in various grant programs.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval, please return three approved copies of this letter and the Authorizing Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF APPLICATIONS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, AN OPERATING ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, FOR STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED BY 49. U.S.C., CHAPTER 53, TITLE 23, UNITED STATES CODE, AND OTHER FEDERAL STATUTES ADMINISTERED BY THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administrator has been delegated authority to award Federal financial assistance for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation has been delegated authority to award State financial assistance for transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the grant or cooperative agreement for Federal and State financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant and may require the applicant to provide the local share of the project cost; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has or will provide all annual certifications and assurances to the Federal Transit Administration and the California Department of Transportation required for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles:

1. That the Director of Public Works, or his designee, is authorized to execute and file applications for State and Federal assistance on behalf of the County of Los Angeles with the California Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C., Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing projects administered by the Federal Transit Administration. The Federal assistance includes, but is not limited to, Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance as authorized by 49 U.S.C., § 5307, and Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program assistance as authorized by 49 U.S.C., § 5311. The County of Los Angeles is the designated recipient.

2. That the Director of Public Works, or his designee, is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual certifications and assurances and other documents the California Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration require before awarding an assistance grant or cooperative agreement.

3. That the Director of Public Works, or his designee, is authorized to execute grant and cooperative agreements with the California Department of Transportation and Federal Transit Administration on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.

The foregoing Resolution was on the ___ day of _____, 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, an ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

LLOYD W. PELLMAN
County Counsel

By_____
Deputy

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