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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:

RADAR SPEED ENFORCEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 50-mph speed limit on Pico Canyon Road between Whispering Oaks Road and The Old Road in the unincorporated County community of Stevenson Ranch (Supervisorial District 5).

2. Adopt a traffic regulation order establishing a 40-mph speed limit on Pico Canyon Road between The Old Road and Chiquella Lane in the unincorporated County community of Stevenson Ranch (Supervisorial District 5).

3. Adopt an Order instructing the Director of Public Works to coordinate with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to implement radar speed enforcement on Pico Canyon Road between Whispering Oaks Road and Chiquella Lane in the unincorporated County community of Stevenson Ranch (Supervisorial District 5).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The residents of the unincorporated County community of Stevenson Ranch and the CHP are concerned about public safety in pursuing speeders with conventional speed enforcement measures and requested the use of radar speed enforcement on this route.

High-speed surveillance and pursuit expose the offender, law enforcement personnel, and the general public to increased accident potential. The use of radar will significantly reduce accident potential.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since radar enforcement significantly reduces speeding and accident potential caused by high-speed surveillance and pursuit and, therefore, will improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

All expenses associated with the use of radar equipment and patrols will be assumed by the CHP. The purpose for recommending the adoption of this Order is solely to provide the CHP with Board authorization to implement radar for speed enforcement on the aforementioned route.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 31, 1987, your Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the CHP for the expanded use of radar enforcement within the unincorporated County territory. The Memorandum of Understanding was revised and approved as an Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the CHP by your Board on October 5, 1993. A key provision of the Agreement requires the use of radar on any additional routes be subject to mutual approval by the County of Los Angeles and the CHP. The proposed recommendation for the use of radar on this route is in conformance with this provision of the 1993 Agreement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The establishment of radar enforcement, including the installation of related traffic control devices required to notify the motoring public, is categorically exempt under Class 1-(x)7 of the Environmental Guidelines approved by your Board.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Not applicable.

CONCLUSION

At such time as this recommendation may be adopted, please return one copy of this adopted letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

for DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel