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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:

**FUNDING SUPPLEMENT FOR INCREASED SERVICE REQUESTS FOR
AS-NEEDED VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPAIR
AND TOWING SERVICES PROGRAMS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to supplement funding for each of the two As-Needed Vehicle and Equipment Repair and Towing Services Programs to comply with the California Air Resources Board's mandated diesel retrofit for qualifying Department of Public Works vehicles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve supplementing the annual maximum aggregate amounts of each of the Department of Public Works' two As-Needed Vehicle and Equipment Repair and Towing Services Programs from \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million for the current calendar year and subsequent, final option year.

3. Authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase each of the programs' aggregate amounts up to an additional 25 percent for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the programs, if required.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to provide adequate funding for compliance with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) mandated diesel retrofits to be applied on qualifying Department of Public Works (Public Works) fleet as well as for greater than expected emergency vehicle and equipment repairs.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Service Excellence (Goal 1), Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3), and Community Services (Goal 6). The contractors who have the specialized expertise to provide these services accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner will support Public Works in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. An additional \$1 million to each program will increase each of the two programs' annual maximum aggregate amounts from \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million, and each program will have an additional 25 percent contingency for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the programs, if required.

Financing for these services is included in various Fiscal Year 2008-09 funds. When the need arises for services under these programs, financing for the required services will be made from the appropriate fund sources. Total annual expenditures for these services, however, will not exceed the amounts approved by your Board, and no services will be ordered without the funding authorization of Public Works' Financial Management Branch. Funds to finance the optional year and the 25 percent additional financing for contingencies will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Your Board approved the first of the As-Needed Vehicle and Equipment Repair and Towing Services Programs on December 6, 2006, Agenda Item 26, and Public Works has executed 65 contracts (Attachment A) with an authorized annual aggregate maximum expenditure of \$1.5 million. These contracts commenced on January 1, 2007, for a term of one year with two 1-year renewal options, not to exceed a total contract period of three years.

Additional contractors with more specialized expertise were needed to supplement the original program. Therefore, on December 11, 2007, Agenda Item 42, your Board approved additional contracts (Attachment B) on a second As-Needed Vehicle and Equipment Repair and Towing Services Program, and we executed eight contracts with authorized annual maximum aggregate expenditures of \$1.5 million. These contracts commenced on January 1, 2008, for a term of one year with one 1-year renewal option, not to exceed a total contract period of two years.

All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contracts will remain unchanged. Public Works intends to conduct additional solicitations and request approval of additional contracts with qualified contractors on a regular, possibly semiannual basis.

CARB mandates Best Available Control Technology diesel retrofit devices to be applied to all qualifying, municipality-owned, on-road, diesel-fueled vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds, in accordance with the Fleet Rule for Public Agencies and Utilities. Public Works will be issued fines of up to \$2,000 per vehicle not in compliance by various deadlines set by CARB. Retrofitting, repair, and routine maintenance must be outsourced because Public Works repair shops do not have the infrastructure, technology, or certified technicians to support the scope of services required. To date, contractors in these programs have installed 165 retrofit devices.

Under CARB mandates, retrofitting is required for an additional 242 vehicles through the year 2011 in order to keep them in service. To comply with the regulations, Public Works fleet managers have scheduled retrofitting estimated to cost at least \$1 million during 2008 and at least \$1 million in 2009, the last option year of the contracts under these programs. Rising fuel prices have also increased the cost of other services and parts provided in these contracts.

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We have applied for grant funding and anticipate being reimbursed for \$766,000 of the total retrofit costs. Additional grant funding may become available this year and in 2009.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These services continue to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). These services are within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301, Class 1 (d) of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Acting Director of Public Works

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Office
County Counsel

LIST OF CONTRACTORS

Contract #	Contractor Name	Contractor Address
001648	Didax, d.b.a. A&K Complete Auto and Truck Repair	Gardena, CA
001650	Advanced Infrastructure Technologies	Gardena, CA
001651	All Star Glass	San Diego, CA
001652	American Eagle and Transmission and Automotive Center	Pomona, CA
001653	Markudi Investments, Inc., d.b.a. AAMCO Transmissions	Huntington Beach, CA
001655	ATCO Transmission Inc.	North Hollywood, CA
001656	Betts Spring Company, Inc.	San Leandro, CA
001657	Bob Wondries Motors, Inc., d.b.a. Bob Wondries Ford	Alhambra, CA
001658	Bourret Glass & Upholstery, Inc.	Arcadia, CA
001660	California's Best Radiator, Inc.	Los Angeles, CA
001661	Roandra Inc., d.b.a. Clark and Howard Towing	Palmdale, CA
001662	CCI Van and Truck Equipment, Inc.	Norco, CA
001663	Carroll's Brake Service	Alhambra, CA
001664	California Fram & Axle	Huntington Park, CA
001665	Controlled Motion Solutions, Inc.	Santa Ana, CA
001666	Concepts Plus Inc.	Santa Fe Springs, CA
001667	West Covina Motors, Inc., d.b.a. Clippinger Chevrolet	West Covina, CA
001668	Bragg Investment Co., Inc., d.b.a. Coastline Equipment	Long Beach, CA
001669	California Clutch & Gear, Inc.	Santa Fe Springs, CA
001670	Covina Auto Trim	Covina, CA
001671	Downey Ford, d.b.a. Downey Auto Center	Downey, CA
001672	F&H Tire Co.	Pomona, CA
001673	Ford of Montebello	Montebello, CA
001674	Mighty Transport Inc., d.b.a. Frank Scotto Towing	Torrance, CA
001675	Gabriel Management Services, d.b.a. GMS auto Glass	Sherman Oaks, CA
001676	Garvey Equipment Company	San Gabriel, CA
001678	Haaker Equipment Company	La Verne, CA
001679	Harbor Diesel and Equipment, Inc.	Long Beach, CA
001680	Inter City Towing, Inc.	Los Angeles, CA
001681	J&J Mufflers, Inc.	Inglewood, CA
001682	URTI, d.b.a. Keystone Towing	Van Nuys, CA
001683	L.B.I Air, Inc.	Baldwin Park, CA
001684	Dennis Paul Kinsey, d.b.a. Lancaster Transmission	Lancaster, CA
001685	Lancaster Auto Interiors	Lancaster, CA
001686	Lou & Sons Mobile Tire Service	Lancaster, CA
001688	Master Body Sales & Service, Inc.	South Gate, CA
001690	Markham & Boiling Body Shop, Inc.	Pasadena, CA
001691	Ostrom Chevrolet	Montebello, CA
001693	Parkhouse Tire, Inc.	Bell Gardens, CA
001694	Peck Road Ford Truck Center	Whittier, CA

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001695	Phenix Enterprises	Pomona, CA
001696	Plumbers Depot, Inc.	Gardena, CA
001697	Quinn Power Systems	Whittier, CA
001698	Earl Sheib of California, d.b.a. Quality Fleet and Truck Centers	Gardena, CA
001700	Renegade Truck Repair and Leasing	Los Angeles, CA
001701	Royal Coaches Auto Body & Towing	Baldwin Park, CA
001703	Zalado Inc., d.b.a. Super Dollar Wise	South Gate, CA
001704	South Bay Ford, Inc.	Hawthorne, CA
001705	Maurice J. Sopp & Sons, d.b.a. Sopp Chevrolet	Bell, CA
001706	Southern California Fleet Services, Inc.	Riverside, CA
001707	Southside Tow Service, Inc.	City of Commerce, CA
001708	Speedo Electric Inc.	City of Commerce, CA
001709	Sunset Tow, Inc.	Glendale, CA
001710	Sharp Auto Painting & Collision	Northridge, CA
001711	Safelite Fulfillment, Inc. d.b.a. Safelite Auto Glass	City of Commerce, CA
001712	S&M Automotive	Alhambra, CA
001713	Hilda Serrano, d.b.a. Serrano's Auto Supply & Service	Los Angeles, CA
001714	Truck Hydraulic Equipment Company, Inc.	Fontana, CA
001715	Thorson GMC Truck-Buick Motor Co.	Pasadena, CA
001716	United Diesel Service	South El Monte, CA
001718	Valco Transmission Ltd.	Littlerock, CA
001720	Western Automatic Transmission Ex., Inc.	Los Angeles, CA
001721	Wayne Harmeier Inc., d.b.a. Wayne Electric Co.	Long Beach, CA
001722	Western Truck Exchange	Los Angeles, CA
001723	Western Power & Equipment Corp., d.b.a. GCS Western Power & Equipment	Buena Park, CA

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001807	AF Road Runner Towing, Inc., d.b.a. Road Runner Towing	Pico Rivera, CA
001808	John S. Monugian, Sr., d.b.a. J & M Towing	Alhambra, CA
001809	Haddick's Towing, Inc.	City of Industry, CA
001810	Diesel Alley, Inc.	South Gate, CA
001811	Quinn Company	City of Industry, CA
001812	Nixon-Egli Equipment Co. of Southern California	Ontario, CA
001813	Municipal Maintenance Equipment, Inc.	Sacramento, CA
001814	Cynthia Miramontes, d.b.a. United Auto Craft	Los Angeles, CA