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February 19, 2004

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:

**ACCEPTANCE OF STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that a project to place flashing yellow beacons on school zone warning signs is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Accept a Safe Routes to School Program grant from the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the amount of \$390,060, as described in the enclosed Grant Management Statement.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to act as an agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with Caltrans on items related to this grant.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved certain guidelines for acceptance of grants by the County for \$100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that a County Department must prepare a Grant Management Statement for activities covered under the grant prior to your Board's approval. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant is enclosed for your review.

In May 2003, under authority delegated in the Board-approved grant policy, we submitted a grant application to Caltrans for the Safe Routes to School Program. On December 8, 2003, Caltrans notified us that \$390,060 was approved for the installation of flashing yellow beacons above existing school cluster signs. The 63 approved locations for the work are shown as Attachment A of the enclosed Grant Management Statement. The installation of the flashing yellow beacons will be completed by September 30, 2005.

Acceptance by the County of the Safe Routes to School Program grant will provide revenue for Public Works to carry out a pedestrian safety enhancement project for school children in the unincorporated County areas. The project will supplement existing school clusters with flashers on major and secondary highways with speed limits of 35 mph or greater. The flashers will enhance motorists' awareness that they are entering a school zone, thereby encouraging compliance with the 25-mph speed limit when children are present.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being since the implementation of this grant will help enhance pedestrian safety and, therefore, improve the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This grant will require a match of \$43,340 in County funds from the applicable Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program. We intend to provide in-kind services, such as in-house contract administration, for the match amount. There will be no cost to the County General Fund.

Sufficient funds for this work are included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Management Statement for this grant has been prepared using the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Officer and adopted by your Board.

The grant from Caltrans under their Safe Routes to School Program, which was authorized by AB 1475 and signed by Governor Davis on October 6, 1999, will be administered under the Federal-Aid Transportation Program covered by Agreement Number 71078 with the State of California. This agreement was executed by your Board on October 21, 1997, Synopsis 32. Your October 21, 1997, action included an authorization for the Director, or his designee, to execute project-specific supplements with Caltrans.

On October 2, 2001, Governor Davis signed SB 10 (Soto) extending the Safe Routes to School Program for three more years. The program sunsets on January 1, 2005, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends that date. The 5-year program has just completed its 4th year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1(i) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (c) and (f), of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The funds received from this grant must be used on the defined transportation project that was awarded by the State. We do not anticipate the hiring of additional staff to carry out the work for this grant. We will use contractor services for construction of the project. These contractor services will terminate upon completion of the work or when the grant is exhausted. The County will absorb any routine incremental maintenance costs upon completion of the work performed under this grant through our existing maintenance program.

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CONCLUSION

At such time as these recommendations may be approved, please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants \$100,000 or More

Department: Public Works		
Grant Project Title and Description		
Install flashing yellow beacons on school warning signs, at various locations.		
Funding Agency	Program (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	Grant Acceptance Deadline
State of California Office of Transportation (Caltrans)	STPLHSR-5953 (435)	03-15-2004
Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$390,060		County Match: \$43,340 *
Grant Period: FY 2003-2004 and FY 2004-2005	Begin Date: 03-01-2004	End Date: 09-30-2005
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 0	Full Time: 0	Part Time: 0
<u>Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires</u>		
Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? <u>N/A</u>	Yes__	No__
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? <u>N/A</u>	Yes__	No__
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes__	No <u>X</u>
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes__	No <u>X</u>
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)_____	Yes__	No <u>X</u>
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes <u>X</u>	No__
Impact of additional personnel on existing space:		
Not applicable		
Other requirements not mentioned above:		
* For in kind services.		
Consultant assistance is required to carry out the program, and they will be informed that their work will terminate when the grant is exhausted and the goals of the program are met.		

Department Head Signature _____ Date: _____

School Name	School District	Installation Location	TG page	Sup. District
122nd St Elementary	Los Angeles Unified School District	E/s San Pedro St N/o 124th St	0734D1	2
		W/s San Pedro St N/o 121st St		
Acton Elementary	Acton/Agua Dulce Unified School District	E/s Crown Valley Rd S/o Syracuse Ave	4465B1	5
		W/s Crown Valley Rd S/o Roberts Rd		
Agua Dulce Elementary	Acton/Agua Dulce Unified School District	E/s Agua Dulce Cyn Rd N/o Davenport Rd	4373E7	5
		W/s Agua Dulce Cyn Rd S/o Escondido Cyn Rd		
Andrew Jackson Elementary	Pasadena Unified School District	N/s Woodbury Rd E/o Lincoln Ave	0535G6	5
		S/s Woodbury Rd W/o Casitas Ave		
Castaic Elem. & Middle School	Castaic Union School District	N/s Hillcrest Pkwy W/o Beryl Pl	4459F2	5
		N/s Hillcrest Pkwy E/o Park Vista Dr		
		S/s Hillcrest Pkwy E/o Bonnie Way		
City Terrace Elementary	Los Angeles Unified School District	W/s Eastern Ave N/o City Terrace Dr	0635F3	1
		E/s Eastern Ave S/o Rosilyn Dr		
El Camino High School	Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District	S/s Telegraph Rd W/o Armsdale Ave	0707F7	4
		N/s Telegraph Rd W/o Springview Dr		
Florence Ave Elementary	Los Angeles Unified School District	N/s Florence Ave W/o Wilson Ave	0674G7	1
		S/s Florence Ave E/o Walnut Dr		
Gladstone Street Elementary and Gladstone High School	Azusa Unified School District	S/s Arrow Hwy E/o Lark Ellen Ave	0598H2	1 & 5
		N/s Arrow Hwy W/o Azusa Ave		
		N/s Gladstone St W/o Barranca Av	0599B1	1
		S/s Gladstone St E/o Healthdale Ave		
Graham Elementary	Los Angeles Unified School District	N/s Firestone Blvd E/o Fir Ave	0704H2	1
		S/s Firestone Blvd E/o Bandera St		
Grazide Elementary	Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District	N/s Colima Rd E/o Stimson Ave	0678C5	4
		S/s Colima Rd W/o Stimson Ave		

School Name	School District	Installation Location	TG page	Sup. District
Joe Walker Middle School	Westside Union School District	E/s 55th Street West N/o Ave L-12	4104G5	5
		W/s 55th Street West N/o Ave L-8		
Juan de Anza Elementary	Wiseburn School District	N/s 120th St E/o La Cienega Bl	0733A1	2
		S/s 120th St E/o Isis Ave	0733A1	2
		W/s La Cienega S/o 120th St		
		E/s La Cienega S/o 123rd St		
Katherine Edwards Middle	Whittier City School District	E/s Norwalk Blvd S/o Mines Blvd	0676J6	4
		W/s Norwalk Blvd N/o Reichling Ln		
La Crescenta Elementary	Glendale Unified School District	E/s La Crescenta Ave N/o Altura Ave	0534G1	5
		W/s La Crescenta Ave S/o Community Ave		
Lark Ellen Elementary	Covina-Valley Unified School District	N/s Cypress St W/o Vogue Ave	0598H4	1 & 5
		S/s Cypress St W/o Roxburgh Ave		
Lillian Street Elementary	Los Angeles Unified School District	W/s Holmes Ave S/o Slauson Ave	0674G6	1
		E/s Holmes Ave N/o 61st St		
Loma Vista Elementary	South Whittier School District	N/s Meyer Rd E/o Mina Ave	0707C7	4
		S/s Meyer Rd W/o Beaty Ave		
Manzanita Elementary	Covina-Valley Unified School District	N/s San Bernardino Rd W/o Yaletton Ave	0598F5	1
		S/s San Bernardino Rd E/o Orange Ave		
McKibben Elementary	South Whittier School District	E/s Mills Ave N/o Telegraph Rd	0707C5	4
		W/s Mills Ave S/o Close St		
Meyler St Elementary	Los Angeles Unified School District	S/s 223rd St E/o Normandie Ave	0764A7	2
		N/s 223rd St E/o Meyler St		
Mulberry Elementary	East Whittier City School District	N/s Mulberry Dr E/o Mills Ave	0707E4	4
		S/s Mulberry Dr W/o Mina Ave		
Potrero Heights Elementary	Los Angeles County Special Education	N/s Hill Dr W/o Kennydale Dr	0636F4	1
		S/s Hill Dr E/o Abakan Ave		

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Sierra Vista High School	Whittier Union High School District	E/s Painter Ave S/o Mystic St	0707C3	4
		W/s Painter Ave S/o Mulberry Dr		
Sunkist Elementary	Bassett Unified School District	E/s Puente Ave N/o Sunkist Dr	0638A3	1
		W/s Puente Ave N/o Sauder St		
Thomas Edison Middle	Los Angeles Unified School District	W/s Hooper Ave S/o Gage Ave	0674F7	2
		E/s Hooper Ave N/o Florence Ave		
Thomas Erwin Elementary	Bassett Unified School District	N/s Amar Rd E/o Sunkist Ave	0638B3	1
		S/s Amar Rd W/o Willow Ave		
Torch Magnet Middle School	Bassett Unified School District	N/s Amar Rd W/o Vineland Ave	0637J2	1
		S/s Amar Rd W/o Vineland Ave		
Wallen Andrews Elementary	Whittier City School District	N/s Workman Mill Rd E/o Coleford Ave	0637F5	1
		S/s Workman Mill Rd W/o Coleford Ave		

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31 Schools

63 Flashers