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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, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 October 10, 2017

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
VARIOUS ROADWAY TREE MAINTENANCE PROJECTS
APPROVE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to find that each of the 31 listed roadway tree maintenance projects are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, to approve each of the 31 projects, and to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use the Roadway Job Order Contracts to deliver the projects throughout the unincorporated County areas for an aggregate total project cost not to exceed \$10,779,738.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that each of the 31 roadway tree maintenance projects are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons set forth in this letter and in the records of the projects.
2. Approve each of the 31 roadway tree maintenance projects for an aggregate total cost estimate not to exceed \$10,779,738, including an aggregate maintenance cost estimate not to exceed \$8,623,790.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use Roadway Job Order Contracts approved by the Board for each of the 31 roadway tree maintenance projects for an aggregate maintenance cost estimate not to exceed \$8,623,790.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use Board-approved Job Order Contracts (JOCs) to deliver 31 roadway tree maintenance projects, as listed in Enclosure A, and will find that the projects are categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The projects are located in various unincorporated communities throughout the County and will involve the trimming, removal, and planting of trees in order to maintain the County's urban forest within the road right-of-way.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability. The recommended actions support the Strategic Plan by investing in public infrastructure through the proper management of roadside trees affecting the roadways and appurtenant parkways used by County of Los Angeles residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

These projects will be funded from the Road Maintenance Program in the Road Fund. Senate Bill 1 a transportation revenue bill which was signed by the Governor in April 2017 will provide the County with an estimated \$44 million in funding for local streets and roads in Fiscal Year 2017-18, and an annual average of \$140.5 million in future fiscal years until Fiscal Year 2026-27. Funding from Senate Bill 1 was included in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2017-18 September Supplemental Changes Budget Phase.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Public Works will ensure that the JOCs, including the unit price book and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for these projects and are on file with Public Works.

Public Works performed a cost analysis of the recommended contracted services and found that the services continue to be performed more economically by the private sector. However, as part of the Public Works' Workforce Reinvestment Plan, before the next solicitation, Public Works will evaluate a combination of different approaches to service delivery including second chance and youth employment as well as as-needed and JOC contracting. We expect to complete our analysis and present recommendations by March 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed 31 projects are categorically exempt from CEQA. Each of these projects consist of the trimming, removal, and planting of trees to maintain the County's trees contained within the road right-of-way. Each of the projects fall under a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria set forth in Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(x) of the County's Environmental Document

Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

Upon the Board's approval, Public Works will file Notices of Exemption with the Registrar Recorder/County Clerk in accordance with Section 15062 of the State CEQA Guidelines for each of the 31 projects.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works will utilize Board-approved JOCs for the completion of the 31 projects.

Public Works will comply with the Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy that went into effect November 1, 2016. Public Works may use JOCs that were approved by the Board prior to the effective date of the Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy. In such cases, Public Works will compensate affected contractors for costs to comply with the policy. Compensation may be in the form of changes to the contract, negotiated, and approved by Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The use of Board-approved JOCs for the projects will expedite the completion of these projects throughout various unincorporated communities within the County. Minor impacts to adjacent residents, businesses, and motorists may occur while the projects are under way. When the projects are completed, they will have a positive impact by providing improved roadway and parkway facilities for the traveling public.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Department of Public Works, Road Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office

Project Name	SD	Type of Project	Estimated Maintenance Cost	Total Project Cost Estimate
Avocado Heights, et al.	1	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$465,000	\$581,250
Hacienda Heights	4	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$950,000	\$1,187,500
Covina, et al.	1	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$200,000	\$250,000
South San Gabriel	1	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$90,000	\$112,500
Avocado Heights, et al.	1,4	Palm Tree Trimming	\$305,000	\$381,250
South San Gabriel, et al.	1,5	Palm Tree Trimming	\$170,000	\$212,500
Covina, et al.	5	Palm Tree Trimming	\$90,000	\$112,500
Altadena, et al.	1,5	Palm Tree Trimming	\$170,000	\$212,500
SD1 Planting	1	Tree Planting	\$231,000	\$288,750
SD4 Planting	4	Tree Planting	\$231,000	\$288,750
SD5 Planting	5	Tree Planting	\$231,000	\$288,750
Willowbrook, et al.	2,3,4	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$200,000	\$250,000
Ladera, et al.	2,3	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$275,000	\$343,750
Lennox, et al.	2,3	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$210,000	\$262,500
Fernwood, et al.	3	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$330,000	\$412,500
Saddle Rock, et al.	3,5	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$240,000	\$300,000
Willowbrook, et al.	2,3,4	Tree Planting	\$115,500	\$144,375
Ladera, et al.	2,3	Tree Planting	\$115,500	\$144,375
Lennox, et al.	2,3	Tree Planting	\$115,500	\$144,375
Saddle Rock, et al.	3,5	Tree Planting	\$115,500	\$144,375
Florence-Firestone, et al.	1,2,4	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$675,350	\$844,188
East Los Angeles	1	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$384,250	\$480,313
South Whittier, et al.	1	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$277,750	\$347,188
East Los Angeles and Florence-Firestone, et al.	1,2,4	Palm Tree Trimming	\$152,650	\$190,813
East Los Angeles, et al.	1	Tree Planting	\$150,000	\$187,500
Willowbrook, et al.	2	Tree Planting	\$150,000	\$187,500
South Whittier, et al.	4	Tree Planting	\$150,000	\$187,500
Lancaster, Elizabeth Lake, Antelope Acres, Quartz Hill, Placerita Canyon Road, Val Verde/Castaic Junction, Castaic/Stevenson Ranch	5	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$718,543	\$898,179
East Lancaster, Lake Los Angeles	5	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$143,612	\$179,515
Desert View/West Acton, Angeles Forest	5	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$395,577	\$494,471
Little Rock, Pearblossom, Sun Village	5	Broadleaf Tree Trimming	\$576,058	\$720,073
		TOTAL	\$8,623,790	\$10,779,738