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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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CELIA ZAVALA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

May 15, 2018

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:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
FOOTHILL BOULEVARD MEDIANS – LA CRESCENTA  
(INSTALL MEDIANS AND LANDSCAPING)  
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LA CRESCENTA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Approval of the recommended actions will adopt the plans and specifications, approve and advertise the Foothill Boulevard Medians – La Crescenta project in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta, authorize the Department of Public Works to award and execute a construction contract for the project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find this project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Foothill Boulevard Medians – La Crescenta, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$875,000 and \$1,175,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on June 5, 2018, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

Bids: June 11, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Foothill Boulevard Medians – La Crescenta project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated construction cost range.
6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code, Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.
7. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the project if the lowest responsive bid exceeds the estimated construction cost range by no more than 15 percent if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the Foothill Boulevard Medians – La Crescenta project, Project ID No. RDC0016114, adopt the plans and specifications, and authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract for the project. The project includes the installation of raised, irrigated medians planted with shrubs and trees and lighted monument signs at each end of the project, between Pennsylvania Avenue and Briggs Avenue on Foothill Boulevard in the unincorporated area of La Crescenta.

It is anticipated the work will start in September 2018 and be completed in November 2018.

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The County Strategic Plan directs the provision of Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets. The recommended action supports ongoing efforts to manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$875,000 to \$1,175,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,000,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, survey, environmental compliance, utility clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding for this project will be included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget. The Road Fund will be reimbursed with Fifth Supervisorial District General Funds in the Public Works General Fund Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget.

Commencing in Fiscal Year 2019-20, sufficient appropriation will be included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's annual Transportation Improvement Program in the Road Fund Budget to finance this ongoing maintenance cost of \$5,000 per year.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The contract award and the contract documents will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

A standard construction contract will be used that contains terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances and policies, including but not limited to, the County of Los Angeles' Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs, Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, and Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service's Notice 1015).

To ensure the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making an award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Sections 15301(c), 15303(e), and 15304(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Classes 1(x), Subsections 1, 9, 10, 13, 14, 19, and 22; 3(b); and 4(c) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines previously adopted by the Board. These exemptions provide for sealing of roadway pavement, parkway tree planting, median beautification, installation of sprinkler system, reconstruction of roadway pavement, new highway channelization including raised islands, maintenance of existing roadway facilities, construction of accessory (appurtenant) structures, and new landscaping.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

An award by the Director or his designee will be made upon review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy adopted on September 6, 2016, the project will include a best efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with the County" and "Public Works' Business Opportunities" websites for open bids:

<http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county>

<http://dpw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, Public Works will advertise the solicitation through its web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach, as well as offering preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving the aesthetic appeal of the unincorporated community of La Crescenta, thereby improving the quality of life for community residents.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)