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June 2, 2005

IN REPLY PLEASE

REFER TO FILE: **PD-2**

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:

**HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES
AVIATION BOULEVARD AT ROSECRANS AVENUE
CITIES OF EL SEGUNDO AND HAWTHORNE
RESOLUTION NO. 3897
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4
4 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Acting as a responsible agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, consider the enclosed Notice of Exemption, prepared by the City of Hawthorne; find that the Aviation Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue intersection improvement will not have a significant effect on the environment; find that the Notice of Exemption reflects the independent judgment of the County; and approve the Notice of Exemption.
2. Adopt the enclosed Resolution finding that the proposed widening of the intersection of Aviation Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue, within the Cities of Hawthorne and El Segundo, is of general County interest and providing that County-aid shall be extended for this project to the City of Hawthorne in the amount of \$150,000 and to the City of El Segundo in the amount of \$150,000 from the Second and Fourth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The City of Hawthorne is proceeding with a project to widen the intersection of Aviation Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue, which is jurisdictionally shared between the Cities of El Segundo and Hawthorne. Your Board's adoption of the enclosed Resolution will authorize the expenditure of County Highways-Through-Cities funds in the Cities of El Segundo and Hawthorne for this intersection widening project.

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements on specified streets are of general county interest and that county-aid shall be provided. County-aid may be provided in the form of labor, equipment and materials, or a direct payment to the city.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By widening the intersection of Aviation Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue, residents of the Cities of Hawthorne and El Segundo and nearby unincorporated County areas, who travel through this intersection, will benefit from the enhanced safety of the roadway, which will improve their quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total project cost is estimated to be \$11,400,000 of which \$300,000 will be financed by the County. Funding for this project is available from the Second and Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Programs included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On January 10, 1991, the City of Hawthorne prepared a Notice of Exemption citing California Environmental Quality Act guidelines, in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

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Under the California Environmental Quality Act, the County is a "responsible agency" whose discretionary approval of the project is required in order for the City to carry out the project. The recommended findings are in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and are required prior to your Board's granting of County Highways-Through-Cities aid.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The intersection of Aviation Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue is on the County's Highway Plan, and the proposed intersection improvements are needed and of general County interest. No impact on current services or projects will result from this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter and one certified copy of the adopted Resolution to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: County Clerk
County of Los Angeles
Corporation Division, Room 106
P.O. Box 151
Los Angeles, CA 90053

FROM: City of Hawthorne
Planning Department
4455 West 126th St.
Hawthorne, CA 90250

Project Title: Rosecrans/Aviation Demonstration Project
Project Location: Intersection of Rosecrans Ave. and Aviation Blvd.
Project Location, City: Hawthorne, California
Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace existing railroad bridge with new longer structure, widen Intersection of Aviation Blvd. and Rosecrans Ave.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Hawthorne

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

City of Hawthorne

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080 (b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)).
☒ X Categorical Exemption (Sec. 21084):

Section: 21080.13 of Public Resources
Class: _____ Code

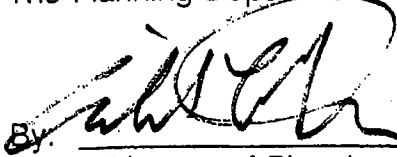
Reasons why project is exempt:

Railroad underpass replacement projects are categorically exempt from environmental requirements under CEQA.

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Director of Planning

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Prepared and filed by:
The Planning Department

By: 
Director of Planning

Date: 1/10/91 Michael L. Goodson, AICP

RESOLUTION NO. 3897

IT IS RESOLVED that the widening of the intersection of Aviation Boulevard at Rosecrans Avenue, within the Cities of Hawthorne and El Segundo, is of general County interest and that County-aid shall be extended for this purpose from the Road Fund, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the State Highway Users Tax, in the amount of \$300,000.

Provided, however, that if the work mentioned above has not been started within 60 days from date of County warrant in payment, said amount shall be returned to the Acting Director of Public Works and deposited in the Road Fund and, also, provided that immediately upon completion of the project, an itemized statement shall be rendered to the Acting Director of Public Works showing the application of this money for the work performed and if any portion of said sum shall not have been so used and expended for the work specified, the sum or sums so remaining unexpended shall be returned to the Acting Director of Public Works immediately and deposited in the Road Fund.

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The foregoing Resolution was on the _____ day of _____, 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND J. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By Warren Wellen (OWB)
Deputy