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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:

**SANTA CLARITA VALLEY PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVICES
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT PROGRAM
FISCAL YEAR 2006-07
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the continuation of public transportation services in the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2006-07.
2. Approve the County's \$2,500,000 share of the costs of the transit services to be financed from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the City of Santa Clarita in which the City and the County jointly finance, and the City administers, the transportation services for Fiscal Year 2006-07.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to provide for the continuation of public transportation services for the residents of the Santa Clarita Valley for Fiscal Year 2006-07. Your

Board has previously approved programs to provide public transportation to the residents of the unincorporated areas of Santa Clarita Valley. These services include a seven-day-per-week local bus service, a five-day-per-week commuter bus service, and a seven-day-per-week elderly and persons with disabilities and general public paratransit service. These services have been administered by the City of Santa Clarita since January 1, 1992.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Organizational Effectiveness by utilizing a collaborative effort with the City to meet public transit needs. It also meets the Goal of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of public transit patrons in the Santa Clarita Valley area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The County's net jurisdictional share of the costs for Fiscal Year 2006-07 is estimated to be \$2,500,000, which includes \$2,078,000 for various modes of transportation services in the Santa Clarita Valley and \$422,000 for the final payment of three payments over three years totaling \$1,422,000 for building a new transit maintenance facility.

The necessary funds are available in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program, included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget. The City of Santa Clarita will be pursuing assistance such as Federal Transit Administration grants, State grants, Proposition A Discretionary grants, and Proposition A Incentive grants for this service. The County's share of these grants is estimated to be \$970,000. Any grant funds received by the City along with farebox revenue and Metrolink transfer revenue will help offset the County's share of the cost. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Agreement will be executed by the City and approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature.

This Agreement will be similar in form to last year's Agreement and will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in the Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On May 20, 1997, Synopsis 47, your Board found these services categorically exempt pursuant to the Class I category provided under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Appendix G of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

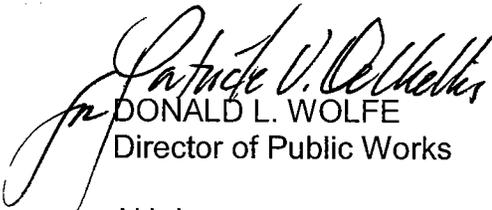
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action provides for the continuation of the current services.

CONCLUSION

Please return two adopted copies 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