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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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#28 AUGUST 17, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDING FOR THE
MID-VALLEY TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR FEASIBILITY STUDY
IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY
TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE CITY OF EL MONTE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into an agreement with the City of El Monte and to approve funding for the County of Los Angeles' share of the Mid-Valley Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study in the San Gabriel Valley, which includes the Cities of Baldwin Park, Covina, El Monte, and West Covina. The study will examine the feasibility of establishing rapid transit services and transit-related improvements along the Ramona-Badillo Corridor of the San Gabriel Valley.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the Mid-Valley Transit Corridor Feasibility Study is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the disbursement of \$15,000 each from the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Proposition A Local Return Transit Programs included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget to finance the County of Los Angeles' share of the costs of the study.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of El Monte for the Mid-Valley Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study and act as an

agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with the City of El Monte on any matters related to this study, including negotiating and executing any amendments.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will provide funding for the Mid-Valley Transportation Corridor Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study), which will analyze rapid bus services and transit improvements between the western San Gabriel Valley at the Metro El Monte Busway to Pomona along the Ramona-Badillo Corridor and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement in a form approved by County Counsel.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The Feasibility Study will develop a mobility plan for the Ramona-Badillo Corridor to facilitate future rapid bus transit services connecting to major activity centers along the corridor, thereby improving the quality of life for residents in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The County of Los Angeles' (County) jurisdictional share to conduct the Feasibility Study is \$30,000. The County's costs will be evenly split between the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

The necessary funds to finance the County's share of the costs of the Feasibility Study are available in the First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Proposition A Local Return Transit Programs included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Cities of Baldwin Park, Covina, El Monte, and West Covina and the County intend to carry out a study to examine the feasibility of establishing rapid transit services and transit-related improvements along the Ramona-Badillo Corridor of the San Gabriel Valley. The Feasibility Study will evaluate the feasibility of establishing transit centers along the proposed corridor which include park-and-ride-lots, information kiosks, and pedestrian-oriented design to further encourage transit use. The Feasibility Study will also evaluate opportunities to improve the flow of traffic including roadway widening, signal synchronization, and bus priority systems.

The County and the cities will each enter into an agreement with the City of El Monte, the lead agency managing this Feasibility Study, to participate in financing the cost of the Feasibility Study. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Execution of the agreement is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental

Quality Act Guidelines pursuant to Section 15262 of the Guidelines and Section 307.B.(7) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. This exemption provides for feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions that have not been approved, adopted, or funded.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Feasibility Study will develop a mobility plan to enhance public mass transit bus operations to improve the traffic flow along the Ramona-Badillo corridor.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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