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August 31, 2010

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

#25 AUGUST 31, 2010

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT MATCH PROGRAM GRANT
TO PURCHASE TWO COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS-POWERED, HEAVY-DUTY SHUTTLE
BUSES FOR THE SUNSHINE SHUTTLE SERVICE AND
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH
SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
UNINCORPORATED AREA OF SOUTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to assist in funding the acquisition of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses to be used for the Sunshine Shuttle Service in the unincorporated area of South Whittier and to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to enter into a grant agreement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to partially fund the purchase of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses to replace two smaller shuttle buses for the Sunshine Shuttle Service in the unincorporated area of South Whittier.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to conduct business with the South Coast Air Quality Management District on any and all matters related to this grant, including executing a grant agreement and signing any amendments and requests for reimbursement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to accept a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District to partially fund the purchase of two compressed natural gas-powered, heavy-duty shuttle buses and to delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute a grant agreement in a form approved by County Counsel. These new shuttle buses will replace two smaller shuttle buses and will increase the seating capacity from 29 to 41 passengers per bus. These shuttle buses will improve transit services for the South Whittier area communities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). This action enables the County of Los Angeles (County) to improve transit services for the public in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of purchasing two compressed natural gas, heavy-duty shuttle buses is approximately \$800,000, of which \$50,000 will be offset by this grant and approximately \$580,000 will be offset by grant funds from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Sufficient funds to cover the remaining \$170,000 to purchase the vehicles are available in the First and Fourth Supervisorial Districts' Proposition A Local Return Programs included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Transit Enterprise Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The grant agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to its execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(2) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA), the proposed action does not constitute a project and therefore is not subject to the requirements of CEQA. This action provides for a continuing administrative or maintenance activity that will not result in a potentially significant impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The grant will enable the Department of Public Works (Public Works) to improve transit services for County residents in the unincorporated area of South Whittier.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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County Counsel
Executive Office