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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
BRIDGE BARRIER RAIL REPLACEMENT
HAWES STREET OVER LEFFINGWELL CREEK, ET AL.
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF BASSETT
MONROVIA/ARCADIA/DUARTE (ISLANDS), RANCHO DOMINGUEZ
ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND SOUTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 4, AND 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve a project to replace bridge barrier rails on Hawes Street Over Leffingwell Creek, et al., in the unincorporated communities of Bassett, Monrovia/Arcadia/Duarte (Islands), Rancho Dominguez, Rowland Heights, and South Whittier; find the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Hawes Street Over Leffingwell Creek, et al., bridge barrier rail replacement, in the unincorporated communities of Bassett, Monrovia/Arcadia/Duarte (Islands), Rancho Dominguez, Rowland Heights, and South Whittier, at an estimated cost between \$190,000 and \$265,000.
3. Call for bids to be received on December 28, 2010.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range, approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Material Bonds and insurance submitted by the contractor, and deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works (Director) or her designee to award, execute, and implement a contract with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid for the replacement of bridge barrier rails and the performance of other appurtenant work.

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 recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$190,000 to \$265,000. This project will be administered under the Highway Safety Improvement Program covered by Agreement No. 76078 with the State of California.

Under this program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of qualifying road improvement projects. This project is included in the First, Second, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Road Construction Programs in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for the replacement of barrier rails, is part of the Department of Public Works (Public Works) program for the replacement of bridge barrier rails. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20404 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in April 2011 and be completed in August 2011.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract allows an expedited contracting process to obtain a contractor for the replacement of barrier rails.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that 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 a recommendation to 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

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines and Class 1, Subsections (x)(11), (x)(14), (x)(17), and (x)(22), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the modification of existing bridges by constructing sidewalks, bridge railings, and concrete barriers.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. The award by the Director of Public Works or her designee will be made after review of the bids meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code. The County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to the determination of the lowest responsive bid. To be eligible for the Federal funds financing the majority of this project, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires award to the lowest bidder.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved highway facilities for the traveling public.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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Director of Public Works

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County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance