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January 11, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
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**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

18 JANUARY 11, 2011

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL FUNDING  
FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IN THE CITIES OF COMPTON AND PARAMOUNT  
AND COUNTY UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF  
WEST CARSON, WESTMONT, AND ATHENS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for three federally funded road construction projects located in the Cities of Compton and Paramount and County of Los Angeles unincorporated communities of West Carson, Westmont, and Athens that will not be final invoiced by May 3, 2011, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreements with these State departments for a one-year extension of budget authority.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that the road construction projects listed on the enclosure are categorically or statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the State of California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend the budget authority for the road construction projects listed on the enclosure, located in various cities and County of Los Angeles unincorporated communities, that are funded with Federal funds but will not be final invoiced by May 3, 2011, and to enter into the necessary cooperative work agreements with these State departments for a one-year extension of budget authority for these projects.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee (Director) to request the State of California (State) Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the State Department of Finance to extend budget authority for three road construction projects located in the Cities of Compton and Paramount and in the County of Los Angeles (County) unincorporated communities of West Carson, Westmont, and Athens as detailed on the enclosed project list. These projects are funded with Federal funds and have been completed but will not be final invoiced by the May 3, 2011, deadline. As a result, it is necessary to enter into the cooperative work agreements with these State departments to extend the budget authority.

## **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County to maximize Federal reimbursement for important transportation projects.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the projects for which we are requesting time extensions of budget authority have been included in the current and prior fiscal years' Road Fund Budgets.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 16304.3, project sponsors/local agencies are required by the State to request extension of budget authority for Federal-and State funded transportation projects that will extend beyond the original appropriation of project funding.

As part of the County's ongoing Road Construction Program, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) actively seeks Federal grants to supplement County road funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in unincorporated County areas. These Federal funds are available through a variety of programs administrated by the State Department of Transportation. Due to the State's desire to improve the management of funds, the State Department of Finance requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded, but will not be final invoiced by the deadline May 3, 2011. As part of the request, the State requires the Board's approval indicating concurrence with the request. Following the Board's approval, the necessary extensions will be processed through cooperative work agreements.

The projects have all been completed, but we are unable to submit final invoices for the Federal reimbursement until Caltrans approves a formula for calculation of reimbursable indirect costs related to the project.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On March 23, 2006, Agenda Item No. 68, the Board found that the Vermont Avenue 223 Street/Ashbridge Lane median landscaping project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

On November 14, 2006, Agenda Item No. 48, the Board found that the Normandie Avenue., et al., project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

On December 11, 2007, Agenda Item No. 38, the Board found that the Alondra Boulevard over Los Angeles River Bridge seismic retrofit project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive Federal funds for the projects on the enclosed project list.

**CONCLUSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,



GAIL FARBBER  
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

## ENCLOSURE

Fiscal Year	Federal Project Number	Location Name	Work Type Description	Location
2004-05	5953(463)	Vermont Avenue Median Landscaping	Install Signs, Irrigation System, Landscaping	Unincorporated community of West Carson
2004-05	5953(366)	Alondra Boulevard over LA River	Seismic Retrofit	Cities of Compton and Paramount
2004-05	5953(451)	Normandie Avenue, et al.	Roadway reconstruction, resurfacing, and installation curb ramps and bus pads	Unincorporated communities of Westmont and Athens