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December 16, 2014

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

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

27 December 16, 2014


PATRICK O'RAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
FOR VARIOUS FEDERAL- AND STATE-FUNDED PROJECTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for five Federal-funded projects and one State-funded project and to enter into the necessary cooperative agreements with these State Departments for a 2-year extension of budget authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for five Federal-funded projects and one State-funded project that will not be completed by December 31, 2014, and to enter into the necessary cooperative agreements with these State Departments for a 2-year extension of budget authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request Caltrans and the California Department of Finance (CDOF) to extend budget authority for these Federal- and State-funded projects. The projects and explanations for the delays are provided in the enclosure.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County to maximize Federal and State reimbursement for these important transportation projects.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

This action is to authorize the Director or her designee to request Caltrans and the CDOF to extend budget authority that will not result in additional funding for these projects.

Funding for all the projects is included in the Road Fund Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget.

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, Public Works actively seeks Federal and State grants to supplement County road funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in the unincorporated County areas. These Federal and State funds are available through a variety of programs administered by Caltrans. Due to the State's desire to improve the management of funds, the CDOF requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded but will not be liquidated within 7 years from the start of the fiscal year that the Federal funds were appropriated and 5 years from the start of the fiscal year that the State funds were appropriated within the California Budget. 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 agreements with Caltrans and the CDOF.

The projects in the enclosure will not be completed by the December 31, 2014, deadline.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This proposed action provides for administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive Federal and State funds for these projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of 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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Enclosures

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

Enclosure to Extension of Budget Authority Board Letter

Fund	Work Performed and Location	Federal Project No	County ID	Supervisory District	Reason for Delay
2009-10 Federal Funds Lapsing on June 30, 2015	Bridge rehab and widening Peck Road over San Gabriel River near S El Monte, Br. Nos. 53C-0617L and 53C-0617R.	BHLS-5953 (590)	RDCC0015483	1	There was a considerable delay in the project due to a change in the water diversion plan. The design, construction methodology, and construction staging had to be re-evaluated as a result. The environmental studies (NES, HPSR/ASR) must be revised as a result of the change to the water diversion plan. Also, Caltrans requested a Water Quality Assessment. We anticipate to award the project by February 2017.
	Bridge replacement on Circle Trail over Topanga Cyn Creek near Topanga, Br. No. 53C-0970.	BRLO-5953(636)	RDCC0015570	3	There was a considerable delay due to a landslide area at the west end of the project site moving eastward. The proposed design was inadequate to address the landslide issue. Alternatives are being considered to address two issues: a bridge design to resist the landslide and the County's liability for altering the nature of the landslide. One alternative is to design a sliding deck to accommodate the movement from the landslide. We anticipate to award the project by May 2017.
	ATMS Integration IS ATMS-In Santa Fe Springs, La Mirada and Buena Park.	ITS01-5953(585)	TSM0010161	1,4	There was a delay in the project due to a technical issue with establishing the site-to-site VPN connection between the City of Buena Park and Los Angeles County's IEN. The City's firewall configurations were not permitting the data to be transmitted between the two agencies' system. This delay took approximately 6 months to be resolved and we are now working towards contract acceptance. We anticipate to submit the final billing by July 2015.
2009-10 State Funds Lapsing on June 30, 2015	Bridge replacement on Soledad Cyn Rd over the Santa Clara River 0.3 miles east of Agua Dulce Canyon Rd, Br. No. 53C-048B.	BRLS-5953(6D2)	RDCC0015571	5	There was a delay due to a need for a noise impact study. The construction of the project will create a significant noise impact to nearby residents. Alternatives are being considered to mitigate the noise impacts including sound walls and temporary relocation of residents. Also, County may need to change the horizontal and vertical alignment of the road in order to maintain the design speed of 35 mph. The design may need further changes due to this bridge's proximity to a bridge replacement project of an adjacent bridge over the UPRR tracks. We anticipate awarding the project by October 2016.
	Bridge preventive maintenance program various bridge locations throughout County.	BPMPL-5953(652)	Various	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	This project consists of over 400 bridges throughout the County of Los Angeles and includes County and City owned bridges. Although the scope of work for each bridge is preventive maintenance and preservation type work, Caltrans has required the completion of an NES(MI) covering each bridge in order to comply with NEPA. This has resulted in considerable delays to the completion of the design plans.