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December 31, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ACCEPT THE BUS STOP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT FROM FOOTHILL TRANSIT FOR SOLAR LIGHT POLE INSTALLATION AT BUS STOPS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5
3 VOTES

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept the Bus Stop Enhancement Program Grant, Phase III, from Foothill Transit in the amount of $105,000 for the installation of 47 stand-alone, solar light poles at various nonilluminated Foothill Transit bus stops.

2. Approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy, and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct business with Foothill Transit on any and all matters related to this grant including executing the grant agreement and signing the requests for disbursement.

3. Find that the Foothill Transit Solar Light Poles project to install solar-powered lights and transit information kiosks at 47 existing bus stop shelters in various unincorporated County areas is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved guidelines to be followed prior to the acceptance by the County of State and Federal grants of $100,000 or more. These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your review prior to the department carrying out the activities covered under the grant. Accordingly, the Grant Management Statement for this grant has been enclosed for your review.

The County's Grant Policy requires that your Board accept and approve this grant. We are requesting your Board to approve an exception to the County's Grant Policy by authorizing the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to take any necessary actions in furtherance of the Bus Stop Enhancement Program Grant including executing the grant agreement and signing the requests for disbursement.

On October 21, 2003, Foothill Transit notified the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works that it was awarded $105,000 under the Foothill Transit Bus Stop Enhancement Program. The purpose of this project is to enhance bus stop security and safety by installing stand-alone, solar light poles at nonilluminated bus stop shelters within specific unincorporated areas of the County.

Acceptance by the County of the Bus Stop Enhancement Program Grant from Foothill Transit will provide revenue to enhance the security and safety at bus stops in the unincorporated areas of Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5.

We have determined that the use of solar power technology to illuminate bus stops will be more cost-effective than direct electrical power since it will eliminate the need for trenching, connection fees to existing power lines, and the regular monthly utility fees. It will also lessen our dependability on electrical energy resources.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals of Fiscal Responsibility and Children and Families Well Being. Utilizing grant funding to maximize improvements to public infrastructure will strengthen the County's fiscal capacity. Children and Families Well Being will be improved by enhancing the safety and security of pedestrian community at bus stops.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Your Board's action will have no fiscal impact on net County cost. The total project cost is estimated to be $171,000. We will receive a $105,000 reimbursement through the Bus Stop Enhancement Program Grant from Foothill Transit. The remaining project cost of $66,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2003-04 Proposition A Local Return Transit Enterprise Fund, which will be financed by $41,400 from the First Supervisorial District's share of this fund, $16,000 from the Fourth Supervisorial District's share, and $8,600 from the Fifth Supervisorial District's share.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Management Statement has been prepared using the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Officer and adopted by your Board.

Accepting the grant and delegating authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct business with Foothill Transit on issues pursuant to this grant will streamline the project delivery process. Your action will permit the Bus Stop Enhancement Program Grant agreement to be executed by the Director or his designee.

The Bus Stop Enhancement Program Agreement between the County and Foothill Transit will authorize the County to accept the Bus Stop Enhancement Program Grant amount of $105,000 from Foothill Transit for the installation of 47 stand-alone, solar light poles at Foothill Transit stops, in which 21 units will be installed in the First Supervisorial District, 14 units in the Fourth Supervisorial District, and 12 units in the Fifth Supervisorial District. This agreement has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Foothill Transit (Henry Lopez)

Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office

Grant Management Statement for Grants $100,000 or More

Department: Public Works

Grant Project Title and Description Install Solar-powered Light Pole–Foothill Transit Grant

Install 47 stand-alone, solar-powered light poles at bus stops within the unincorporated areas of Supervisorial District 1, 4, and 5.

Funding Agency	**Program** (Fed. Grant #/State Bill or Code #)	**Grant Acceptance Deadline**
Foothill Transit	FTA Sec.5307	Jan 31, 2004

Total Amount of Grant Funding: $105,000	**County Match: $66,080**	
Grant Period: 12months	**Begin Date:1/1/2004**	**End Date: 12/31/2004**
Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant:0	**Full Time:0**	**Part Time:0**

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program?		N/A X
Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items?		N/A X
Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires?	Yes___	No X
If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:		
a.) Absorb the program cost without reducing other services	Yes___	No X
b.) Identify other revenue sources (describe below)	Yes___	No X
c.) Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant.	Yes___	No X

Impact of additional personnel on existing space:

None

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature Donald C Wolf Date: 12/31/03