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December 15, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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PATRICK OZAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS AND BIKEWAY INSTALLATION  
SUSANA ROAD, ET AL.,  
IN THE CITIES OF COMPTON AND LONG BEACH AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
COMMUNITY OF RANCHO DOMINGUEZ  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action is to approve and advertise the Susana Road, et al., project in the Cities of Compton and Long Beach and in the unincorporated community of Rancho Dominguez, adopt the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Approve and advertise the contract and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for roadway improvements and bikeway installation, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$3,100,000 and \$4,300,000.
2. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement, and which are to be received before 11 a.m. on January 21, 2016, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if

BIDS: January 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within the estimated cost range.
5. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or her designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code relative to the construction of County buildings; (2) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in State Public Contract Code Sections 4100 et seq. and 5100 et seq., respectively; (3) accept the project upon its final completion; (4) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Sections 7107 and 9203; and (5) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code Section 4104.5.

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

The purpose of the recommended actions is for the Board to approve and advertise the contract, adopt the plans and specifications, authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a construction contract with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, and delegate certain responsibilities to the Director or her designee to carry out this project.

The project limits are as follows:

- From Artesia Boulevard to Del Amo Boulevard and on Via Mondo Road from 870 feet west of Susana Road to Susana Road

#### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by providing improved roadway and bikeway facilities for the traveling public, cyclists, and pedestrians, which will benefit the Cities and community.

#### **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 \$3,100,000 to \$4,300,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,900,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, materials testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles services.

Portions of this project are in the Cities of Compton and Long Beach. The Cities of Compton and Long Beach will finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost, estimated to be \$90,000 and \$130,000, respectively, under City Service Requests. The County's jurisdictional share of the project cost is \$5,680,000.

The County's share of project cost and the County's contribution of \$40,300 in Highways-Through-Cities funds to the City of Long Beach are included in the Second Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Road Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budgets.

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

This project is part of the Department of Public Works' ongoing highway construction program. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 160 working days. It is anticipated the work will start in April 2016 and be completed in November 2016.

Delegating to the Director or her designee the authority to award and execute this construction contract will facilitate the start of construction beginning May 2016 in order to satisfy the warm weather requirement for the application of cold central plant recycled asphalt pavement. It will also allow for an expedited schedule to accommodate strong community support to construct the project in the summer of 2016.

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

The award of the contract 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 the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's 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 Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles 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 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 an 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**

On October 21, 2014, Agenda Item No. 31, the Board found that this project is statutorily and categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. An award by the Director or her designee will be made upon review of the bids meeting the criteria established by the Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on both the County's "Doing Business with Us" and Public Works' "Contract Opportunities" websites for upcoming bids.

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be coordinating with the Office of Small Business to maximize outreach.

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

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing improved roadway facilities for the traveling public, thereby benefiting the Cities and community.

**CONCLUSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office  
Internal Services Department (Countywide  
Contract Compliance)