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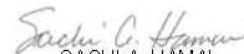
The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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# ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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APRIL 14, 2009

  
SACHI A. HAMAI  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR JURISDICTION  
VALLEY BOULEVARD BRIDGE OVER OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD  
AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD  
CITY OF LA PUENTE  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)  
(4 VOTES)**

### SUBJECT

This action is to adopt a resolution declaring Valley Boulevard bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad to be a part of the County System of Highways for the limited purpose of performing bridge seismic retrofit within the City of La Puente.

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Adopt the resolution declaring Valley Boulevard bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad, within the City of La Puente, to be a part of the County System of Highways in order for the County of Los Angeles to administer a project to seismically retrofit this bridge.

### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is for the County of Los Angeles (County) to obtain jurisdiction of the Valley Boulevard bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in order to administer a bridge seismic retrofit project located in the City of La Puente (City).

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

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). By improving the structural safety of Valley Boulevard bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and UPRR, County residents who travel this bridge will benefit, and their quality of life will be improved.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Your Board's adoption of the attached resolution will not directly result in any fiscal impact on the County. We will submit the project to your Board for approval to advertise a construction contract for the bridge improvements at a later date.

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

Following the Loma Prieta earthquake in the San Francisco Bay area in October 1989, emergency State legislation known as Senate Bill 36X was enacted, which requires that all existing publicly-owned bridges in the State be inspected and that those found to have a seismic structural deficiency be upgraded and retrofitted to conform with specific structural standards. The Senate Bill further provides for the County to be the lead agency for inspecting and retrofitting all non-State highway bridges within the County of Los Angeles.

Sections 1700-1702 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of supervisors of any county may, by a resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, declare any highway in the county lying in whole or in part within a city to be a county highway for certain purposes, including improvement. The governing body of the affected city may consent to the relevant portion of the highway within its jurisdiction being included as a part of the county highway system. Thereafter, the board of supervisors of the county may acquire right of way, construct, maintain, improve, or repair such highway in the same manner as other county highways. Valley Boulevard is on the Los Angeles County Highway Plan, and the proposed improvements are needed and of general County interest.

The jurisdiction will be relinquished by separate Board action after completion of the seismic retrofit project. The attached resolution has been reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

This project is tentatively scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in fall of 2009, pending the City's consent to jurisdiction and the County obtaining the necessary Federal and State approvals.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their actions. The proposed project is statutorily exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.16.

On April 17, 2007, Item 42, your Board found that this project was statutorily exempt from the provisions of the CEQA.

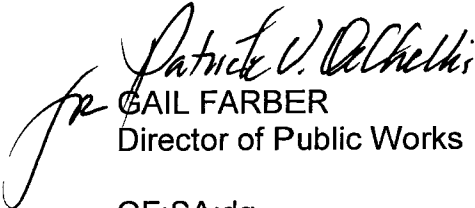
**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving bridge safety for the traveling public.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter and two certified copies of the resolution to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

  
GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)  
County Counsel

**RESOLUTION DECLARING VALLEY BOULEVARD BRIDGE OVER OLD VALLEY  
BOULEVARD AND UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD, WITHIN THE CITY OF LA PUENTE,  
TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS**

WHEREAS, by reason of its location and travel thereon, Valley Boulevard Bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR), within the City of La Puente, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, should be a part of the County System of Highways, for the limited purpose of performing seismic safety retrofit of the bridge at the aforementioned location (Retrofit Work); and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose of the Board of Supervisors of said County to cause construction of the above-stated improvements and perform appurtenant work thereon provided the consent of the governing body of the City of La Puente shall first be given by means of adopting the attached Resolution by the City Council of the City of La Puente California, consenting to the establishment of Valley Boulevard Bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and UPRR, within said City, as part of the County System of Highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that Valley Boulevard Bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and UPRR, within the City of La Puente, is hereby declared to be a part of the System of Highways of said County as provided in Sections 1700 and 1702 inclusive of the Streets and Highways Code of the State of California for the purpose of authorizing construction of the aforementioned work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, that the City of La Puente agrees:

- a) That the County of Los Angeles shall not be responsible for any damage or liability occurring by reason of any roadway condition on the aforementioned street, within the City of La Puente, existing prior to the start of Retrofit Work construction by the County of Los Angeles or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.
- b) That the work to be performed by the County of Los Angeles shall not include roadway maintenance activities on Valley Boulevard Bridge over Old Valley Boulevard and UPRR, within the City of La Puente, prior to the start of Retrofit Work construction by the County of Los Angeles or following the completion and field acceptance of said construction.
- c) Upon the Board of Supervisors adopting a resolution declaring Valley Boulevard within the above mentioned limits to no longer be a County Highway as set forth in Section 1704 of Streets and Highways Code of the State of California, the Director of Public Works or her designee is

authorized to assign to the City of La Puente all of the County of Los Angeles' right, title, and interest in any unexpired portion of the one year warranty granted to the County of Los Angeles by the construction contractor performing the Retrofit Work.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the day 14<sup>th</sup> of April, 2009, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



SACHI A. HAMAI  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By Lachelle Smitheman  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By [Signature]  
Deputy