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May 20, 2013

TO:

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FROM:

Gail Farber Land Fark

Director of Public Works

BOARD MOTION OF MAY 21, 2013, AGENDA ITEM 15
PATHFINDER ROAD AT ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER DRIVEWAY
TRAFFIC SIGNAL
UNINCORPORATED ROWLAND HEIGHTS AREA

The following is background information regarding Item 15 of the May 21, 2013, agenda. This item is directing Public Works to install a traffic signal on Pathfinder Road at the entrances to the Rowland Heights Community Center and the Buddhist Temple, in the unincorporated Rowland Heights area.

On July 26, 2005, as part of the Buddhist Temple conditional use permit, the Board amended the project condition to require a \$25,000 contribution toward the installation of the traffic signal at the project driveway and the subject location was deemed necessary as determined by Department of Public Works. If the Board approves the subject motion, then Public Works will seek to collect this contribution from the developer.

Consistent with the attached September 24, 1974, Board-adopted policy, we are informing you that a traffic engineering study was not performed for the subject location. The Rowland Heights Community Center has just begun construction. The Buddhist Temple driveway construction has not yet commenced. As a result, traffic volumes and patterns based on the Community Center's usage are not available to perform a traffic signal analysis.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff may contact Patrick V. DeChellis, Deputy Director, at (626) 458-4004.

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cc: Chief Executive Office County Counsel Executive Office



I. L. MORHAR, ROAD COMMISSIONER N. G. MARTINDALE, CHIEF DEPUTY

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Gentlemen:

TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS

### RECOMMENDATION:

That your Honorable Board direct the Road Department to complete and transmit the results of an Engineering Study to the Board of Supervisors prior to the installation of any traffic control device not recommended by the Road Commissioner.

In recent years public jurisdictions have experienced an increasing number of adverse court decisions in liability cases. The evident erosion of the concept of governmental immunity has led us to ask the County Counsel for a formal opinion concerning the County's potential liability when the Road Commissioner is instructed to install a traffic control device, such as traffic signals or stop signs, at a location where conditions are such that in his best judgment such an installation could increase the potential for accidents.

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In an opinion dated August 21, 1974, copy attached, County Counsel advises that the County has potential liability in such cases. He recommends that, even though the traffic device installation may have already been ordered, the Road Commissioner advise the Board of Supervisors of his professional opinion and receive formal instructions before proceeding with such an installation under these circumstances.

Literally, hundreds of locations are reviewed each year to determine the desirability of traffic control devices. We recognize that the evaluation of the need and determination of the appropriate type of such installations is not an exact science but is based on experience and accepted standards. In addition, the demand for such devices is generated at times by unfortunate and sometimes spectacular accidents, adding emotion and strong public opinion to such request.

It is my intent and desire to continue this Department's long history of maximum responsiveness to the wishes and direction of the Board. All directives of your Board concerning the installation of traffic control devices will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

If the Board of Supervisors adopts the recommended policy, I will transmit on engineering study and recommendation for your consideration and determination for those cases where, in my judgment, the installation of a suggested traffic control device could increase the accident potential.

Upon approval, please return one copy of this letter to the Road Department.

Respectfully submitted;

I. L. MORHAR Road Commissioner

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Attachment

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June 18, 2013

**Each Supervisor** 

FROM:

TO:

Gai Farber

**BOARD MOTION OF MAY 21, 2013, AGENDA ITEM 15** PATHFINDER ROAD AT ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER DRIVEWAY **INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL** UNINCORPORATED ROWLAND HEIGHTS AREA

On May 21, 2013, Agenda Item 15, the Board approved a motion directing Public Works to install a traffic signal on Pathfinder Road at the entrances to the Rowland Heights Community Center and the Buddhist Temple in the unincorporated Rowland Heights area. Public Works was directed to report to the Board within 30 days with a schedule for this installation.

Public Works anticipates the traffic signal to be operational by May 31, 2014. The total project cost is estimated to be \$288,000. The necessary \$27,000 required to finance a portion of the design phase is available in the Highway Safety Project appropriation of the Fourth Supervisorial District's Fiscal Year 2013-14 Road Construction Program. The remaining \$261,000 required to complete the design and finance the construction costs will be included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the recommended Fiscal Year 2014-15 Road Fund Budget.

If you have any guestions, please call me or your staff may contact Dean R. Lehman. Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 300-4700.

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cc: Chief Executive Office County Counsel

**Executive Office** 



# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, May 21, 2013

9:30 AM

15. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Knabe: Instruct the Director of Public Works to install a traffic signal on Pathfinder Road at the entrances to the Rowland Heights Community Center and the Buddhist temple in the unincorporated Rowland Heights area, to ensure the safety of park and community center patrons; and report back to the Board within 30 days with a schedule to install and activate the signal. (13-2361)

On motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, this item was approved.

Aves:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Knabe, Supervisor Antonovich and Supervisor

Ridley-Thomas

Absent:

1 - Supervisor Molina

Attachments:

Motion by Supervisor Knabe

Report

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the meeting held May 21, 2013, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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