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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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ADOPTED
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
52 August 8, 2023

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
HAZARD AVENUE, ET AL.
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016052
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt plans and specifications, advertise for construction bids, and award and execute a construction contract for the Hazard Avenue, et al., Project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Project Management Division III of Public Works for the Hazard Avenue, et al., Project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on September 12, 2023, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to determine whether the bid of the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid is, in fact, responsive and, if not responsive, to determine which apparent responsible contractor submitted the lowest responsive bid.

5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Hazard Avenue, et al., Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000, or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.

6. Delegate to the Director of Public Works or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (1) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (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) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code; (4) accept the project upon its final completion; and (5) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Sections 7107 and 9203.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to construct roadway and parkway improvements to improve access and community connectivity in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (see Enclosure).

The project includes reconstruction of roadway, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, driveways, cross gutters, and curb ramps. Additionally, a Class III bike route and two-way left-turn lanes will be installed along Hazard Avenue. The project will enhance current conditions, which promotes sustainability, pedestrian access, accessibility, and improved safety for area residents.

It is anticipated the work will begin in March 2024 and be completed in September 2024.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities, Objective II.2.2, Expand Access to Recreational and Cultural Opportunities, and Objective II.2.4, Promote Active and Healthy Lifestyles; as well as Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to encourage the use of alternate modes of transportation and manage and improve public infrastructure assets.

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 \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000, with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$8,600,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

This project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, formerly known as Surface Transportation Program, covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the construction cost of qualifying projects. Approximately \$5,400,000 in Federal-aid funds have been allocated to this project. The remaining project cost in the amount of \$3,200,000 is funded with the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure M Local Return Funds.

Funding for this project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure M Local Return Fund (CN2 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code. The contract award will comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents will require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract will be in the form previously reviewed and approved by County Counsel.

As required by Board Policy No. 5.140, information such as defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractors State License Board, labor violations, and debarment actions will be considered before a contract is awarded.

This project contains Federal funding, which prohibits the application of preferences included within the Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy. Accordingly, a Local and Targeted Worker Hire clause is not included for this project. Additionally, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, requires an award to the lowest bidder to be eligible for Federal funding, therefore, the County Local Small Business Enterprise preference will not be applied to this project.

Documents related to award of this contract will be available at Los Angeles County Public Works, Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to reconstruct the existing roadway is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c); 15302 (c); and 15303 (e) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 4, 9, 14, 18, and 22; Class 2 (e); and Class 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G.

In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, and there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, or indications that it may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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 Los Angeles County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<https://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/>

<http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/contracts/opportunities>

Also, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms, including Twitter.

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

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing the overall safety of pedestrians and motorists by increasing visibility. It will also promote a walkable environment and improve accessibility for area residents.

CONCLUSION

Please return an adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)

