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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SOUNDWALLS ALONG
INTERSTATE 10 FREEWAY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY
COMMUNITY OF CITY TERRACE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a cooperative agreement and amendments to the agreement between Los Angeles County and Caltrans. The agreement provides for Caltrans to prepare a Project Study Report-Project Report for the proposed soundwalls along the Interstate 10 freeway in the unincorporated County community of City Terrace from the City of Los Angeles to the City of Monterey Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter a cooperative agreement and amendments to the agreement with the State of California through Caltrans, whereby the State will prepare a Project Study Report-Project Report for the proposed soundwalls along Interstate 10 freeway in the unincorporated community of City Terrace from the City of Los Angeles to the City of Monterey Park for an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that they are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the Director to execute a cooperative agreement between the County and the State of California through Caltrans under which Caltrans will prepare a Project Study Report-Project Report (PSR-PR) to assess the feasibility of a proposed project to construct soundwalls along Interstate 10 (I-10) freeway in the unincorporated County community of City Terrace from the Cities of Los Angeles to Monterey Park for an amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

Residents in the City Terrace area have expressed concern that the noise from the I-10 freeway impacts their quality of life, particularly for those residents that live adjacent to the freeway. Soundwalls will improve the quality of life for the residents of the unincorporated County community of City Terrace by absorbing or reflecting noise coming from the I-10 freeway. Since the I-10 is under the jurisdiction of Caltrans an agreement with Caltrans is needed for the County to sponsor this project.

This PSR-PR is the first step to consider the feasibility of soundwalls along the I-10 freeway through City Terrace. Future agreements with Caltrans will be needed to further develop the project (i.e., through environmental, design, and construction phases) beyond the PSR-PR, if desired.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy II.2, Support the Wellness of our Communities. These actions will lead to improvements to the quality of life for its residents by reducing noise from the freeway.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Caltrans will prepare a PSR-PR for soundwalls along the I-10 freeway in the unincorporated County community of City Terrace from the Cities of Los Angeles to Monterey Park for an estimated cost of \$950,000 plus \$200,000 in contingency for a total amount of \$1,150,000. Funding is included in the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure M Local Return Fund (CN2 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Under the terms of the proposed cooperative agreement, Caltrans will prepare a PSR-PR for soundwalls along the I-10 freeway in the unincorporated County community of City Terrace from City of Los Angeles to City of Monterey Park.

The PSR-PR will review the purpose and need, project scope, conceptual design, and cooperative elements for the proposed soundwall project. The County is agreeing to fund the costs of the PSR-PR for an estimated cost of \$950,000. The County is to deposit with Caltrans the amount of \$160,000 prior to Caltrans performing work on the PSR-PR. Thereafter, the County will reimburse

Caltrans for actual costs performed under the agreement. The County will fund the estimated \$950,000 plus an additional \$200,000 in contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

Caltrans and the County are authorized to enter into cooperative agreements for improvements to State Highway Systems per California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 114 and 130 and California Government Code Section 6586.5. The Director is identified as the Executive Officer for the purpose of the proposed agreement.

The agreement and amendments will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are not subject to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed cooperative agreement is an organizational or administrative activity of government which will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment and a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

By approving the agreement, the County does not commit to or otherwise authorize or approve any specific project. Any project developed from the agreement remains subject to the Board's sole discretion to approve. Authorization of any future project activities would occur only following compliance with CEQA. Public Works will return to the Board for consideration of the appropriate environmental documentation.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will result in no impact to current services or projects. The proposed cooperative agreement is of general County interest. It may ultimately result in a project that will improve the quality of life for the residents in the area.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel
Executive Office