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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

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 March 6, 2024

JEFF LEVINSON  
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT  
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
ADOPT, READVERTISE, AND AWARD  
BRIDGE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GROUP 16  
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015922  
IN THE CITIES OF BALDWIN PARK, BELLFLOWER, CERRITOS,  
DOWNEY, PASADENA, AND PICO RIVERA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 4, AND 5)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to readvertise for bids and authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract for the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 16 Project in the Cities of Baldwin Park, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Pasadena, and Pico Rivera.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Find that the project and current recommended actions are within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the approved project.
2. Adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Project Management Division III of Public Works and readvertise for bids at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,400,000 and \$2,100,000 for Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 16.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to readvertise for bids in accordance

with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on March 26, 2024, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to open and examine bids received at a public meeting called by the Director of Public Works and 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, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 16 Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$1,400,000 and \$2,100,000, or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee the following authority in connection with this contract: (a) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) permit the 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; (c) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee pursuant to State Public Contract Code Section 20405; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) 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 they are within the scope of the previous finding of exemption for the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 16 Project from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to carry out maintenance work including replacement of joint seals, spall repair, deck drain installation, concrete deck seal, and steel member strengthening on six bridges in the Cities of Baldwin Park, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Pasadena, and Pico Rivera (see Enclosure) to provide more reliable bridge infrastructure to benefit traveling public.

On November 16, 2021, the Board approved the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 16 Project; adopted the plans and specifications; and instructed the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project.

On December 28, 2021, three bids were received. The initial apparent low bid had many deficiencies and was, therefore, considered nonresponsive. The responsive and responsible low bid was more than 70 percent above the original construction estimate range of \$900,000 and \$1,350,000. Public Works recommended rejecting all bids and readvertising the project with a revised estimated construction contract cost range of \$1,400,000 and \$2,100,000 to better reflect the anticipated cost of the project.

On April 18, 2023, the Board approved the project, adopted revised plans and specifications, and instructed the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors to readvertise the project. On May 23, 2023, no bids were received. Public Works has since updated the plans and specifications to the

latest standards and recommends readvertising the project. Public Works will reach out to prospective bidders who have shown interest in submitting bids for this type of project and remind them of the upcoming solicitation.

Public Works has received Federal funding through the California Department of Transportation to implement a Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program that will extend the service life of bridges throughout the County at a reduced cost by correcting minor structural deficiencies before they become costlier to repair. The maintenance program was developed based upon guidelines established by the California Department of Transportation. Cooperative agreements with participating cities have been executed for the County to perform the preliminary engineering design work and administer the construction contracts. When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing more reliable bridge infrastructure, which will benefit the traveling public.

It is anticipated the project will begin in August 2024 and be completed in December 2024.

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

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: Strategy III.3, Pursue Operational Effectiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, and Accountability, Objective III.3.2, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by supporting ongoing efforts to 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 \$1,400,000 and \$2,100,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,800,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications; consultant services; survey; environmental clearance; right of way and utility clearances; materials testing; inspection; contract administration; change order contingency; and other County services.

This project is located in the Cities of Baldwin Park, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Pasadena, and Pico Rivera. County-City Cooperative Agreements PW031814BPK, PW031814BFL, PW031814CER, PW031814DOW, PW031814PAS (Amendment to Agreement No. 22428), and PW031814PRV provide for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the Cities of Baldwin Park, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Pasadena, and Pico Rivera to finance their jurisdictional shares of the project cost, estimated to be \$106,000; \$308,000; \$313,000; \$254,000; \$137,000; and \$344,000, respectively.

The project will be administered under the Highway Bridge Program covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid grant funds in the amount of \$1,338,000 allocated to local agencies will be used to finance a portion of the qualifying costs for bridge preventive maintenance work. Funding for this project is included in the First, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts' Transportation Improvement Programs in the Road Fund (B03-Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2023 24 Budget.

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

In accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 20404, plans and specifications may be adopted, this project may be readvertised, and responsibilities may be delegated to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee.

Public Contract Code Section 20405 allows the Board to authorize the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to publicly open bids and award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Change orders will be approved and executed as permitted by California Public Contract Code Section 20405. 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.

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**

On November 16, 2021, the Board approved the Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 16 Project and found the project exempt from the CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (c) and Class 1 (x), Subsections 1, 11, 14, and 22 of the County's Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The approved project will extend the service life of bridges by performing repairs and maintenance of bridge structures. The project and current recommendations are within the scope of the previously approved exemption from CEQA. There have been no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which it will be undertaken that require further findings under CEQA.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

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

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

Also, the contract solicitation will be readvertised through web-based and social media platforms, including X (formally Twitter).

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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 Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach.

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

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing more reliable bridge infrastructure, which will benefit the traveling public.

**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)

