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April 23, 2024

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

38 April 23, 2024

JEFF LEVINSON
INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016462
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
EAST LOS ANGELES MONUMENT IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project, including delegated authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise, and award and execute a construction contract for the proposed project located 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 East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids at an estimated construction contract cost between \$900,000 and \$1,400,000 for the East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project.

3. Delegate Authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement with the Notice Inviting Bids when ready to advertise this project.
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 East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$900,000 and \$1,400,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent if additional funds have been identified.
6. Delegate 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 California Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in California 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 or his designee under Section 20395 of the California Public Contract Code; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of California 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). The purpose of the recommended actions is to allow Public Works to upgrade and improve the existing monuments in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (see Enclosure).

The project will make improvements that will increase the visibility of the Welcome to East Los Angeles monuments. The design will incorporate and celebrate themes found within the community of East Los Angeles.

Delegating authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications will allow Public Works to deliver the project in an expedited manner as advertising documents are finalized. By doing so, the County will be better able to complete the project in a timely manner.

It is anticipated that the work will start in the third quarter of 2024 and be completed in the fourth quarter of 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 \$900,000 to \$1,400,000, with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,000,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, utility clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

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.

The annual cost of graffiti removal is estimated to be \$20,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2025-26, funding for the ongoing maintenance cost will be made available in the Road Fund and requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Public Contract Code Section 20391 allows the Board to delegate preparation and approval of plans and specifications to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee on a project-by-project basis. Once plans are prepared and approved, Public Works will instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project for bids in accordance with Section 20392 of the California Public Contract Code. It is anticipated that the project will advertise for bids within two months from the adoption of the Board letter.

Public Contract Code Section 20393 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 Public Contract Code Section 20395.

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.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the California construction labor hours be performed by qualified Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers. The project will also include a jobs coordinator who will facilitate the implementation of the targeted hiring requirement of the policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project to upgrade and improve existing roadway monuments is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (e) and (x), Subsections 9, 10, 13, 17, 22; and Class 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the records of the proposed project, 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://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.

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 to the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles by expanding access to cultural opportunities and fostering community pride. The proposed improvements will also enhance the overall safety of pedestrians and promote a walkable environment for area residents.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

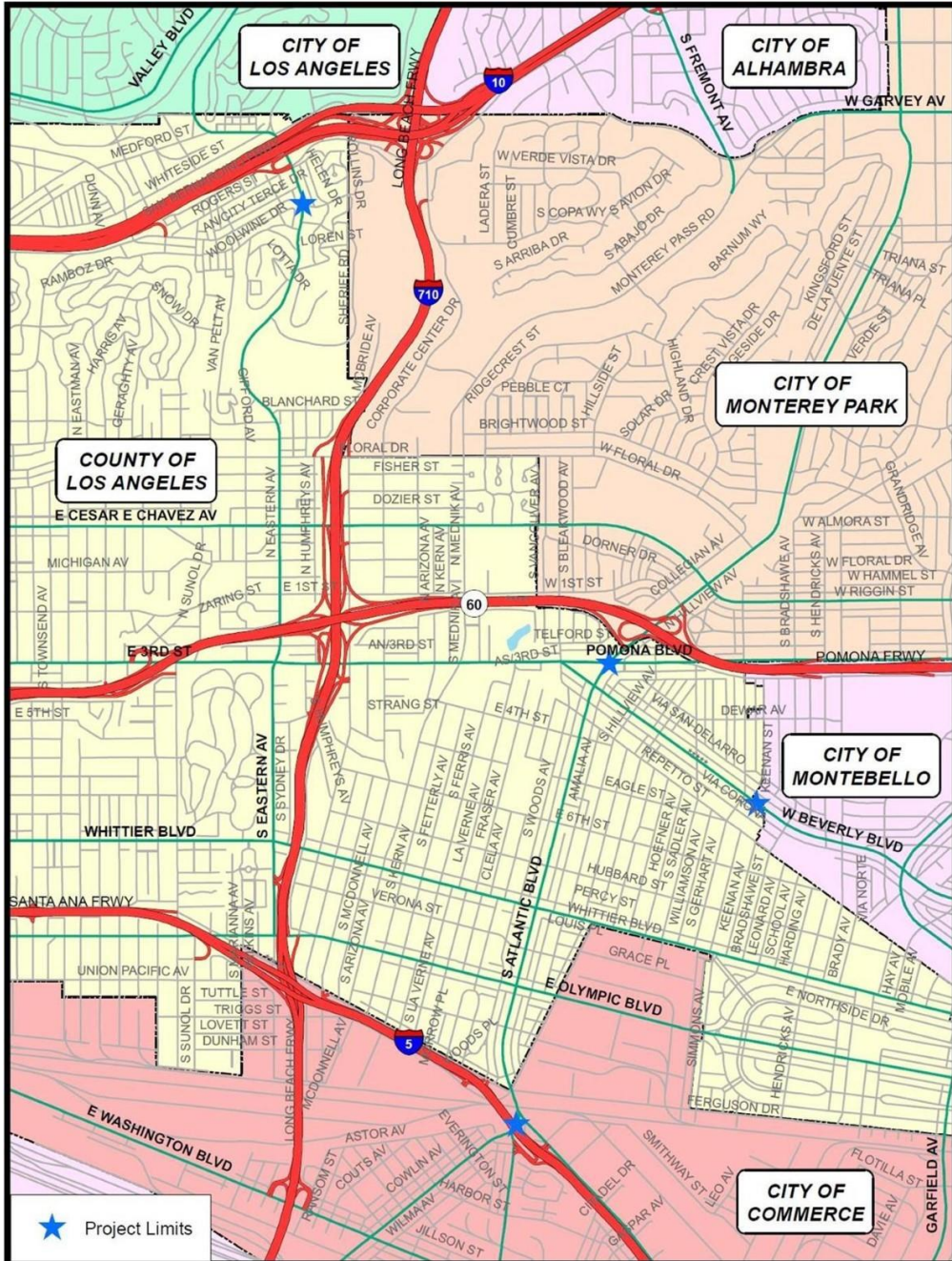
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Enclosures

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

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