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June 25, 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

59 June 25, 2024

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. TDS0001635
BOUQUET CANYON ROAD - 638 FEET NORTH OF MILE MARKER 16.43 TO
1,145 FEET NORTH OF MILE MARKER 3.52
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF BOUQUET CANYON, CANYON COUNTRY,
LEONA VALLEY, SAN FRANCISQUITO CANYON, AND SAUGUS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(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 Bouquet Canyon Road - 638 Feet North of Mile Marker 16.43 to 1,145 Feet North of Mile Marker 3.52 Project in the unincorporated communities of Bouquet Canyon, Canyon Country, Leona Valley, San Francisquito Canyon, and Saugus.

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 Public Works

Project Management Division III for the Bouquet Canyon Road – 638 Feet North of Mile Marker 16.43 to 1,145 Feet North of Mile Marker 3.52 Project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$450,000 and \$675,000.

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 July 30, 2024, 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 Bouquet Canyon Road - 638 Feet North of Mile Marker 16.43 to 1,145 Feet North of Mile Marker 3.52 Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$450,000 and \$675,000, 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: (a) extend the date and time for the receipt of bids consistent with the requirements of State Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) 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; (c) approve and execute change orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works under California Public Contract Code 20395; (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

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to install curve advisory signs in accordance with the current California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requirements to enhance safety along Bouquet Canyon Road. The project will update existing signage along the road, including installing advance curve advisory speed signs and arrows for horizontal curves where applicable for 638 feet north of Mile Marker 16.43 to 1,145 feet north of Mile Marker 3.52 (see Enclosure).

The project consists of installing curve advisory signs, chevron signs, and variable speed warning signs along Bouquet Canyon Road. This signing will enhance motorists' awareness of approaching curves on the roadway and the advisory speeds at which negotiating the curves are recommended. When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving traffic flow and safety for motorists and pedestrians, thereby benefiting the community.

The work is anticipated to start in September 2024 and be completed by January 2025.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal F, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure, Strategy ii, Modernize Infrastructure, by replacing and improving public infrastructure assets that support the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents.

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 \$450,000 and \$675,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,500,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspections, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental mitigation, and other County services.

This project will be administered under the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid grant funds in the amount of \$475,100 will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. The project is located entirely within the unincorporated County areas in the Fifth Supervisorial District.

The project will be funded using the State of California Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Funds allocated to the County under the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Senate Bill 1. Funding for this project is included in the Road Fund (B03-Capital Assets – Infrastructure and B03 – 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 California 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.

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.

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 erect curve advisory signs, chevron signs, and variable speed warning signs 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 (x) Subsection 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, the project 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, including X (formally 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)

Public Works anticipates temporary lane closure will impact traffic flow for motorists traveling along the road during construction. Public Works will work with the successful bidder to ensure that construction vehicles and personnel are staged appropriately to minimize construction impacts to motorists while maintaining safe operating conditions.

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

Director

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Enclosures

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