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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

July 09, 2024

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

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Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016498
BIG PINES HIGHWAY, ET AL. – GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT ON-SYSTEM
(2020 BOBCAT FIRE)
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF JUNIPER HILLS AND LITTLEROCK/LLANO
(SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the Big Pines Highway, et al. - Guardrail Replacement On-System (2020 Bobcat Fire) Project, including delegated authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and award and execute a construction contract in the unincorporated communities of Juniper Hills and Littlerock/Llano.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project, and related actions, are 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 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 \$270,000 and \$405,000 for the Big Pines Highway, et al. - Guardrail Replacement On-System (2020 Bobcat Fire) 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 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. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (1-4) that it is necessary to specify designated items by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, 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.
6. 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 Big Pines Highway, et al. - Guardrail Replacement On-System (2020 Bobcat Fire) Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$270,000 and \$405,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional funds have been identified.
7. 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 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 as permitted by State Public Contract Code Section 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, and related actions, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to remove and replace damaged guardrails to improve safety.

The project was initiated due to the damages caused by the 2020 Bobcat Fire. The project includes the removal and replacement of guardrails, clearing and grubbing, unclassified excavation, and grading. Construction will occur on Big Pines Highway at Mile Marker 1.22 and 700 feet east of Mile Marker 1.22, 106th Street East 800 feet south of Mile Marker 24.90, and Tumbleweed Road at Mile Marker 0.35 (Pallet Creek, Bridge No. 3578) (see Enclosure A).

The project will improve overall safety of drivers in the unincorporated communities of Juniper Hills and Littlerock/Llano.

It is anticipated the work will start in January 2025 and be completed by March 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 in the Fifth Supervisorial District is in the range of \$270,000 and \$405,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,000,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, environmental clearance, right-of-way clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project will be administered utilizing Federal-aid funding in the amount of \$834,500 under the Federal Emergency Relief Program covered by Agreement 78542 with the State of California. The remaining project cost of \$165,500 is funded with 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 – 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

State Public Contract Code Section 20391 allows the Board to delegate approval of plans and specifications to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, on a project-by-project basis. Once plans are 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 State Public Contract Code. It is anticipated that the project will advertise for bids within the next three months.

State 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 State Public Contract Code Section 20395.

State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding to the same effect and the language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

A list of specific brand names and qualified purposes in accordance with the State Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure B. There is one sole-source product.

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 as to form 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 replace damaged guardrails is within certain classes 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), 15302, and 15304 (a) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 17 and 22, Class 2, and Class 4 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. Since the activities include minor alteration of an existing facility with no expansion of use, replacement of features at same site and with the same purpose and capacity, and minor alteration of land, which does not include the removal of trees. 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.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to the County's website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

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:

<http://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-the-county>

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

In addition, in order to increase opportunities for small businesses, Public Works will be offering

preferences to Local Small Business Enterprises, Social Enterprises, and Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapters 2.204, 2.205, and 2.211.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by replacing guardrails that are designed primarily to reduce the severity of a run-off road type collision. The replacement guardrails may redirect an errant vehicle and dissipate energy from a collision in some cases. It may reduce collision severity for a motorist in situations where it is determined that striking the guardrail is less severe than running off the road onto a steep embankment and improve the overall safety for traffic users.

CONCLUSION

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

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director of Public Works

Respectfully submitted,



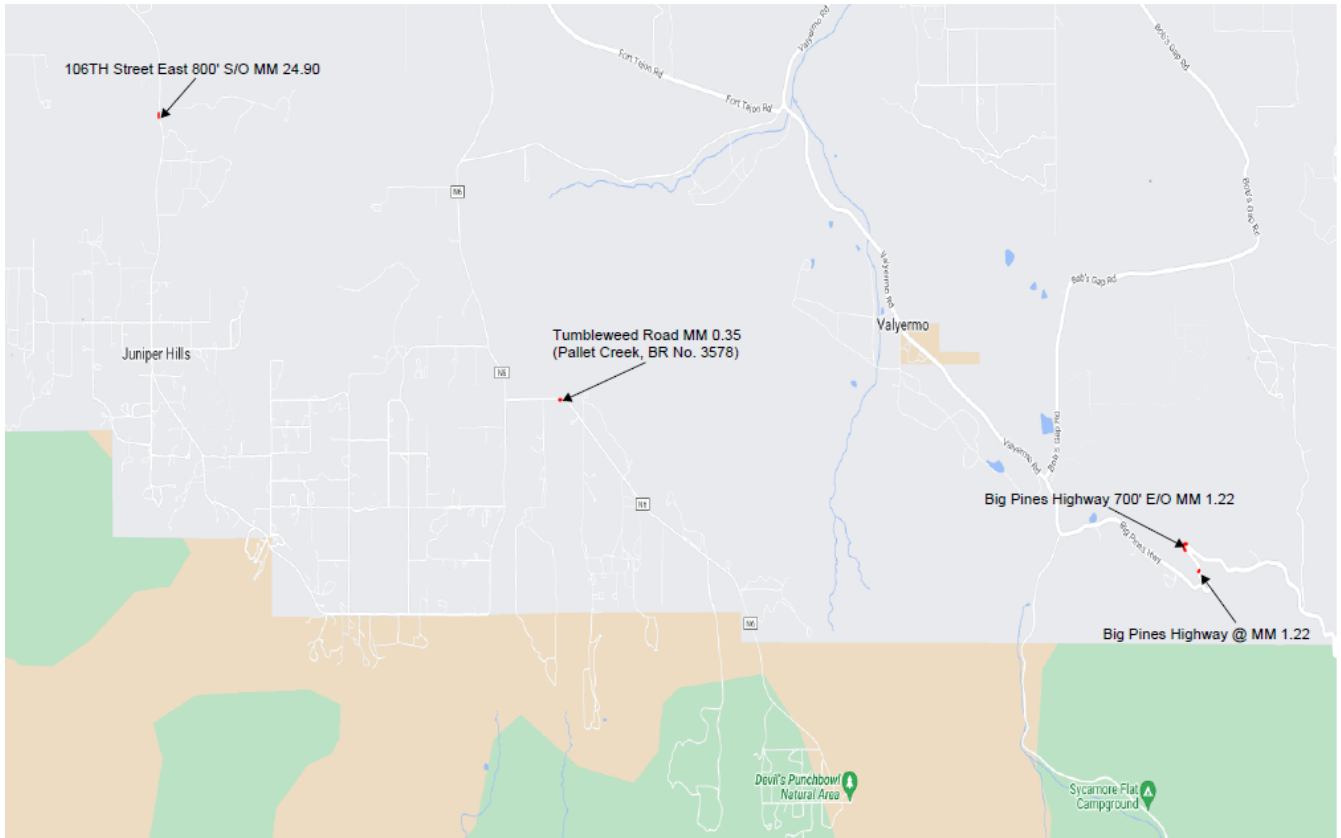
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Enclosures

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

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ENCLOSURE B

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**List of specific brand names in accordance with State Public Contract Code Section
3400:**

<u>Item/Category</u>	<u>Manufacturer</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>PCC 3400 Justification*</u>	<u>Detailed Justification</u>
In-Line Terminal System	Road Systems, Inc.	MSKT-TL3 Terminal System	Item is best fit for current field conditions (from a limited number of California Department of Transportation approved end treatments).	Item is best fit for current field conditions (from a limited number of California Department of Transportation approved end treatments).

*(1) In order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use. (2) In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion. (3) In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source. (4) (A) In order to respond to an emergency declared by a local agency, but only if the declaration is approved by a four-fifths vote of the governing board of the local agency issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals. (B) In order to respond to an emergency declared by the State, a State agency, or political subdivision of the State, but only if the facts setting forth the reasons for the finding of the emergency are contained in the public records of the authority issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals.