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September 10, 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

66 September 10, 2024

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016346
MICHILLINDA AVENUE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
IN THE CITIES OF ARCADIA AND PASADENA AND
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST PASADENA
(SUPERVISORAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the Michillinda Avenue Intersection Improvements Project, including delegated authority to adopt the plans and specifications, and procure and execute a construction contract for the proposed project located in the Cities of Arcadia and Pasadena and in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena.

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 Michillinda Avenue Intersection Improvements Project and delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications for the project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,700,000 and \$2,600,000.

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 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 Michillinda Avenue Intersection Improvements Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$1,700,000 and \$2,600,000, 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 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 or his designee under Section 20395; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) make required findings and 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 construct roadway improvements to increase traffic capacity and improve mobility in the Cities of Arcadia and Pasadena and in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena (see Enclosure).

The project includes roadway rehabilitation of Michillinda Avenue between Foothill Boulevard and Colorado Boulevard, an extension of the left-turn lane, crosswalk and sidewalk enhancements, and traffic signal system upgrades. The project will reduce traffic congestion and enhance pedestrian mobility and safety along Michillinda Avenue.

It is anticipated the work will start in the first quarter of 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 \$1,700,000 and \$2,600,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$3,500,000. 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, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Portions of the project are in the Cities of Arcadia and Pasadena. The County-City Cooperative Agreement No. 79196 provides for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the City of Arcadia and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost estimated to be \$406,900 and \$2,173,800. The City of Pasadena will finance its jurisdictional share of the project cost estimated to be \$12,000 under a City Service Request.

This project will be administered utilizing grant funds in the amount of \$907,300 through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2015 Call for Projects. The County's share of the project cost is funded with the Fifth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure R Local Return Funds.

Funding for this project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund (CN5 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) and Road Fund (B03 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budgets. Funding for the project's future costs will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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 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 three months from the adoption of this 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 reconstruct the center median, extend the left-turn pocket, and add a second left-turn lane, 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) and of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsections 2, 4, 10, 14, and 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.

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

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 advertised through web-based and social media platforms.

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 reducing traffic congestion and enhancing pedestrian mobility and safety along Michillinda Avenue within the Cities of Arcadia and Pasadena and in the unincorporated community of East Pasadena.

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)

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