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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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

68 September 10, 2024

Dear Supervisors:

Edward Yen
EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016504
CARMENITA ROAD AND IMPERIAL HIGHWAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITY OF SANTA FE SPRINGS
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(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 Carmenita Road and Imperial Highway Intersection Improvements Project in the City of Santa Fe Springs and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier.

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 adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works Project Management Division III for the Carmenita Road and Imperial Highway Intersection Improvements Project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$900,000 and \$1,325,000.

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 October 8, 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 Carmenita Road and Imperial Highway Intersection Improvements Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$900,000 and \$1,325,000.

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 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 proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to implement traffic signal improvements of a major road intersection and improve mobility in the City of Santa Fe Springs and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier (see Enclosure).

This project was identified in the State Route-91, Interstate-605, Interstate-405, Hot Spots Arterial Intersection Study completed in 2012 by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Authority. The proposed project includes traffic signal system improvements, new signal poles, replacement of existing poles and relocation of existing equipment, new pedestrian push buttons, new street signs, Americans with Disabilities Act compliant curb ramp, crosswalks, striping, and signal equipment upgrades. The project will enhance intersection safety, signal timing, and provide safer pedestrian intersection crossing.

It is anticipated the work will start in April 2025 and be completed in September 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 the proposed project is in the range of \$900,000 and \$1,325,000 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, environmental and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

A portion of this project is within the City of Santa Fe Springs. The County and the City's jurisdictional shares of the project cost are estimated to be \$1,520,000 and \$480,000, respectively. This project would be administered under Measure M Multi-Year Subregional Program covered by Agreement MM5509.04 with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Under this program, local transportation funds allocated to this project in the amount of \$1,930,000 are used to fund the total project cost. The remaining project cost in the amount of \$70,000 would be funded with the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure M Local Return Funds.

Funding for all current fiscal year anticipated expenditures for this project are included in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure M Local Return Fund (CN2 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This proposed project would be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The contract would be awarded pursuant to Section 20393 of the State Public Contract Code and would comply with applicable Federal and State requirements and Board policies and mandates. The contract documents would require the contractor to comply with these same requirements, policies, and mandates. The construction contract would 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

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, to implement traffic intersection improvements, 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) Subsections 4, 7, 14, and 22 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project

records, it will comply with all applicable regulations, is not located in a sensitive environment, and there are no cumulative impacts; unusual circumstances; damage to scenic highways; listing on hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Government Code, Section 65962.5; or indications that the project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource that would make the exemption inapplicable based on the records of proposed project.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its 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 include a best-efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The "Targeted Worker" component will not be included as part of the project.

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>

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, as well as 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 enhancing intersection capacity and improving mobility and safety in the City of Santa Fe Springs and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier.

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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)

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