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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:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015580
THE OLD ROAD OVER CASTAIC CREEK
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF VAL VERDE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of The Old Road over Castaic Creek Project, including the delegation of authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and award and execute a construction contract in the unincorporated community of Val Verde.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Determine that the recommended actions are within the scope of The Old Road over Castaic Creek Project impacts analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration previously adopted by the Board.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications at an estimated construction contract cost between \$3,100,000 and \$4,700,000 for The Old Road over Castaic Creek 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 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 Old Road over Castaic Creek Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$3,100,000 and \$4,700,000, 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, 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 State Public Contract Code Section 20405; (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 Old Road over Castaic Creek Project is within the scope of the impacts analyzed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) previously adopted by the Board and allow Public Works to move forward with seismic retrofit of the existing bridge in the unincorporated community of Val Verde (see Enclosure).

The project will bring The Old Road over Castaic Creek Bridge into conformance with current seismic standards and will include the installation of catcher blocks, concrete infill walls, micropiles under the existing footing, and other appurtenant work. The existing foundation piles are in a state of strength decline and, as a result, the bridge may not be equipped to withstand significant seismic activity. The retrofit would result in improvements to the existing structure of the bridge, including abutments, piers, and footings.

Delegating to the Director of Public Works the authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise, and award the project, will allow Public Works to complete and deliver the project in an expedited manner without jeopardizing grant funding requirements.

It is anticipated the work will start in April 2025 and be completed in November 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 \$3,100,000 and \$4,700,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$7,500,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project will be administered under the Federal Highway Bridge Program covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies estimated at \$5,419,000 are used to finance the qualifying costs of the bridge seismic retrofit project. The remaining project costs estimated at \$2,081,000 include \$1,680,000 of preliminary engineering costs, which were funded with Road Fund, and \$401,000 of construction costs, which will be funded with Measure M Local Return Fund.

Funding to deliver this project is available in the Fifth 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 the project's future costs will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Public Contract Code Section 20404 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 20404 of the State Public Contract Code. It is anticipated that the project will advertise for bids within three months from the adoption of this Board letter.

These contracts will be advertised in accordance with Section 20404.

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.

Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Provisions of the Community Workforce Agreement will not be applied to this contract as the estimated construction contract value is below the threshold.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 21, 2023, the Board approved the project and adopted the MND and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project. The MND found that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The recommended actions are within the scope of the project in the previously adopted MND. This includes the installation of catcher blocks, concrete infill walls, micropiles under the existing footing, and other appurtenant work. There are no changes to the project as approved or to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require further review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of the proceedings upon which the Board's decision is based in this matter can be viewed online at <https://pw.lacounty.gov/tpp/old-road/docs/TheOldRoadOverCastaicCreek-IS-MND.pdf> or in person at Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 11th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and with the State Clearinghouse in 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:

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<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 positively improve and enhance public safety by retrofitting the existing bridge to more effectively withstand earthquake forces

CONCLUSION

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

Respectfully submitted,



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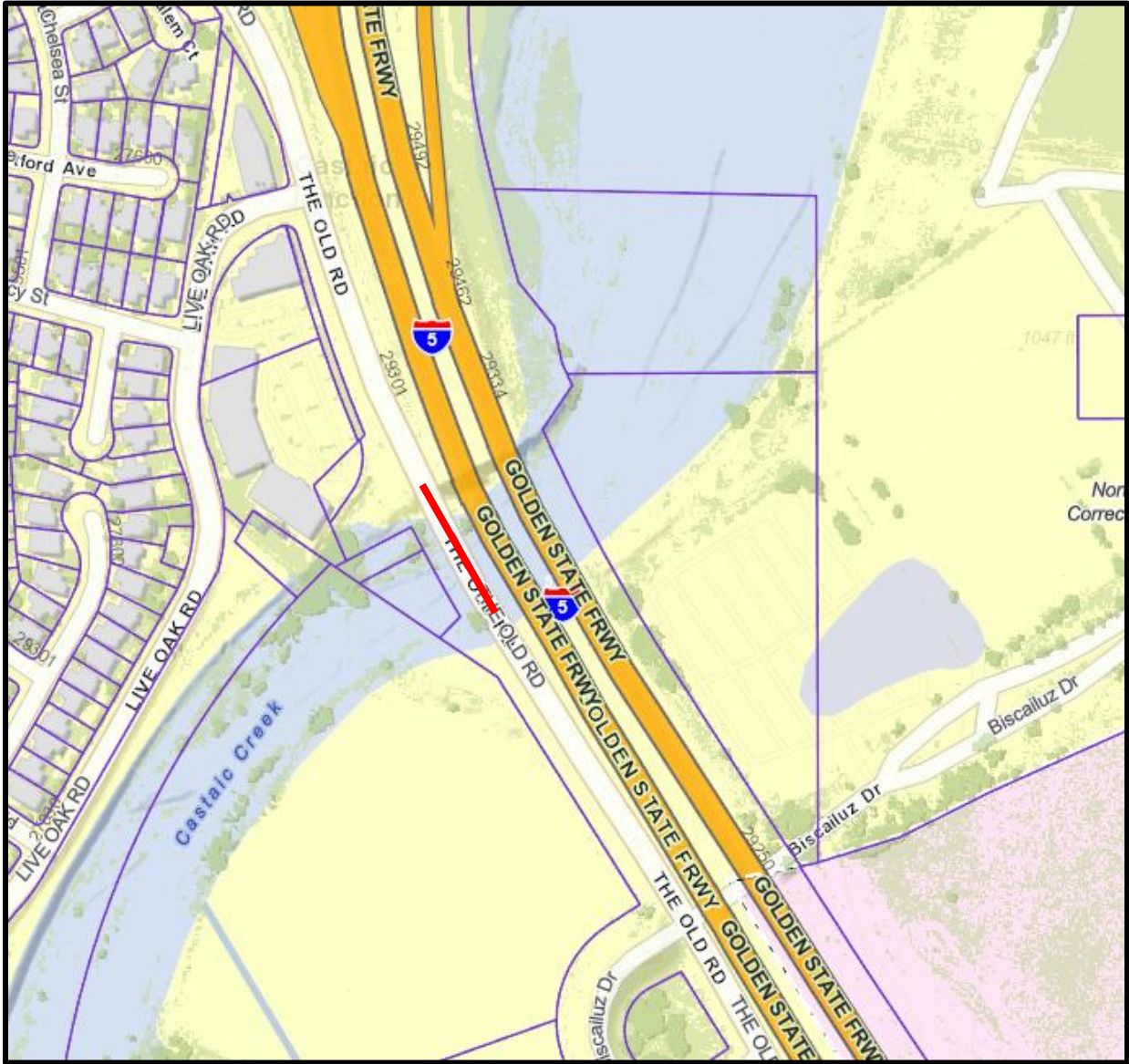
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Enclosures

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

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Legend:
— Project Location
(The Old Road over Castaic Creek)