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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

37 December 3, 2024

EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, READVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016462
EAST LOS ANGELES MONUMENT IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to readvertise for bids and authorize Public Works to award and execute a construction contract for the East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the project and current recommended actions are within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act, for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the approved project.
2. Adopt the plans and specifications that are on file with Public Works Project Management Division III and readvertise for bids at an estimated construction contract cost between \$900,000 and \$1,400,000 for the East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project.
3. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to readvertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on January 7, 2025, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to open and examine bids received at a public meeting called by the Director of Public Works and 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 East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$900,000 and \$1,400,000 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 California Public Contract Code, Section 4104.5; (b) allow substitution of subcontractors and relief of bidders upon demonstration of the grounds set forth in California 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 of the California Public Contract Code; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) release retention money withheld consistent with the requirements of California 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 within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to upgrade and improve the existing monuments in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (see Enclosure).

The project will make improvements that will increase the visibility of the Welcome to East Los Angeles monuments. The design will incorporate and celebrate themes found within the community of East Los Angeles.

On April 23, 2024, the Board approved the East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project and delegated authority to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications and instruct the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project when ready, which occurred on May 7, 2024.

At bid opening on June 4, 2024, no bids were received. Public Works recommends re-advertising the project and will expand the licensing requirements for the contract to increase the number of qualified bidders. Public Works will also reach out to prospective bidders who have shown interest in submitting bids for this type of project and notify them of the upcoming solicitation.

It is anticipated the work will start May 2025 and be completed in September 2025.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal D, Sustainability, Strategy i, Climate Health, by supporting multimodal transportation investments that improves safety and mobility, reduces traffic congestion, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

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 \$900,000 and \$1,400,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, utility clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Funding to deliver this project is available in the First 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.

The annual cost of graffiti removal is estimated to be \$20,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2025-26, funding for the ongoing maintenance cost will be made available in the Road Fund and requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Public Contract Code Section 20391 allows the Board to delegate preparation and approval of plans and specifications to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee on a project-by-project basis. State Public Contract Code Section 20392 authorizes the Board to advertise for bids.

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.

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 April 23, 2024, the Board approved the East Los Angeles Monument Improvements Project and found the project exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15301 (c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (e) and (x), Subsections 9, 10, 13, 17, 22; and Class 3 (b) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. The project and current recommendations are within the scope of the previously approved exemption from CEQA. There have been no changes to the project or to the circumstances under which it will be undertaken that require further findings under CEQA.

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>

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 preference to Local Small Business Enterprises in compliance with Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.204.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact to the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles by expanding access to cultural opportunities and fostering community pride. The proposed improvements will also enhance the overall safety of pedestrians and promote a walkable environment for area residents.

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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