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December 03, 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

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016013
METRO GOLD LINE EASTSIDE ACCESS PHASE II CALVARY CEMETERY
PEDESTRIAN PATH PROJECT
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Access Phase II Calvary Cemetery Pedestrian Path Project, including delegated authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and award and execute a construction contract in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

#### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

- 1. Determine that the recommended actions are within the scope of the project impacts analyzed in the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report previously certified by the Board.
- 2. Approve the Metro Gold Line Eastside Access Phase II Calvary Cemetery Pedestrian Path 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 \$8,750,000 and \$13,250,000.

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- 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 Metro Gold Line Eastside Access Phase II Calvary Cemetery Pedestrian Path Project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$8,750,000 and \$13,250,000, 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 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 is within the scope of the previously certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code Specific Plan and allow Public Works to widen the existing sidewalk along the perimeter of Calvary Cemetery to accommodate a new pedestrian path and parkway improvements in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (see Enclosure).

This proposed project is part of the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Specific Plan Project within the East Los Angeles community. The plan defines a vision and establishes standards and strategies for the revitalization of the community using the principles of transit-oriented development. This project complements the ongoing improvements in the community to provide better access to the Metro Gold Line. It promotes active transportation and improves public health by providing a convenient location with a resilient walking surface to encourage residents to exercise.

It is anticipated the work will start in June 2025 and be completed in July 2026.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area Goal F, Community Connections, Strategy i, Engagement, by engaging community members to facilitate positive social connections and relationships that support the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents.

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## 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 \$8,750,000 and \$13,250,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be 15 percent above this range. The total project is estimated to be \$15,500,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure and Transportation Related Amenities portion of the project will be administered utilizing grant funds in the amount of \$2,248,400 under the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program. The remaining project cost in the amount of \$13,251,600 is funded with the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure R Local Return Fund.

Funding for the project is included in the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund (CN5 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of the pedestrian lighting and rubberized walkway is estimated to be \$135,000 and \$50,000, respectively. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2027 28, funding for the ongoing maintenance cost will be made available and 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 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 ten months from the adoption of this Board letter.

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.

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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 (CWA) applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Therefore, CWA will apply to this project. The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with all terms and conditions of the CWA which, among other things, increases work opportunities for those seeking to start a new career in the construction industry and promotes the hiring of underrepresented individuals on the project.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On November 12, 2014, the Board certified the Final EIR for the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code Specific Plan in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and adopted the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Plan and Form Based Code Specific Plan to replace the 1978 East Los Angeles Community Plan. The Board also adopted Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Considerations (SOC), and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). The Findings, MMRP, and SOC will continue to apply to the proposed project, as applicable.

The Metro Gold Line Eastside Access Phase II Calvary Cemetery Pedestrian Path is within the scope of the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code Specific Plan previously certified Final EIR where the road diet on Downey Road, sidewalk widening, and parkway improvements adjacent to Calvary Cemetery were considered as part of the East Los Angeles 3rd Street Plan and Form-Based Code Specific Plan. The MMRP adopted with the certified Final EIR is incorporated to the proposed project, as applicable, and ensures that no new or substantially more severe impacts would occur than analyzed in the certified Final EIR.

There are no changes to the project or circumstances under which the project will be undertaken that require further review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Upon the Board's approval of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Access Phase II Calvary Cemetery Pedestrian Path, Public Works will file a Notice of Determination with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research in accordance with Section 21152 (a) of the Public Resources Code and will post the notice to its website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

The previously certified EIR, MMRP, Findings, and SOC are available and can be viewed on the Department of Regional Planning's website at https://planning.lacounty.gov/long-range-planning/east-la-3rd-street-specific-plan/. 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 is at Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 11th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

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### **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.

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 coordinating with the Office of Small Business at the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to maximize outreach.

# **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by improving access to the Metro Gold Line. It promotes active transportation and improves public health by providing a convenient location with a resilient walking surface to encourage residents to exercise.

#### **CONCLUSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

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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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