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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

47 December 17, 2024

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**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVE USE OF AN ON-CALL CONTRACT
ON A TRAFFIC SAFETY PROJECT
PROJECT ID NO. TDS0001642
COVINA ISLANDS - ARROW HIGHWAY AT LARK ELLEN AVENUE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF COVINA ISLANDS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval for the Covina Islands - Arrow Highway at Lark Ellen Avenue Project and to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use an On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract to deliver the project in the unincorporated community of Covina Islands.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed Covina Islands - Arrow Highway at Lark Ellen Avenue Project, to be approved through a work order, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Approve the Covina Islands - Arrow Highway at Lark Ellen Avenue Project with a total project cost estimate of \$1,800,000.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee to use an On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract, which had been previously approved by the Board on June 27, 2023, to deliver the proposed project by issuing a work order where the total project cost estimate shall not exceed \$1,800,000 unless additional funds have been identified.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the proposed project and related actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); approve the proposed project with a total project cost estimate of \$1,800,000; and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to use a Board-approved On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract to construct the project that will modify an existing traffic signal in the unincorporated community of Covina Islands (see Enclosure).

Public Works has implemented traffic safety programs to increase mobility, minimize congestion, and improve safety for roadway users. The proposed project will be delivered through a work order issued under an existing On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract. The use of on-call contracts is a cost-effective, streamlined method for completing traffic safety projects.

Public Works recommends that the Board approve the proposed project and authorize Public Works to use an On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract to deliver the project.

It is anticipated the work will start in March 2025 and be completed in August 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 construction contract cost to complete this project is estimated to be \$1,100,000, with a total project cost estimated to be \$1,800,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the respective total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, utility clearance, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

Funding to deliver this project is included in the Road Fund (B03 - 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

On June 27, 2023, the Board delegated to the Director of Public Works, acting as the Road Commissioner, or his designee, the authority to separately award and execute six On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contracts to the selected contractors in an aggregate, per on-call contract amount, not to exceed the maximum amount of each on call contract, for an aggregate total not-to-exceed \$28,750,000, and approve and execute work orders within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under Section 2.18.050 of the Los Angeles County Code, pursuant to the authority granted by Public Contract Code Section 20145, which allows the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to authorize the Director of Public Works to deliver construction contracts that do not exceed \$330,000. The contract work of the proposed project exceeds \$330,000 and, therefore, requires Board approval.

The proposed project would be carried out through a previously Board-approved On Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract. Public Works will use the executed contract pricing and specifications, including the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for the project that are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, to modify an existing traffic signal system, 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, 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.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Public Works would utilize a Board-approved On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction contract for the construction of the proposed project.

The project will comply with the Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring Policy that went into effect on November 1, 2016.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The use of a Board-approved On-Call Traffic Signal and Safety Construction Contract for the proposed project will expedite the completion of this project. Minor impacts to adjacent residents, businesses, and motorists may occur while the project is underway. When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing traffic flow, reducing congestion, and improving safety for the traveling public.

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 (Countywide Contract
Compliance)

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