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May 06, 2025

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
ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 4000 FOR HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010286
SOUTH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
ATLANTIC AVENUE TO STUDEBAKER ROAD
IN THE CITIES OF CERRITOS, LAKEWOOD, AND LONG BEACH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt Resolution No. 4000 providing Highways-Through-Cities Funds to the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach; authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a Funding Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach to include city contributions to the project; and adopt plans and specifications, advertise for construction bids, and award and execute a construction contract for the South Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road in the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 4000 finding that the modification and synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach, is of general County interest and that Los Angeles

County aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$1,629,300 shall be provided to the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund.

3. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to sign a Funding Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach to allow the City to contribute its share of funding to the South Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road project. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$2,256,500 with the City of Long Beach's share estimated to be \$2,209,700; the City of Cerritos' share estimated to be \$7,200; and the City of Lakewood's share estimated to be \$39,600. The Director of Public Works or his designee may execute amendments to the Funding Cooperative Agreement to incorporate necessary programmatic and administrative changes.

4. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Public Works' Project Management Division III for the South Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$850,000 and \$1,275,000.

5. 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 June 10, 2025, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

6. Find pursuant to State Public Contract Code Section 3400 (c) (2) that it is necessary to specify the designated items by specific brand name in order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion.

7. 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.

8. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the South Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road project to the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$850,000 and \$1,275,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.

9. 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 within the same monetary limits delegated to the Director of Public Works or his designee under State Public Contract Code 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); adopt a resolution that the project is of general County interest and that aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities (HTC) funds in the amounts of \$7,200, \$39,600, and \$1,582,500 shall be provided to the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach, respectively; authorize Public Works to execute a Funding Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach; and allow Public Works to construct the South Street Traffic Signal Synchronization Program - Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road Project in the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach (see Enclosure A).

The proposed project includes upgrading traffic signal equipment, pedestrian enhancements, and various other intersection safety improvements along the corridor. The project will modify and synchronize the traffic signals on South Street between Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road; thereby, enhancing traffic flow, reducing congestion, and improving safety for the traveling public.

The HTC program is a County program that was initiated to assist cities in developing a fully coordinated arterial system throughout the County recognizing that many small cities do not have the funds to complete their portion of the County's Highway Plan. Under the HTC program, cities receive assistance for the construction of specific highway projects. The HTC funds are allocated on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Supervisor in whose supervisorial district the project is located.

Board adoption of Resolution No. 4000 approves the County's contribution of HTC funds in the amount of \$1,629,300 to finance a portion of the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach's jurisdictional shares of the project cost (see Enclosure B).

Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board of Supervisors of any County may, by a Resolution adopted by a four-fifths vote of its members, determine that certain types of road improvements are of general County interest and that County aid shall be extended therefor.

The Funding Cooperative Agreement between the County of Los Angeles and the City of Long Beach is needed to design and construct traffic signal improvements along South Street between Atlantic Avenue to Studebaker Road. The County of Los Angeles will perform the preliminary engineering and administer construction of the proposed project with the City and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost. The City's and County's actual costs will be based upon a final accounting after completion of the project. Authorizing the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the Funding Cooperative Agreement will expedite project delivery. The agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel before execution.

It is anticipated the work will start in February 2026 and be completed in September 2026.

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 proposed project is in the range of \$850,000 and \$1,275,000, with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent of this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,256,500. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the 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 is located in the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach. A City-County cooperative agreement with the City of Long Beach will provide for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the City of Long Beach to finance a portion of its jurisdictional share of the project cost estimated to be \$627,200.

The project is financed with \$1,178,000 in grant funds received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2007 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund for the Gateway Cities Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project Phase VI, and \$451,300 from the County Proposition C Local Return Fund.

The \$1,629,300 in HTC funds consists of funds from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund and the Proposition C Local Return Fund.

The Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach's jurisdictional shares of the County HTC contribution from Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund and Proposition C Local Return Fund are \$7,200, \$39,600, and \$1,582,500, respectively. The Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot annual allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget from the Countywide Traffic Congestion Management Program. The \$451,300 from the County Proposition C Local Return Fund will be funded from this top-of-pot allocation of which \$7,200, \$39,600, and \$404,500 will be used for the Cities of Cerritos, Lakewood, and Long Beach's respective shares in HTC fund.

Funding for this proposed project is available in the Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 - Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

State Public Contract Code Section 3400 allows a product to be designated by specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion, if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the Notice Inviting Bids. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

A list of specific brand names and qualified purposes in accordance with State Public Contract Code is provided in Enclosure C.

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 as to form 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 proposed 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 traffic signal synchronization project is exempt from CEQA. The project to improve traffic signal operations, with no expansion in use, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and 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, which apply to operation and minor alteration of existing facilities, modification of an existing traffic signal system, and related maintenance and upgrades. 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

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, contract solicitations 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)

Minor impacts to adjacent residents, businesses, and motorists may occur while the projects are 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 one adopted copy of this Board letter and one signed copy of the resolution to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

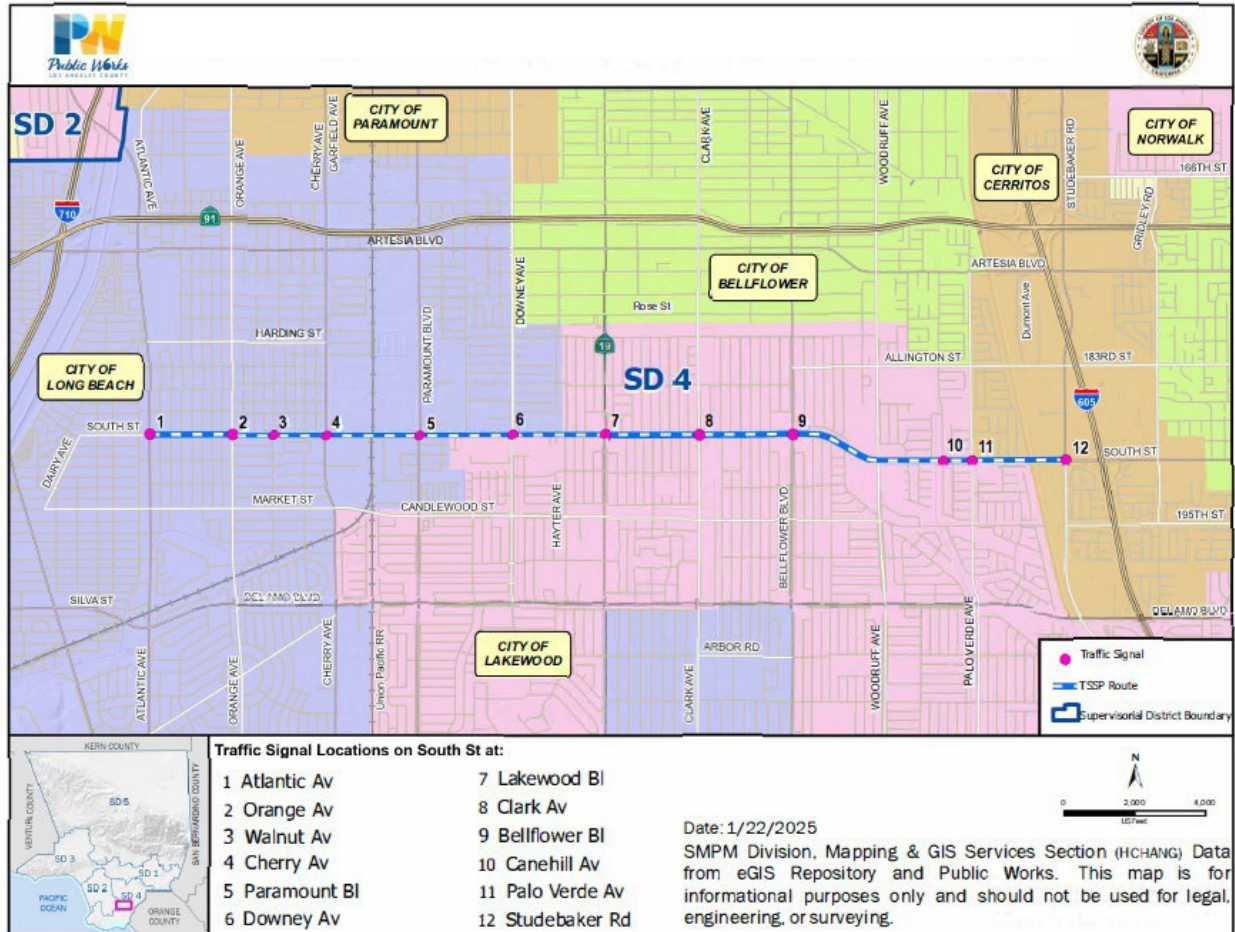
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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen)
County Counsel Executive Office, Board of
Supervisors
Internal Services (Countywide Contract
Compliance)

**SOUTH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
ATLANTIC AVENUE TO STUDEBAKER ROAD
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010286**



May 6, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 4000 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITIES OF
CERRITOS, LAKEWOOD, AND LONG BEACH
FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AND
SYNCHRONIZATION**

WHEREAS, the Cities OF CERRITOS, LAKEWOOD, AND LONG BEACH are hereinafter referred to as CITIES, and the COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, desire to modify and synchronize the traffic signals along South Street from Atlantic Boulevard to Studebaker Road, which work is hereinafter referred to as TSSP; and

WHEREAS, portions of TSSP are located and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITIES; and

WHEREAS, TSSP is of general interest to CITIES and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the CITIES shares of the total cost of TSSP are currently estimated to be Two Million Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,256,500.00); and

WHEREAS, COUNTY AND CITIES previously executed or will execute a cooperative agreement which outlines the roles and responsibilities associated with the TSSP; and

WHEREAS, the CITIES' shares of the TSSP cost will be financed with One Million One Hundred Seventy Eight Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,178,000.00) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) 2007 Call for Projects Grant Funds administered by the COUNTY for the Gateway Cities Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project Phase V and Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$451,300.00) in local matching funds and Six Hundred Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$627,200) in City funds; and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, a Two Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) Top-of-Pot allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget has been established for COUNTY'S Traffic Congestion Management Program; and

WHEREAS, the County local match of the cost of TSSP will be funded from this Top-of-Pot allocation; and

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WHEREAS, TSSP is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITIES pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Number P00F1312 between COUNTY and METRO; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The TSSP is of general COUNTY interest and County-aid shall be extended therefor.

SECTION 2. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, COUNTY consents, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1680-1683 of the California Streets and Highways Code, to extend aid to CITIES in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,629,300.00) for the TSSP from the Proposition C Local Return Fund, to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of the COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from METRO pursuant to MOU Number P00F1312 between COUNTY and METRO.

SECTION 4. If any provision of this resolution is held or declared to be invalid, the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

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ENCLOSURE B

May 6, 2025

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the ____ day of _____, 2025, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

FESIA DAVENPORT
Chief Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By Katherine Hardy
Deputy

**PROJECT NAME: SOUTH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
ATLANTIC AVENUE TO STUDEBAKER ROAD**

PROJECT ID NO.: TSM0010286

List of specific brand names in accordance with State Public Contract Code Section 3400:

| Item/Category | Manufacturer | Model | Public Contract Code 3400 Justification* | Detailed Justification |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| Traffic Signal Controller Software | Fourth Dimension Traffic | D4 Firmware (Version 1.5L-39) | (C) (2) | D4 Firmware in the 2070 Advanced Traffic Controller is necessary to maintain compatibility with the current traffic control system used in Public Works' Traffic Management Center |

*(1) In order that a field test or experiment may be made to determine the product's suitability for future use. (2) In order to match other products in use on a particular public improvement either completed or in the course of completion. (3) In order to obtain a necessary item that is only available from one source. (4) (a) In order to respond to an emergency declared by a local agency, but only if the declaration is approved by a four-fifths vote of the governing board of the local agency issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals. (b) In order to respond to an emergency declared by the State, a State agency, or political subdivision of the State, but only if the facts setting forth the reasons for the finding of the emergency are contained in the public records of the authority issuing the Invitation for Bid or Request for Proposals.