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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

60 June 3, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, California 90012

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Dear Supervisors:

### TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA ADOPT RESOLUTION 4012 FOR HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING FOR THE 1ST STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH (SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (4 VOTES)

#### **SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to Adopt Resolution 4012 providing Highways-Through-Cities funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 to the City of Long Beach and to approve the 1st Street Pedestrian Improvements project to improve mobility, walkability, and enhance the overall pedestrian experience along 1st Street. The project will be administered by the City of Long Beach.

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project and related actions are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Approve the project and adopt Resolution 4012 finding that the 1st Street Pedestrian Improvements project to enhance connectivity and walkability and encourage use of alternate modes of transportation is of general County interest and that County aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the fixed amount of \$1,500,000 shall be provided to the City of Long Beach to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from Proposition C Local Return Funds.

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3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a funding agreement with the City of Long Beach to contribute \$1,500,000 toward the 1st Street Pedestrian Improvements project.

# PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to approve a fixed County contribution of \$1,500,000 in Highways-Through-Cities funds to finance a portion of the City of Long Beach's cost for the project. The project, which aims to enhance connectivity and walkability in the downtown Long Beach area and encourage the use of alternate transportation, including Long Beach Transit and Metro, is of general County interest. This project will benefit the residents by improving the pedestrian experience and encourage the use of alternate transportation, thereby reducing fuel consumption and air emissions.

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

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 improve the safety and mobility, reduce traffic congestion, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

# **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The project is within the City. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,500,000 and will be financed with the County's fixed contribution of \$1,500,000 in Highways-Through-Cities funds to the City and \$4,000,000 from the City and various other funding sources.

Sufficient funding for the County's contribution of funds to the City is available in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 – Other Charges) Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

# FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Sections 1680-1684 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the Board 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.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

As a responsible agency with respect to the proposed project, the County has reviewed the exemption determination of the City. The City, as the lead agency for the proposed project, found the project to be exempt pursuant to the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Sections 15301(c) and 15303(c). The County is a responsible agency for this project because it is contributing funds to the project, and in its independent judgment on the record determines that the recommended actions with respect to its approvals for the project are exempt pursuant to Classes 1(c) and 3(c) of the Guidelines based on the record of the project.

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

There is no impact to current County services or projects.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Please return an adopted copy of this Board letter and one copy of the resolution to Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Potelli

MARK PESTRELLA, PE Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Chia-Ann Yen) County Counsel Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

#### RESOLUTION 4012 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 1ST STREET PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach (hereinafter referred to as CITY) desires to revitalize and transform a four-block section of 1st Street in the CITY downtown core into a pedestrian friendly mobility corridor connecting the newly redeveloped Civic Center at Pacific Avenue eastward toward what is referred to as the East Village Arts District at Elm Street (which work is hereinafter referred to as PROJECT); and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles (hereinafter referred to as COUNTY) proposes to contribute funds and CITY proposes to administer PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is located in and will be utilized within the jurisdictional limits of CITY; and

WHEREAS, PROJECT is of general interest to CITY and COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the total PROJECT cost is currently estimated to be Five Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,500,000.00) with COUNTY'S fixed contribution in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) toward CITY'S cost of PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, the proposed PROJECT is worthwhile and of general County interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles intends to contribute Highways-Through-Cities funds in the fixed amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) toward CITY'S cost of PROJECT; and

WHEREAS, such a proposal is authorized and provided for by the provisions of Sections 1680-1684 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved as follows:

SECTION 1. The PROJECT 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 1680-1684 of the California Streets and Highways Code to extend Highways-Through-Cities aid to the CITY in the fixed amount of One Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) for the

PROJECT from the Proposition C Local Return Fund to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from Proposition C local sales tax.

SECTION 3. If any provisions of this resolution are held or declared to be invalid the resolution shall be void and the consent granted hereunder shall lapse.

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The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the <u>3rd</u> day of <u>June</u>, 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.



EDWARD YEN Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles

By\_ Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON County Counsel

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