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July 29, 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. 3997 FOR HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES FUNDING
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010258
WOODRUFF AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
FIRESTONE BOULEVARD TO WILLOW STREET
IN THE CITIES OF BELLFLOWER, DOWNEY, LAKEWOOD, AND LONG BEACH
AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LONG BEACH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(4-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to deliver the Woodruff Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street project in the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach and in the unincorporated community of Long Beach along with approval to adopt Resolution No. 3997 and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Funding Cooperative Agreements to include appropriate city contributions to the project.

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. 3997 finding that the modification and synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach and the unincorporated community of 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 \$3,447,400 shall be provided to the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, 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 Funds and Proposition C Local Return Fund.

3. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to sign Funding Cooperative Agreements between the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, and Long Beach to allow the cities to contribute their share of funding to the Woodruff Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street project. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$5,176,000 with the City of Bellflower's share estimated to be \$1,294,100; the City of Lakewood's share estimated to be \$1,503,000; the City of Long Beach's share estimated to be \$2,112,300; the City of Downey's share estimated to be \$27,500; and the County's share estimated to be \$239,100. The Director of Public Works or his designee may execute amendments to the Funding Cooperative Agreements 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 Woodruff Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,400,000 and \$3,600,000.
5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11 a.m. on August 26, 2025, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
6. Find pursuant to California 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 already 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 Woodruff Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street project to the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$2,400,000 and \$3,600,000 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 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 California Public Contract Code 20395; (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 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 amount of \$3,447,400 shall be provided to the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach; authorize Public Works to execute Funding Cooperative Agreements between the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, and Long Beach; and allow Public Works to construct the Woodruff Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street project in the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach and in the unincorporated community of 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 Woodruff Avenue between Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street 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. 3997 approves the County's contribution of HTC funds in the amount of \$3,447,400 to finance a portion of the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, 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 Agreements between the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, and Long Beach are needed to design and construct traffic signal improvements along Woodruff Avenue between Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street. The County of Los Angeles will perform the preliminary engineering and administer construction of the proposed project with the cities and the County to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost. The cities' 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 Agreements will expedite project delivery. The agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel before execution.

It is anticipated that the work will start in June 2026 and be completed in March 2028.

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 \$2,400,000 to \$3,600,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent of this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,176,000. 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 Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach and the unincorporated community of Long Beach. The City-County cooperative agreements will provide for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the Cities of Bellflower, Lakewood, and Long Beach to finance a portion of their jurisdictional shares of the project cost, estimated to be \$424,100, \$269,700, and \$795,700, respectively.

The project is financed with \$1,992,000 in grant funds received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2009 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds for the Gateway Cities Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project Phase VI, and \$1,694,500 in County Proposition C Local Return Funds. The \$3,447,400 in HTC funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds and Proposition C Local Return Funds.

The Cities of Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach's jurisdictional shares of the County HTC contribution from Proposition C Discretionary Grant Funds are \$870,000, \$27,500, \$1,233,300, and \$1,316,600, 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 \$1,694,500 in County Proposition C Local Return Funds will be funded from this top-of-pot allocation, of which \$385,500, \$525,100, \$571,200, and \$27,500 will be used for the Cities of Bellflower, Downey, Lakewood, and Long Beach's respective shares in HTC fund and \$185,200 for the County's share of Proposition C Local Return 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 2025-26 Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

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

California 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 California Public Contract Code, Section 3400, 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 CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (x), Subsections 4, 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 require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

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>

Additionally, contract solicitations will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms.

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 signed resolution to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

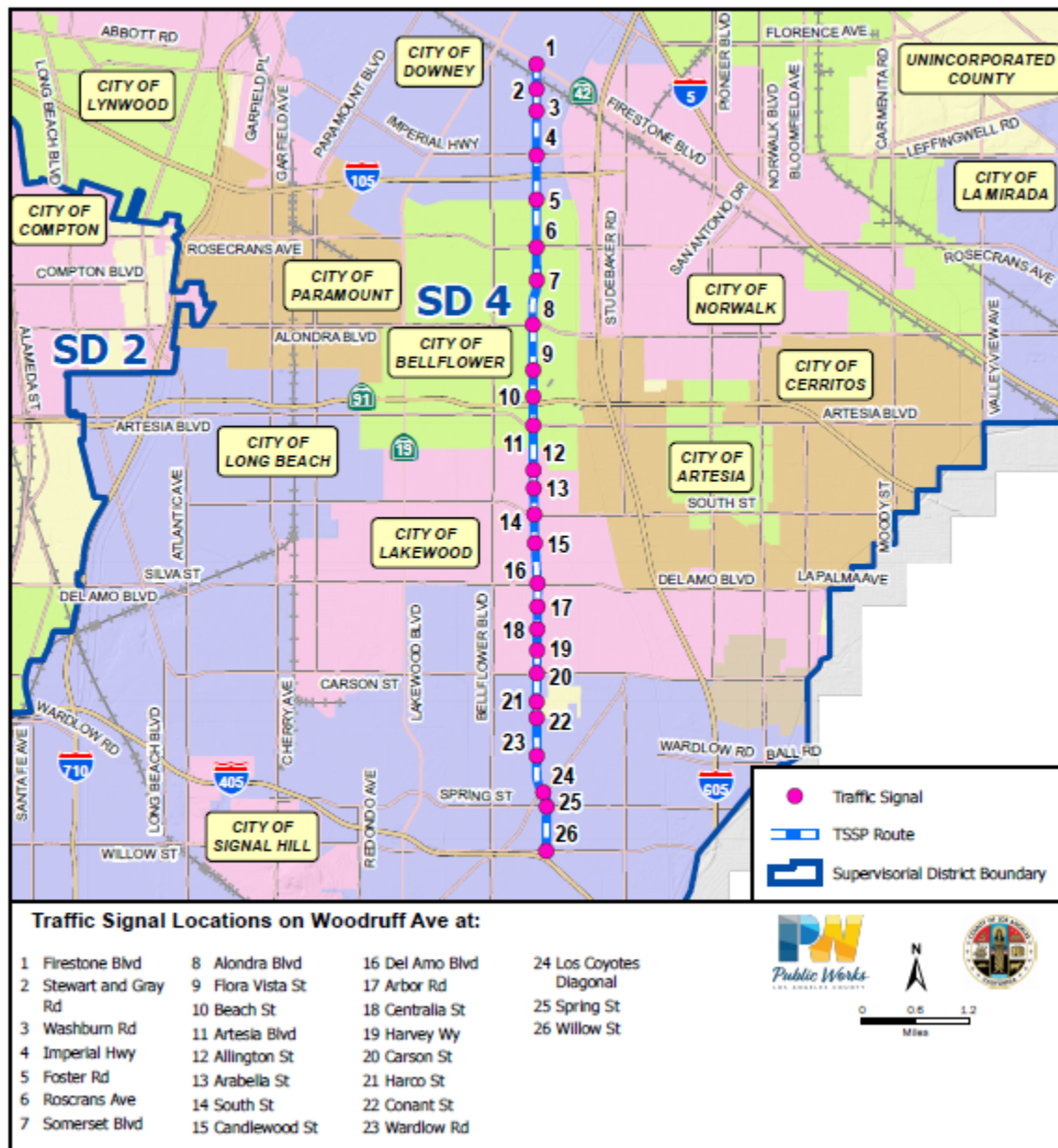
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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Internal Services (Countywide Contract
Compliance)

**WOODRUFF AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
FIRESTONE BOULEVARD TO WILLOW STREET
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010258**



July 29, 2025

**RESOLUTION NO. 3997 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO THE
CITIES OF BELLFLOWER, DOWNEY, LAKEWOOD, AND LONG
BEACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION
AND SYNCHRONIZATION**

WHEREAS, the CITY OF BELLFLOWER, DOWNEY, 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 Woodruff Avenue from Firestone Boulevard to Willow Street, which work is hereinafter referred to as TSSP; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the CITIES share of the total cost of TSSP is currently estimated to be Four Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,936,900.00); and

WHEREAS, COUNTY and CITIES previously executed or will execute cooperative agreements which outline the roles and responsibilities associated with the TSSP; and

WHEREAS, the CITIES share of the TSSP cost will be financed with One Million Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand One Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,938,100.00) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) 2009 Call for Projects Grant Funds administered by the COUNTY for the Gateway Cities Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project Phase VI and One Million Five Hundred Nine Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,509,300.00) in local matching funds and One Million Four Hundred Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,489,500.00) 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 local share of the cost of TSSP will be funded from this Top-of-Pot allocation; and

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

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

SECTION 3. The financial obligations of COUNTY are expressly conditioned upon obtaining reimbursement from METRO pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding P000F3309 between COUNTY and METRO.

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ENCLOSURE B

July 29, 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 assessments 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 FROM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By Katherine Hardy
Deputy

**PROJECT NAME: WOODRUFF AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
FIRESTONE BOULEVARD TO WILLOW STREET**

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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.