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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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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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*Edward Yen*  
EDWARD YEN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA  
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SOUNDWALLS 210 AND 212  
ALONG INTERSTATE 210 FREEWAY IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF  
LA CRESCENTA-MONTROSE  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)  
(3-VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a cooperative agreement and amendments to the agreement between the Los Angeles County and Caltrans. The agreement provides Caltrans to prepare project plans, specifications, and estimates and complete right of way activities for Soundwalls 210 and 212 along Interstate 210 freeway in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose from Ocean View Boulevard to 0.07 miles east of Waltonia Drive.

**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. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement and amendments to the agreement with the State of California, through Caltrans, whereby the State will prepare project plans, specifications, and estimates and complete Right of Way for Soundwalls 210 and 212 along Interstate 210 freeway in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose from Ocean View Boulevard to 0.07 miles east of Waltonia Drive for an amount not to exceed \$3,210,000.

## **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to sign an agreement with the State to have Caltrans design and complete Right of Way (R/W) activities to install soundwalls along certain segments of Interstate 210 (I-210) freeway. Since the I-210 freeway is under the jurisdiction of Caltrans an agreement with Caltrans is needed for the County to sponsor the project. Once the project is constructed, residents in the area particularly those that live adjacent to these segments of the freeway will benefit from reduced noise levels from the freeway, which will improve their quality of life.

Approval of the recommended actions will find that they are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a cooperative agreement between the County and the State through Caltrans under which Caltrans will prepare project plans, specification, and estimates (PS&E), complete R/W activities for Soundwalls 210 and 212 along I-210 freeway in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose from Ocean View Boulevard to 0.07 miles east of Waltonia Drive for an amount not to exceed \$3,210,000.

Future agreements with Caltrans will be needed for construction and maintenance of the project.

## **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 and Focus Area Goal G, Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy ii, Maximize Revenue by using grant funds to augment the County's existing financial resources to fund programs and projects that protect the environment and improve the quality of life for its residents.

## **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Under the agreement, Caltrans will prepare project PS&E and R/W work for Soundwalls 210 and 212 on I-210 freeway in the County from Ocean View Boulevard overcrossing (Post Mile R18.25) to 0.07 miles east of Waltonia Drive undercrossing (Post Mile R18.61) for an amount not to exceed \$3,210,000.

The project will be administered utilizing grant funds in the amount of \$3,210,000 through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R Highway Funds.

Funding for the work is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure R Local Return Fund (CN5 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

## **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

In November 2019 Caltrans completed the Project Study Report-Project Report for this project which also served as the Noise Barrier Scope Summary Report (NBSSR). The NBSSR identified 13 potential locations for soundwalls. In June 2020 Public Works presented the NBSSR findings to the Crescenta Valley Town Council. Due to limited funding the Crescenta Valley Town Council prioritized two of the proposed wall locations to benefit most of its residents.

The funding agreement with Metro was originally executed in August 2015 with Measure R funds of \$400,000 in the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase, and \$1,000,000 in the PS&E phase. The agreement was amended in November 2022 to increase the PS&E funds to \$1,520,000 and add funds for the R/W work in the amount of \$1,524,000. Currently, Metro is processing a second amendment to increase the PS&E funds to \$2,865,491, reduce R/W support funds to \$288,565, and add capital cost for the R/W in the amount of \$54,801. Upon execution of the second amendment, the total funding for the project will be \$3,208,857 of Measure R funds.

Under the terms of the proposed cooperative agreement, Caltrans will prepare the project PS&E and complete R/W activities for Soundwalls 210 and 212 along the I-210 freeway in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose from Ocean View Boulevard to 0.07 miles east of Waltonia Drive. The County agrees to fund the costs to prepare PS&E and complete R/W activities for an estimated cost of \$3,210,000. The County is to deposit with Caltrans the amount of \$156,000 prior to Caltrans performing the PS&E work. In addition, the County is to deposit with Caltrans \$16,000 prior to Caltrans performing R/W support work and \$3,000 prior to Caltrans expending R/W capital costs.

Caltrans and County are authorized to enter into cooperative agreements for improvements to State Highway Systems per California Streets and Highways Code, Sections 114 and 130. The Director is identified as the Executive Officer for the purpose of the proposed agreement.

The agreement and amendments will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to CEQA because they are activities that are excluded from the definition of a project by Section 21065 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 15378(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines. The proposed actions would create a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to a specific project that may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

By executing an agreement, the County does not commit to or otherwise endorse, authorize, or approve any specific project. Any project developed by this agreement remains subject to the Board's sole discretion to approve. Authorization of any future project activities would occur only following compliance with CEQA and Public Works will return to the Board for consideration of the appropriate environmental documentation.

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

This action will result in no impact on current services or projects. The proposed cooperative agreement is of general County interest. It may ultimately result in a project that will improve the quality of life for the residents in the area.

**CONCLUSION**

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

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

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors