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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

September 16, 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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EDWARD YEN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010456
EASTERN AVENUE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM
MEDFORD STREET TO OLYMPIC BOULEVARD
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF EAST LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to adopt plans and specifications, advertise for construction bids, and award and execute a construction contract for the Eastern Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Medford Street to Olympic Boulevard project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

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. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Public Works' Project Management Division III for the Eastern Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,200,000 and \$1,800,000.

3. 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 October 14, 2025, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
4. Find pursuant to California Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (2), that it is necessary to specify 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.
5. 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.
6. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Eastern Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Medford Street to Olympic Boulevard project to the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$1,200,000 and \$1,800,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.
7. 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) and allow Public Works to construct the Eastern Avenue Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Medford Street to Olympic Boulevard project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (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 Eastern Avenue between Medford Street to Olympic Boulevard, thereby enhancing traffic flow, reducing congestion, and improving safety for the traveling public.

It is anticipated the work will start in June 2026 and be completed in March 2027.

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 \$1,200,000 to \$1,800,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent of this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,750,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, utility clearances, survey, right of way, inspections, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project is financed with \$1,018,900 in grant funds received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2013 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund for the East Los Angeles Traffic Signal Corridors Project and \$1,731,100 from the County 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 proposed 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 the California Public Contract Code, Section 3400, is provided in Enclosure B.

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 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 implement traffic signal improvements, where there is negligible or 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. 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/>

<https://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 project is underway. The community engagement process will consist of distributing flyers near the work areas prior to and during construction. 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 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" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pestrella".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

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

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

Item/Category	Manufacturer	Model	Public Contact Code 3400 Justification*	Detailed Justification
Traffic Signal Controller Software	Fourth Dimension Traffic	D4 Firmware (Version 1.6.4)	(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; and (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.