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September 30, 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. 4006 FOR HIGHWAYS-THROUGH-CITIES  
AND AID-TO-CITIES FUNDING  
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010255  
ROSECRANS AVENUE EAST TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM  
OCEAN GATE AVENUE TO VERMONT AVENUE  
IN THE CITIES OF GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, LAWDALE, AND LOS ANGELES  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)  
(4-VOTES)**

### **SUBJECT**

Public Works is seeking Board approval to deliver the Rosecrans Avenue East Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue project in the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles; adopt Resolution No 4006; and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee 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. 4006 finding that the modification and synchronization of traffic signals in the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles is of general County interest and that County aid in the form of Highways-Through-Cities funds in the amount of \$2,374,800 shall be provided to the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles and Aid-to-Cities funds in the amount of \$7,319 shall be provided to the City of Hawthorne and \$28,576 to the City of Lawndale to be expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund, the Proposition C Local Return Fund, and the Highway Users Tax.
3. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to sign Funding Cooperative Agreements between the County and the Cities of Gardena and Lawndale to allow the cities to contribute their share of funding to the Rosecrans Avenue East Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue project. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$2,949,700 with the City of Gardena's share estimated to be \$1,750,400; the City of Hawthorne's share estimated to be \$133,500; the City of Lawndale's share estimated to be \$1,020,900; the City of Los Angeles' share estimated to be \$5,500; and the County's share estimated to be \$39,400. 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 proposed project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in Public Works' Project Management Division III for the Rosecrans Avenue East Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$1,400,000 and \$2,100,000.
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 October 28, 2025, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.
6. 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.
7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the Rosecrans Avenue East Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue project to the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$1,400,000 and \$2,100,000 or that exceeds the

estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional and appropriate funds have been identified.

8. 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 Section 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 \$2,374,800 shall be provided to the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles; provide the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale with their remaining Aid-to-Cities (ATC) funds in the amount of \$7,319 and \$28,576, respectively; authorize Public Works to execute Funding Cooperative Agreements between the County of Los Angeles and the Cities of Gardena and Lawndale; and allow Public Works to construct the Rosecrans Avenue East Traffic Signal Synchronization Program – Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue project in the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles (see Enclosure A).

The proposed project includes upgrading traffic signal equipment, pedestrian enhancements, and various other intersection safety improvements along the corridor for the users of the roadway. The project will modify and synchronize traffic signals on Rosecrans Avenue East between Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue, 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.

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 thereto.

Board adoption of Resolution No. 4006 approves the County's contribution of HTC funds in the amount of \$2,374,800 to finance a portion of the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles' jurisdictional shares of the project cost including ATC funds in the amount of \$35,895 for the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale's jurisdictional shares of the project cost (see Enclosure B).

The proposed project includes work within the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, and Lawndale. The County will perform preliminary engineering and administer construction of the proposed project. The County and the Cities will finance their respective jurisdictional share of the project costs. Actual costs for each jurisdiction will be based upon a final accounting after completion of the project. Agreement with the City of Hawthorne will be through a City Service Request. Funding Cooperative Agreements between the County and the Cities of Gardena and Lawndale are needed based on the amount of work within each jurisdiction. 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 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 \$1,400,000 to \$2,100,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,949,700. 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 proposed project is located in the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles. The City-County cooperative agreements with the Cities of Gardena and Lawndale will provide for the County to perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the Cities of Gardena and Lawndale to finance a portion of their jurisdictional shares of the project cost, estimated to be \$332,500 and \$157,924 respectively. The City of Hawthorne would finance its jurisdictional share of the project cost estimated to be \$9,181 under a City Service Request.

The proposed project is financed with \$1,654,400 in grant funds received from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2009 Call for Projects, Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund for the South Bay Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project, \$759,800 from the County Proposition C Local Return Fund, and city contributions of \$499,605, of which \$322,500, \$9,181 and \$157,924 are from the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, and Lawndale, respectively. In addition, the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale will also utilize \$35,895 in ATC funding to finance a portion of their jurisdictional share of the project cost in the amount of \$7,319 and \$28,576, respectively. The County's anticipated expenses for the ATC program are in the Road Fund Budget administered by Public Works.

The \$2,374,800 in HTC funds consists of Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds and Proposition C Local Return funds.

The Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles' jurisdictional shares of the County HTC contribution from Proposition C Discretionary Grant funds are \$1,417,900, \$117,000, \$834,400, and \$5,500, respectively.

The Board has established a \$2,500,000 top-of-pot annual allocation from the Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget. The \$759,800 in County Proposition C Local Return funds will be funded from this top-of-pot allocation, of which \$416,800, \$64,400, \$239,800, and \$5,500 will be used for the Cities of Gardena, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and Los Angeles' respective shares in HTC funds, and \$33,300 for the County's share of Proposition C Local Return funds.

Funding for this proposed project is included in the Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9–Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) and the Road Fund (B03–Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budgets.

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

ATC is authorized by Sections 1680-1684 and 1686 of the California Streets and Highways Code. Sections 1680-1684 provide that the Board 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 provided

therefor. Section 1686 allows the Board, by a resolution adopted by four-fifths of its members, to determine that County aid shall be extended for the improvement or maintenance of streets within an incorporated city or extending along or across the boundary of a city.

The County's ATC Program is governed by policies adopted by the Board on September 28, 1982, Item 69, and on March 20, 1990, Item 40. The 1982 policy provided for a portion of the County's gasoline tax funds to be apportioned annually to cities in accordance with a prescribed formula. The 1990 Board action revised the policy for the Fiscal Year 1989-90 ATC funds allocations, directing that the funds be allocated to cities for the following purposes:

(1) Regional Traffic Signal Synchronization projects; (2) Transportation Systems Management projects and Congestion Management projects that improve regional traffic mobility; and (3) design, acquisition of right-of-way, and construction of city streets on the County Highway Plan that are of general County interest and regional significance providing that the regional priorities in one and two are met to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.

County ATC apportionments were discontinued in Fiscal Year 1990-91. However, some cities have unclaimed ATC allocations from preceding years held on account with the County. The Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale have cooperated in the implementation of regional Traffic Signal Synchronization, Transportation Systems Management, and/or Congestion Management projects. Therefore, we have determined that the proposed use of ATC funds meets all the Board's previously adopted criteria for use of ATC funds. The requested amount of \$35,895 represents all the cities' remaining ATC funds.

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

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 the 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 upgrade and synchronize multiple traffic signals, with negligible or no expansion of 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) and (g) and 15302 (c) of the CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (k) and (x), Subsections 4, 7, 14, 22, and Class 2 (e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which apply to repair, minor alterations, replacement, or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities. 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. When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing traffic flow, reducing congestion, and improving safety for the 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  
Director of Public Works

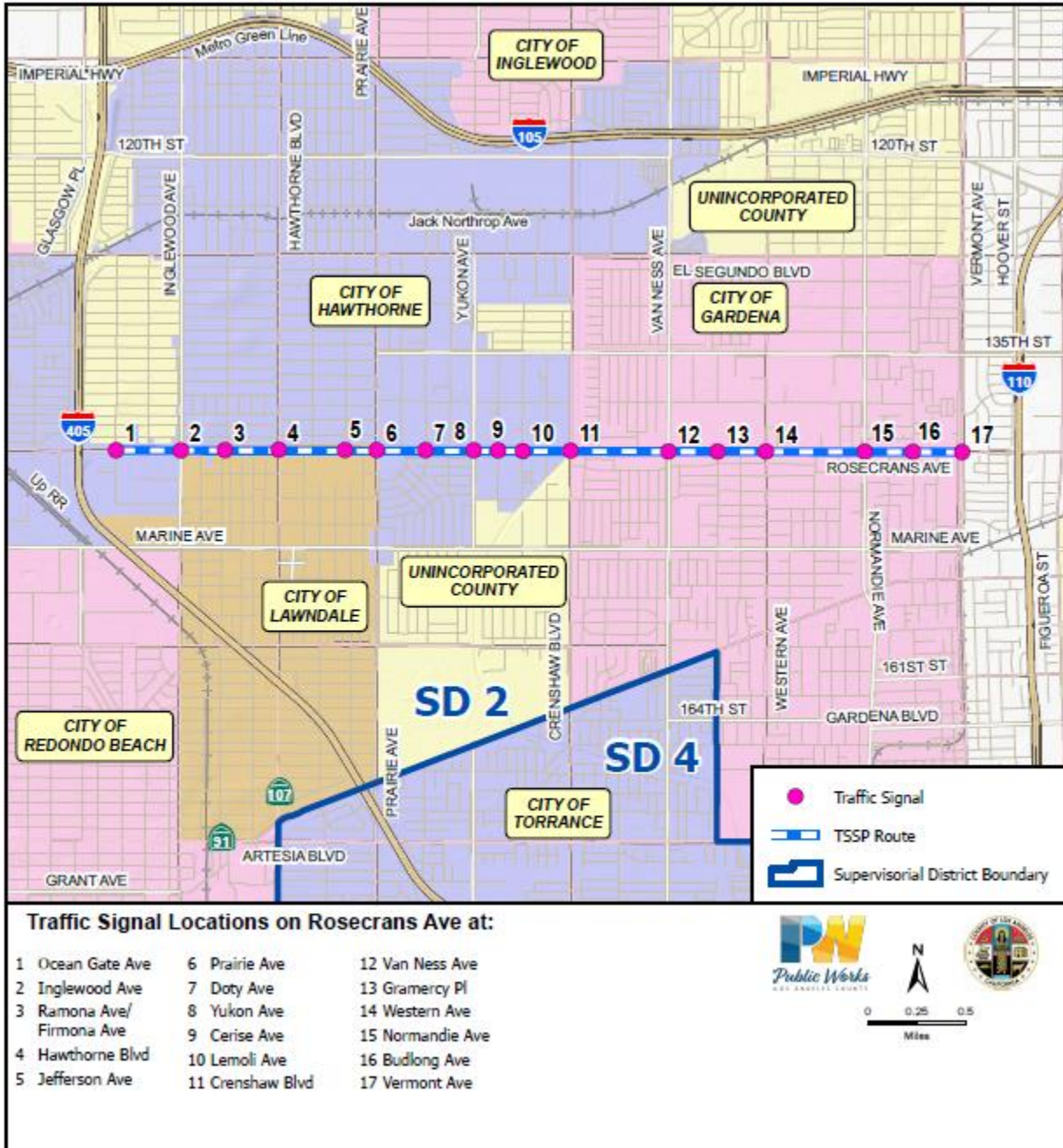
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Enclosures

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



**ROSECRANS AVENUE EAST TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION PROGRAM  
OCEAN GATE AVENUE TO VERMONT AVENUE  
PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010255**



**RESOLUTION NO. 4006 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF  
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO EXTEND COUNTY AID TO  
THE CITIES OF GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, LAWNDALE, AND  
LOS ANGELES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF  
TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Cities OF GARDENA, HAWTHORNE, LAWNDALE, and LOS ANGELES 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 Rosecrans Avenue (East) TSSP from Ocean Gate Avenue to Vermont Avenue, 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 COUNTY; and

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

WHEREAS, the CITIES' shares of the total cost of TSSP is currently estimated to be Two Million Nine Hundred Ten Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,910,300.00); 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' shares of the TSSP cost will be financed with One Million Six Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,648,300.00) in Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO) 2009 Call for Projects Grant funds administered by the COUNTY for the South Bay Forum Traffic Signal Corridors Project and Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand and Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$726,500.00) in local matching funds and Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,895.00) in the County Aid-to-Cities (ATC) Funds and Four Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Six Hundred Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$499,605.00) in City funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hawthorne has a credit of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 00/100 (\$7,319.00) and the City of Lawndale has a credit of Twenty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$28,576.00) allocated to them under the County Aid-to-Cities funds from Fiscal Years 1988-89 and 1989-90 respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors intends to allocate City of Hawthorne Aid-to-Cities (ATC) funds in the amount of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 00/100 (\$7,319.00) and the City of Lawndale ATC funds in the amount of Twenty-Eight

Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$28,576.00) towards the aforementioned project; 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

WHEREAS, TSSP is consistent with the scope of work for traffic improvements within CITY pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding Number P00F3310 between COUNTY and METRO; 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 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 Streets and Highways Code, Sections 1680-1683, to extend aid to CITY in the amount of Two Million Three Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Eight Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$2,374,800.00) for TSSP from the Proposition C Discretionary Grant Fund and 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 Memorandum of Understanding Number P00F3310 between COUNTY and METRO.

SECTION 4. County Aid-to-Cities (ATC) shall be provided and expended in accordance with all applicable provisions of law relating to funds derived from the Highway Users Tax, in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35,895.00), to be made available from the Road Fund for this purpose and that Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,319.00) and Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$28,576.00) be used by the Cities of Hawthorne and Lawndale, for said purpose, and Seven Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen and 00/100 Dollars (\$7,319.00) in City of Hawthorne ATC funds and Twenty-Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Six and 00/100 Dollars (\$28,576.00) in City of Lawndale ATC funds is hereby allocated to the aforementioned project.

SECTION 5. 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.

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.

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy