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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

Dear Supervisors:

**TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
APPROVAL OF PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH
SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY BUS CORRIDOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT – JUMP START SEGMENT 5 IN THE UNINCORPORATED COUNTY COMMUNITY OF
AVOCADO HEIGHTS, THE CITY OF INDUSTRY,
AND THE CITY OF EL MONTE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute an agreement and any amendments to the agreement between the Los Angeles County and the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for the San Gabriel Valley Bus Corridor Transit Improvement Project – Jump Start Segment 5 along Valley Boulevard between Hacienda Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue in the unincorporated County community of Avocado Heights, the City of Industry, and the City of El Monte and along Santa Anita Avenue between Valley Boulevard and El Monte Transit Center.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Acting as a responsible agency, 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 an agreement and execute any amendments to the agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments for the design and construction of the San Gabriel Valley Bus Corridor Transit Improvement Project – Jump Start Segment 5 and approve funding in the amount of \$4,500,000 for the County's jurisdictional share of the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions will authorize the Director or his designee to execute an agreement with the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) for the design and construction of the San Gabriel Valley Bus Corridor Transit Improvement Project – Jump Start Segment 5. The residents and all those who travel through this area will benefit from the project as it improves mobility, increases transportation choices, and enhances safety for all users of the roadway.

The project entails improvement of Bus Rapid Transit services, including full roadway reconfiguration of travel lanes, curb running, removing existing lane striping, new lane striping, Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, street sweeping, traffic control, staging, and pedestrian improvements along Valley Boulevard between Hacienda Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue and along Santa Anita Avenue between Valley Boulevard and El Monte Transit Center.

The SGVCOG will prepare plans, specifications, and estimates package and advertise, award, and manage the construction of the project. In addition to contributing funds for the project, the County will cover internal costs related to the project, including plan review and inspection fees. After completion of the project, improvements within the unincorporated County right of way will be transferred to the County for operation and maintenance.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These 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 improves safety and mobility, reduces traffic congestion, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

The project will enhance traffic flow, increase safety, and foster economic vitality for County residents, thereby improving the quality of life.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Portions of this project are within the City of El Monte and the City of Industry. The agreement between the County and SGVCOG provides for SGVCOG to perform preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the County to finance its jurisdictional share of the project cost of up to a maximum of \$4,500,000. The County would also fund the support costs for the project, including, but not limited to, plan reviews, permit fees, and inspection costs.

Funding for the County's share and the support costs associated with this project are available in the First Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and 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

Segment 5 of the San Gabriel Valley Bus Corridor Transit Improvement Project is one of SVGCOG's Jump Start projects that runs along Valley Boulevard between Hacienda Boulevard and Santa Anita Avenue in the unincorporated County community of Avocado Heights, the City of Industry, and the City of El Monte and along Santa Anita Avenue between Valley Boulevard and El Monte Transit Center. The Jump Start Segment 5 includes traffic signal prioritization on existing traffic signals, dedicated bus lanes, reconfiguration of existing street striping, miscellaneous pavement markings, bus shelters, bus pads, curb paintings, bus signage, and utility relocations.

Under the terms of the proposed agreement, the County and SGVCOG desire to implement the project in cooperation with the City of Industry and the City of El Monte to improve mobility and enhance safety within the project area.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The project to construct dedicated transit lanes, bus shelters, bus pads, bus signage, and other bus improvements; implement traffic signal prioritization for buses, reconfiguration of striping, and pavement markings; and utility relocation is a transit prioritization project pursuant to Section 21080.25 of the California Public Resources Code.

As defined in Section 21080.25(c) of the California Public Resources Code, the SGVCOG is a local agency carrying out the project and is the lead agency. The project does not induce single occupancy vehicle trips, add additional highway lanes, widen highways, or add physical infrastructure or striping to highways except for minor modifications needed for the efficient and safe movement of transit vehicles, bicycles, or high-occupancy vehicles, such as extended merging lanes, shoulder improvements, or improvements to the roadway within the existing right of way. The project will not include the addition of any auxiliary lanes. The construction of the project will not require the demolition of affordable housing units. The SGVCOG or any agency implementing the project will comply with the requirements to use a skilled and trained workforce or utilize an existing project labor agreement to perform all work on the project pursuant to Section 21080.25(f) of the California Public Resources Code.

Upon the Board's approval of the recommended actions, the department will file a Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office and with the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation in accordance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code and will post the Notice on its website in accordance with Section 21092.2 of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This action will result in no impact on current services or projects.

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".

MARK PESTRELLA, PE
Director

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