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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:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
TRANSPORTATION CORE SERVICE AREA
ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. TDS0001721
LA CRESCENTA-MONTROSE-FOOTHILL BOULEVARD AT CLOUD AVENUE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF LA CRESCENTA-MONTROSE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(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 La Crescenta-Montrose-Foothill Boulevard at Cloud Avenue project in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed project and related actions are 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 La Crescenta-Montrose- Foothill Boulevard at Cloud Avenue project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$825,000 and \$1,225,000.
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 March 3, 2026, 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 La Crescenta-Montrose-Foothill Boulevard at Cloud Avenue project to the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$825,000 and \$1,225,000 or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional 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, Section 20395; (d) accept the project upon its final completion; and (e) make required findings and 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, and related actions, are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to install a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Cloud Avenue in the unincorporated community of La Crescenta-Montrose (see Enclosure A).

The proposed project includes installing new traffic signal equipment, pedestrian enhancements, and various other intersection safety improvements at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Cloud Avenue. When properly used, traffic signals are valuable devices for the control of vehicle and pedestrian traffic. They provide for the orderly movement of traffic and may reduce the frequency and severity of certain types of collisions.

It is anticipated that construction work will start in December 2026 and be completed in April 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 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 \$825,000 to \$1,225,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to be within 15 percent of this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$2,300,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, construction engineering, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, environmental compliance, and other County services.

The project will be funded using the State of California Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funds allocated to the County under the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, Senate Bill 1. Funding for this project is included in the Road Fund (B03–Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2026-27 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 the 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 the award of this 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 project is exempt from CEQA. The project, to install a new traffic signal system at the intersection of Foothill Boulevard and Cloud Avenue, is within a class of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Section 15301 (c) of CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1(x), Subsections 5, 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 include a best-efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The Targeted Worker component will not be included as part of the project.

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)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact on the community by providing for the orderly movement of traffic, which may reduce the frequency and severity of certain types of collisions.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

Respectfully submitted,



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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 Contract Code 3400 Justification*	Detailed Justification
Programming	Advanced Traffic Solutions	D4 Program (Latest Edition)	(c) (2)	To match existing programming equipment currently used in traffic controllers operated by LA County.

*(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.