



County of Los Angeles

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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: LILIANA CAMPOS
Litigation Cost Manager

RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Claims Board Recommendation
Magnelia Camacho v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV39236
(05/12/26)**



Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached are the Case Summary and Summary Corrective Action Plan to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation, Case Summary, and Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Magnelia Camacho v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 19STCV39236, in the amount of \$750,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit stems from an alleged dangerous condition of public property in an unincorporated area of Los Angeles County near the City of Lancaster.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Magnelia Camacho v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	19STCV39236
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 30, 2019
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 750,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTOPHER B. DOLAN, ESQ. The Dolan Law Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	RICHARD K. KUDO Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On March 29, 2018, Jesus Camacho ("Decedent") was driving to work in his Toyota sedan eastbound on East Avenue J just east of 100th Street East, in an unincorporated area of the County near the City of Lancaster. The speed limit there is 55 mph. Decedent lost control of his car when his passenger-side tires drove off the roadway pavement into the dirt shoulder. When Decedent attempted to maneuver his car back onto the roadway pavement, he lost control of his car, it crossed over the center line, and his car collided head-on with a Freightliner tractor-trailer driven by third-party, Jimmie Lee Click. Decedent died later that day at Antelope Valley Medical Center. His mother, Magnelia Camacho ("Plaintiff") filed suit against the County and alleges a dangerous condition of public property caused her son's death. The County disputes the allegation. Plaintiff claims to have suffered damages as a result of Decedent's death.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 264,180
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 77,144



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	March 29, 2018
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>On March 29, 2018, Decedent was traveling eastbound on East Avenue J in the unincorporated Antelope Valley area, when the passenger side tires veered right from the asphalt onto the dirt shoulder while Decedent was on his cellphone and traveling at a speed between 68 and 70 mph in a stretch of the road with a posted speed limit of 55 mph. The decedent attempted to maneuver his vehicle back onto the roadway, crossed over the center line, and collided with a Freightliner tractor trailer.</p> <p>The Traffic Collision Report found the Decedent to be the cause of the collision in violation of CVC 22107 (unsafe turning movement).</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

The collision occurred due to the Decedent's negligence in the operation of his vehicle by making an unsafe turning movement in front of oncoming traffic.

It is alleged that the collision occurred due to the deteriorated condition of the roadway and an approximate 3-inch drop off on the outer edge of the roadway between the asphalt and dirt shoulder constituting a trap.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Continued adherence to existing departmental guidelines, policies, standards, and operating procedures such as inspection of unpaved shoulders during regular inspections of roadways; treat shoulders as soon as reasonable when maintenance is required or implement temporary protective measures; perform unpaved shoulder maintenance when needed to restore functionality that has been significantly diminished by erosion, debris accumulation.

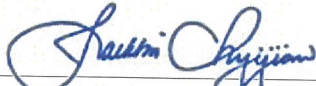
On August 28, 2017, removal of vegetation was performed at the incident location followed by shoulder grading on September 26, 2017. Avenue J, including the incident location, was inspected by the Road Superintendent on March 21, 2018, prior to the incident, and no issues with the roadway or the unpaved shoulder were identified.


3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

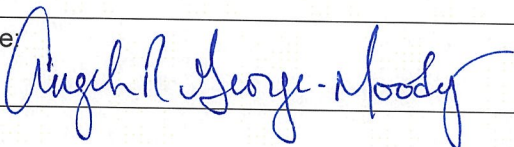
Yes - The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.

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No - The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Manager) Jacklin Injjian	
Signature: 	Date: 01/20/2026

Name: (Deputy Director) Steve Burger	
Signature: 	Date: 2/11/2026

Name: (Department Head) 8 Mark Pestrella	
Signature: 	Date: 2/18/26

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Betty Karmirian	
Signature: 	Date: 2/18/26