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June 16, 2026

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. RDC0015913
EAST LOS ANGELES – WHITESIDE STREET ET AL., PHASE I
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 East Los Angeles – Whiteside Street et al., Phase I project in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles.

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 East Los Angeles – Whiteside Street et al., Phase I project at an estimated construction contract cost between \$6,000,000 and \$9,000,000.
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 July 14, 2026, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

4. 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.
5. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the East Los Angeles – Whiteside Street et al., Phase I project to the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$6,000,000 and \$9,000,000, or that exceeds the estimated cost range by no more than 15 percent, if additional funds have been identified.
6. 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 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to reconstruct roadways and construct new drainage facilities to improve access and alleviate flooding in the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles (see enclosed map).

The proposed project will reconstruct 2.3 miles of local streets, repair concrete parkways in conjunction with tree maintenance, remove three trees, upgrade curb ramps and cross gutters, construct storm drain facilities, and other appurtenant work.

This project will improve pavement conditions, safety, and accessibility, as well as reduce wear and tear on vehicles and improve drainage, which will enhance the quality of life for the community.

It is anticipated that the construction work will start in February 2027 and be completed in February 2028.

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 improve safety and mobility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this proposed project in the First Supervisorial District is in the range of \$6,000,000 and \$9,000,000 with a maximum construction contract cost to

be 15 percent above this range. The total project cost is estimated to be \$14,100,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, environmental clearance, right-of-way and utility clearances, material testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The project will be funded with 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 proposed project is included in the Road Fund (B03 – Capital Assets - Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget. Funding for future years will be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This 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 as to form 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 contract will be available at Public Works' Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Therefore, CWA will apply to this project. The contractor and all subcontractors must comply with all terms and conditions of the CWA which, among other things, increases work opportunities for those seeking to start a new career in the construction industry and promotes the hiring of underrepresented individuals on the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, to reconstruct the roadway and construct new drainage facilities, 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 Sections 15301 (b), (c), and (h); 15302 (c); 15303 (d); and 15305 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines, and Class 1 (e), (k), (m), (s) and (x), Subsections 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 14, 18, 19, and 22; Class 2 (b) and (e); Class 3 (q); and Class 5 (a) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. Three trees, which are causing damage, would be removed as part of the project. In addition, based on the proposed project records, the project 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.

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

CONTRACTING PROCESS

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 LA County" and "Do Business with Public Works" websites for open bids:

<https://www.lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county>

<https://pw.lacounty.gov/contracts/opportunities>

Additionally, the contract solicitation will be advertised through web-based and social media platforms.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by extending the service life of the roadway, reducing wear and tear on vehicles, and enhancing quality of life for the East Los Angeles community. It will also ensure proper drainage for private residences near Buelah Circle.

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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