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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:

**WATER RESOURCES CORE SERVICE AREA
GRANT OF EASEMENT
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT
TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, LOS ANGELES RIVER
AND VERDUGO WASH, PARCELS 16, 561, 562, AND 957
IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to grant an easement for columns and aerial bridge purposes affecting Parcels 16, 561, 562, and 957 related to Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash, in the City of Glendale, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. The proposed grant of easement was requested by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:

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. Find that the grant of easement for columns and aerial bridge purposes affecting Parcels 16, 561, 562, and 957 related to Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash, in the City of Glendale, and the subsequent use of said easement will not interfere with the use of the affected parcel for any purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

3. Approve the grant of easement for columns and aerial bridge purposes affecting Parcels 16, 561, 562, and 957 related to Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash, in the City of Glendale, from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

4. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute the Easement document and authorize delivery to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to grant an easement for columns and aerial bridge purposes affecting Parcels 16, 561, 562, and 957 related to Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash, in the City of Glendale, as shown on the enclosed map, to the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Metro requested an easement for columns and aerial bridge purposes as part of its Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Grade Separation project.

The recommended actions will benefit Metro and County residents by providing improved transportation services.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 3, Realize Tomorrow's Government Today, Focus Area Goal G, Internal Controls and Processes, Strategy ii, Manage and Maximize County Assets, by providing accessible funds for the District's programs, which will promote fiscal responsibility.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Metro will deposit \$984,000 for the grant of easement, which is the fair market value. This amount will be deposited into the Flood Control District Fund (B07–Revenue Source Code 9906–Sale of Capital Assets–Easements).

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed grant of easement is authorized by Section 2, Subsection 13, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This section states the following: "The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, and has all the following powers... 13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgment of the board of supervisors of the property, or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of the district..."

The grant of easement is not considered adverse to the District's purposes and will not hinder the use of the Los Angeles River and Verdugo Wash for possible transportation, utility, recreational corridors, or flood control purposes. Moreover, the instrument reserves paramount rights to use the parcels for the District's purposes.

County Counsel will approve the Easement document as to form prior to execution and it will be recorded.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project, which authorizes the grant of an easement to Metro, is exempt from CEQA. It can be stated with certainty that there is no possibility that the Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Grade Separation project may have a significant effect on the environment pursuant to Section 15061 (b) (1) of the CEQA Guidelines. The proposed project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential to cause a significant effect on the environment. The grant of an easement to Metro for columns and aerial bridge purposes is exempt by statute because the Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Grade Separation project is a grade separation project, which eliminates an existing grade crossing as set forth in Section 21080.13 of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

This transaction will allow for the joint use of the District's right of way without interfering with the primary mission of the District. There will be no significant impact on current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,



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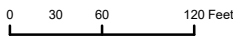
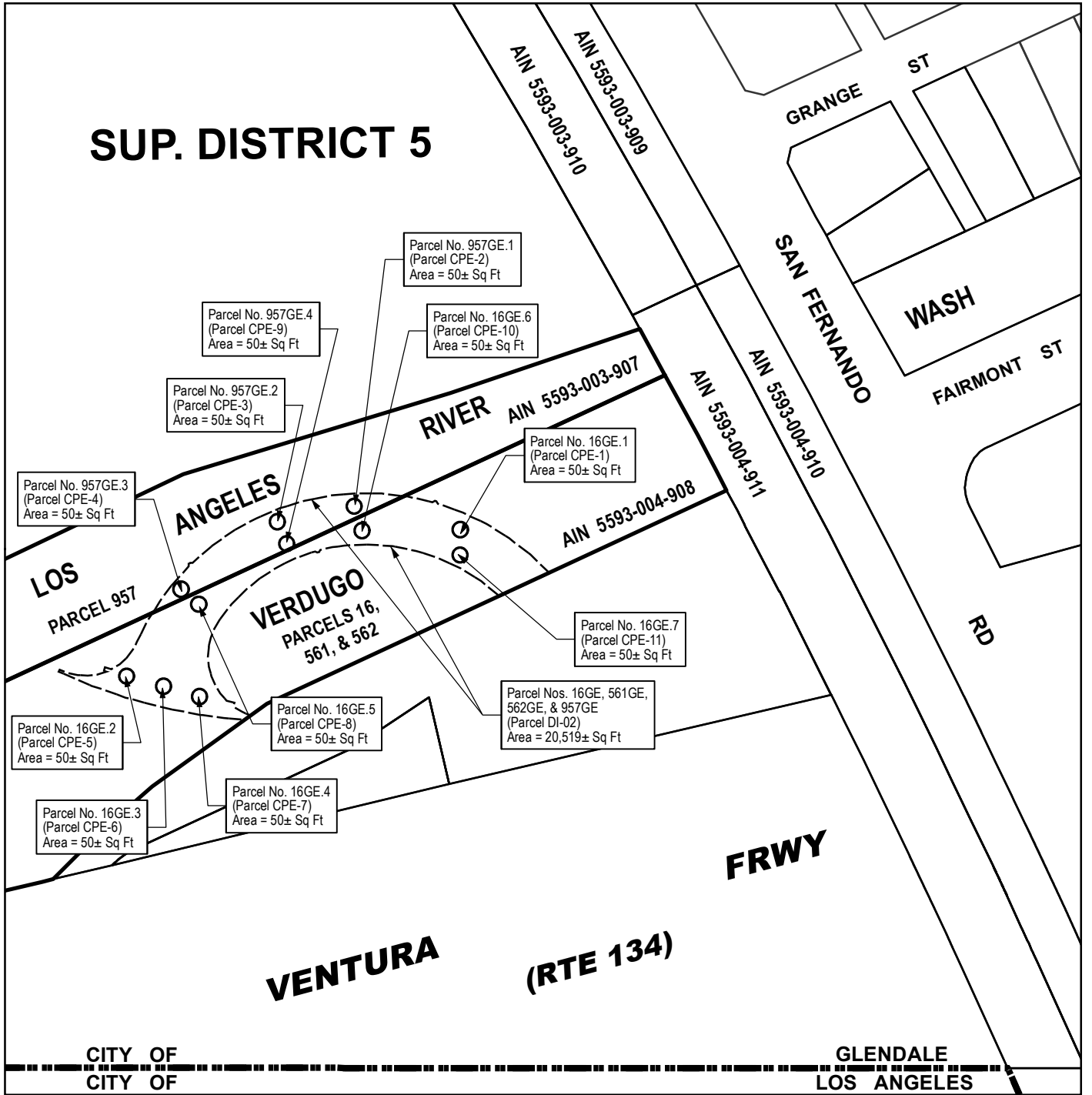
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Enclosures

c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division–Asset Management)
Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

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SUP. DISTRICT 5



Legend:

Aerial Bridge Easement

Column Permanent Easement