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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
APPROVE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF WHITTIER
FOR WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, ET AL., PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a cooperative agreement and any necessary amendments between the Los Angeles County and the City of Whittier to provide financing and delegate responsibilities for the preliminary engineering and construction administration of the Washington Boulevard, et al., project in the unincorporated communities of South Whittier, Los Nietos, and West Whittier, and the City of Whittier.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

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. Approve the project and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Whittier for the Washington Boulevard, et al., project. The cooperative agreement provides that Los Angeles County will perform the preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the Los Angeles County and the City of Whittier to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost. The total project cost is currently estimated to be \$6,561,000, with the County's share estimated to be \$6,273,000, and the City of Whittier's share estimated to be \$288,000.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute any necessary amendments and modifications of a nonmaterial nature to the cooperative agreement to incorporate necessary nonmaterial, programmatic, and administrative changes approved as to form by County Counsel.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a cooperative agreement with the City of Whittier to provide financing and delegate responsibilities for the preliminary engineering and the construction administration of roadway improvements in the unincorporated communities of South Whittier, Los Nietos, and West Whittier, and the City of Whittier.

The Washington Boulevard, et al., project includes pavement rehabilitation, parkway improvements, and installation of continental crosswalks. These improvements will improve the quality of life for residents by extending the life of the roadway that will provide a smoother and more comfortable driving experience and reduce wear and tear on vehicles.

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 improving public infrastructure assets that support the quality of life for residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$6,561,000. A portion of this project is within the City. The County-City cooperative agreement provides that the County will perform preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the County and the City to finance their jurisdictional shares of the project cost estimated to be \$6,273,000 and \$288,000, respectively.

The project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, formerly known as Surface Transportation Program, and is covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Approximately \$5,051,000 in Federal-aid funds has been allocated to the project. The remaining project cost in the amount of \$1,222,000 will be funded with the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program funds.

Funding for all current fiscal year anticipated preliminary engineering expenditures estimated at \$150,000 for this project are available in the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 – Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.

Public Works will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval to adopt, advertise, and award the construction contract.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The agreement provides that the County will perform preliminary engineering and administer the construction of the project with the County and the City to finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost. The County's and the City's actual costs will be based on a final accounting after completion of the project.

Sections 1685 and 1803 of the California Streets and Highways Code provide that the board of any county may enter into contracts or agreements with the legislative body of any city for the purposes of more efficient construction or repair of streets and roads within the city.

The cooperative agreement between the County and the City will be approved as to form by County Counsel and approved by Whittier's City Council prior to execution.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. The project, consisting of pavement rehabilitation and parkway improvements, is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301(c) and (g) and 15302(c) of the State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, and Class 1(k) and 1(x), subsections 2, 10, 14, and 22, and 2(e) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which applies to repair, minor alteration, replacement, or reconstruction of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of use. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it will comply with all applicable regulations; there are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, or listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to California 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.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will improve the quality of life for residents in the unincorporated communities of South Whittier, Los Nietos, and West Whittier, and the City by extending the life of the roadway that will provide a smoother and more comfortable driving experience and reduce wear and tear on vehicles.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Public Works, Transportation Planning and Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pestrella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pestrella" clearly distinguishable.

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Christine Frias)
County Counsel
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