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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
REJECT ALL BIDS AND ADOPT, READVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016342
SOUTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY BIKEWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
IN THE CITIES OF LA MIRADA AND SANTA FE SPRINGS AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF SOUTH WHITTIER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3-VOTES)

BIDS: November 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to reject all bids received on December 9, 2025, adopt the revised plans and specifications, readvertise for construction bids, and award and execute a construction contract for the South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvements project in the Cities of La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are within the scope of a previously approved exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the record of the project.

2. Reject all bids received on December 9, 2025, for Project ID No. RDC0016342, South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvements project.

3. Adopt the revised plans and specifications for the South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvements project.

4. Authorize this proposed project to be excluded from the provisions of the Countywide Community Workforce Agreement for the reasons stated in this Board letter.

5. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to readvertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement that are to be received before 11:00 a.m. on November 3, 2026, in accordance with the Notice Inviting Bids.

6. Find 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 pursuant to California Public Contract Code, Section 3400 (c) (2).

7. 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.

8. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to award and execute a construction contract for the South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvements project with the responsible contractor with the lowest apparent responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of $18,000,000 and $27,000,000.

9. 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 within the scope of the previous finding of exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to carry out the accelerated delivery of the project in the Cities of La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs and in the unincorporated community of South Whittier.

This project was developed as a benefit to the overall transportation system with respect to the 2012 County of Los Angeles Bicycle Master Plan with the purpose of installing Class II and Class III Bikeways. It will improve bike network connections and access for pedestrians and transit users to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station. It promotes nonmotorized modes of transportation and improves public health by providing access to encourage bicyclists and pedestrians to exercise. The project includes pavement resurfacing; installing bike lanes, bike routes, and wayfinding signage; construction of bulb-outs; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and curb ramps; landscaping medians; removal and replanting of trees; replacing streetlights; and upgrading traffic signals with pedestrian push buttons with audio and vibration devices. Construction will occur on Leffingwell Road from Valley View Avenue to La Mirada Boulevard; Leffingwell Road from Imperial Highway to Valley View Avenue; Valley View Avenue from Telegraph Road to Imperial Highway;

Leland Avenue from Telegraph Road to Leffingwell Road; Ceres Avenue from Telegraph Road to Broadway; and at the intersections of Mulberry Drive at Mills Avenue, Mulberry Drive at Colima Road, and Florence Avenue at Carmenita Avenue (see Enclosure A).

On November 4, 2025, the Board of Supervisors approved the South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvement project requiring compliance with the Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA) and delegated authority to the Director of Public Works to adopt the plans and specifications and instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise the project for bids. On December 9, 2025, bids were opened with five responsive bids received.

In March 2025, the County submitted a request to the Federal Highway Administration through Caltrans seeking approval of the CWA for this project. However, to date the Federal Highway Administration has not issued a determination to the County's ongoing requests. Continued delays in the review and approval of the CWA will impact the project schedule, jeopardize the availability of Federal funding, and result in increased project costs. To preserve the funding and move forward with the project, it is necessary to exempt the project from the CWA requirements, revise the project documents to remove all CWA references, and readvertise the project to ensure continued eligibility of Federal funding.

It is anticipated that the construction work will start in March 2027 and be completed in October 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 improves safety and mobility, reduces traffic congestion, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of $18,000,000 to $27,000,000. The total project cost is estimated to be $31,900,000. 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, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

Portions of the project are within the Cities of La Mirada and Santa Fe Springs. The Cities will finance their respective jurisdictional shares of the project cost, estimated to be $67,000 and $18,000, respectively, under Service Requests.

The project will be administered utilizing transportation grant funds in the amount of $797,600 from the Measure R Highway Subregional Program and $3,859,000 from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act; Federal grant funds in the amount of $3,190,400 under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2015 Call for Projects; $2,500,000 under the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Program; and $13,002,400 under the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program covered by Agreement No. 78542 with the State of California. Under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Community Project

Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending, Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant programs, and Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of qualifying projects (see Enclosure B).

The remaining County's share of the project costs estimated at $8,465,600, are funded with $3,793,600 of Proposition C Local Return funds and $1,281,000 of Measure M Local Return funds from the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program; $23,100 of Special Road District 4 funds; and $3,367,900 of 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 available in the Road Fund (B03 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies), Public Works – Special Road District 4 Fund (CP4 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies), and the Fourth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program in the Measure M Local Return Fund (CN2 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) and Proposition C Local Return Fund (CN9 – Capital Assets-Infrastructure and Services and Supplies) Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budgets. Funding for future years would be requested through the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The proposed project would 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 in order 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 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 is provided in Enclosure C.

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 Public Works' Project Management Division III, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 8th Floor, Alhambra, CA 91803.

In accordance with Board Policy 5.270, Countywide Local and Targeted Worker Hiring, the project will require that at least 30 percent of the California construction labor hours be performed by qualified Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers. The project will also include a jobs coordinator who will facilitate the implementation of the targeted hiring requirement of the policy.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

At the time of approval on November 4, 2025, the Board determined that the project is exempt from CEQA under Sections 15301 (c), 15303 (e), and 15311 (a) of the CEQA Guidelines and Classes 1 (e) and (x) Subsections 2, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18, 22, 24; 3 (b); and 11 (d) of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, which apply to minor alteration of existing public facilities, installation of new small facilities or equipment, and placement of minor structures. There have been no changes to the project that require further findings under CEQA.

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 Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation pursuant to California Public Resources Code, Section 21152, and will post the notice to the County's website in accordance with Section 21092.2.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance with the Board’s consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will require that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents and at least 10 percent be performed by Targeted Workers facing employment barriers.

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://lacounty.gov/business/doing-business-with-la-county/

http://pw.lacounty.gov/general/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 improving bike network connections and access for pedestrians and transit users to the Norwalk/Santa Fe Springs Metrolink Station. It promotes nonmotorized modes of transportation and improves public health by providing access to encourage bicyclists and pedestrians to exercise.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III and CEO-Capital Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Matthew Diaz, Christine Frias, Cynthia Zapata)
County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Internal Services (Countywide Contract Compliance)

ENCLOSURE A

SOUTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY BIKEWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
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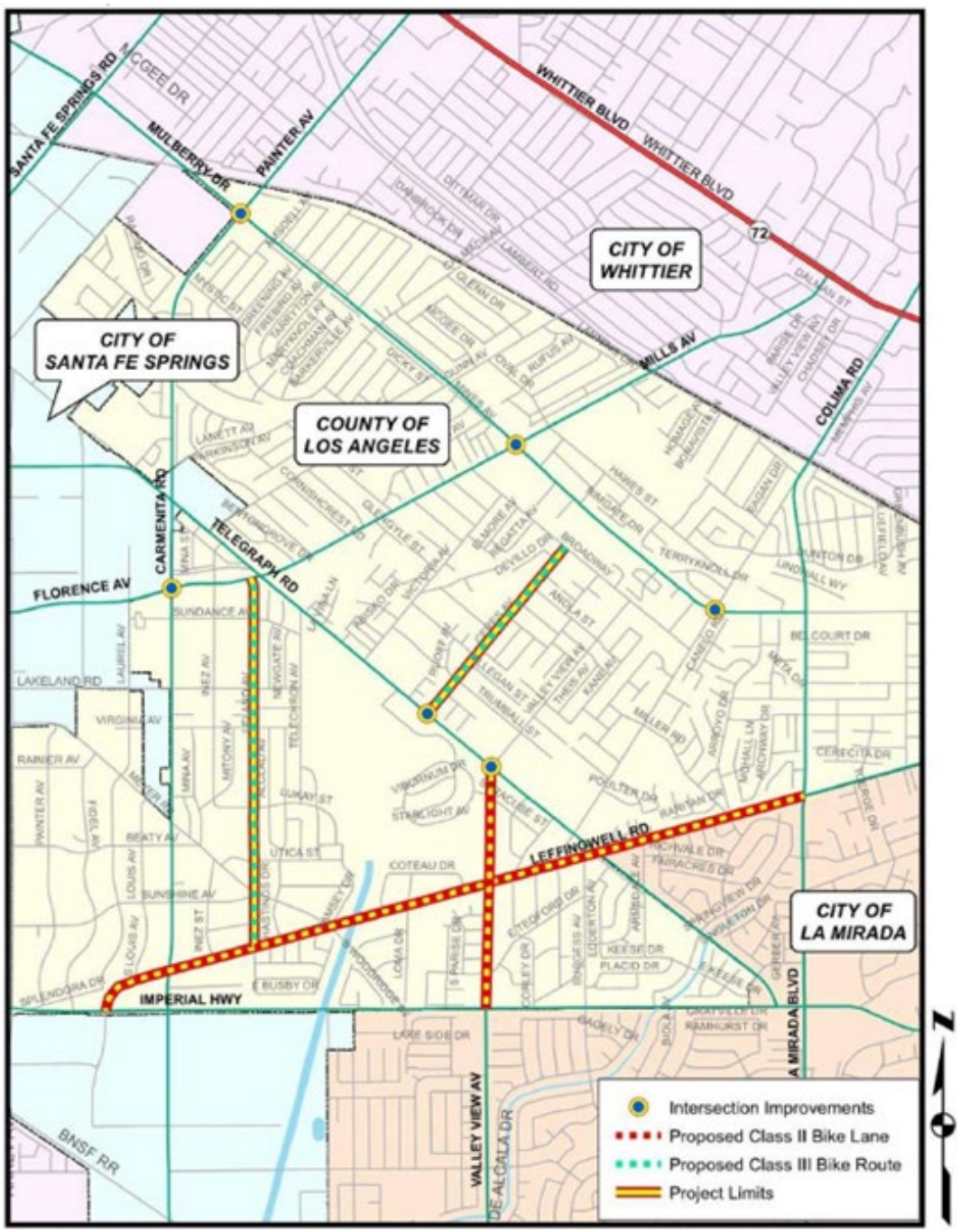

ENCLOSURE B

SOUTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY BIKEWAY ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS
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PROJECT FUNDING

Jurisdiction	Project Cost	Local Match (City)	Measure R[1]	CRRSAA[2]	CMAQ[3]	CPFCDS[4]	STBG[5]	Prop C[6]	Measure M[7]	District 4 Fund[8]	RMRA[9]
Santa Fe Springs	$18,000	$18,000									
La Mirada	$67,000	$67,000									
Federal	$23,349,400		$797,600	$3,859,000	$3,190,400	$2,500,000	$13,002,400				
County	$8,465,600							$3,793,600	$1,281,000	$23,100	$3,367,900
Total	**$31,900,000**	**$85,000**	**$797,600**	**$3,859,000**	**$3,190,400**	**$2,500,000**	**$13,002,400**	**$3,367,900**	**$1,281,000**	**$23,100**	**$3,367,600**

[1] Measure R Highway Subregional Program
[2] Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
[3] Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program
[4] Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending
[5] Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program
[6] Proposition C Local Return Fund
[7] Measure M Local Return Fund
[8] Special Road District 4 Fund
[9] State of California Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Fund

ENCLOSURE C

PROJECT NAME: **South Whittier Community Bikeway Access Improvements**

PROJECT ID NO.: **RDC0016342**

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
1.	Irrigation Controller and Enclosure	Calsense	C3000-8-S1 / CS3-GR-KIT 4G LTE/ CS3-W-KIT/ RB-1/ COMM-10 YR/ Stainless Steel Enclosure w/Radio Antenna	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing irrigation controller within the project limits.
2.	Irrigation Remote Control Valve	Hunter	ICV Series and ICZ Series	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing irrigation remote control valves within the project limits.
3.	Irrigation Dripline	Hunter	HDL-09-18-250-CV	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match the manufacturer of existing irrigation system within the project limits.
4.	Irrigation Equipment for Drip System: Flush valve, pop-up indicator, air relief valve	Hunter	AFV-T, ECO-ID-12, PLD-AVR	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match the manufacturer of existing irrigation system within the project limits.
5.	Tree Root Watering System	Hunter	RZWS-18-50	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match the manufacturer of existing irrigation system within the project limits.

6.	Irrigation Quick Coupler	Hunter	HQ33D-LRC	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match the manufacturer of existing irrigation system within the project limits.
7.	Irrigation Gate Valve	Nibco	T-113k	(C) (2)	Operational Services Division (OSD) requests Nibco gate valves be used for landscape irrigation operations due to product reliability and inventory that is stocked by OSD. OSD uses Nibco gate valves for replacement of inferior gate valves when they fail.
8.	Signage Attachment Aluminum Extrusion	BAND-IT	Signfix medium aluminum extrusion	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage attachments used in a previous County wayfinding signage project.
9.	Signage Steel Channel Clamp	BAND-IT	Signfix universal stainless steel channel clamp (SX-0220)	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage steel channel clamps used in a previous County wayfinding signage project.
10.	Signage Panel Attachment Tape	3M	3M Double sided VHB tape	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage panel attachment tape used for a previous County wayfinding signage project.
11.	Signage Vinyl Material	3M	Adhesive backed 3M IJ680-10 reflective film with 8519 luster overlaminate Color: Opaque White	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage vinyl material used in a previous County wayfinding signage project.

12.	Signage Vinyl Material	3M	Adhesive backed 3M IJ180Cv3-10 non-reflective film with 8519 luster overlaminate Color: Opaque White	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage vinyl material used in a previous County wayfinding signage project.
13.	Signage Vinyl Material	3M	Adhesive backed 3M IJ180Cv3-10 non-reflective film Color: Opaque White Finish: Satin	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage vinyl material used in a previous County wayfinding signage project.
14.	Signage Clear Coat for Vinyl	Matthews Paint	Matthews Super Satin fluoropolymer clear coat	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing signage vinyl clear coat material used in a previous County wayfinding signage project.
15.	Service Pedestal	Myers Power Products	MEUG20	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing pedestal within the project limits.
16.	Pull Box	Armorcast	A6001859A-SLLACO	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing pull boxes within the project limits.
17.	Controller	Linux Processor	2070LX Controller with Linux Processor and D4 Program (Version 1.5L-39 or newer)	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match existing controllers within the project limits.
18.	Luminaire	Holophane & American Lighting	ATBM-P30-MVOLT-R3-4B-27K-MP-NL-P7-JP-RFD320421	(C) (2)	Model is necessary to match the existing Luminaires within the project limits.

*(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.