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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
DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD
PROJECT ID NO. RDC0016166
LAKE HUGHES RD AT 235FT S-O MM2.47 (2015 OCT STORM)
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF CASTAIC AND LAKE HUGHES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3-VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Public Works is seeking Board approval to carry out the accelerated delivery of the Lake Hughes Rd at 235ft S-o MM2.47 (2015 Oct Storm) project, including delegated authority to adopt the plans and specifications, advertise for bids, and award and execute a construction contract in the unincorporated communities of Castaic and Lake Hughes.

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 delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids at an estimated construction contract cost between \$2,100,000 and \$3,100,000 for the Lake Hughes Rd at 235ft S-o MM2.47 (2015 Oct Storm) project.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for bids in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement with the Notice Inviting Bids when ready to advertise this project.
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 Lake Hughes Rd at 235ft S-o MM2.47 (2015 Oct Storm) project with the responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid within or less than the estimated cost range of \$2,100,000 and \$3,100,000.
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 Section 20395 of the California Public Contract Code; (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.
7. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute agreement(s) between mitigation bank(s) vendors and the County of Los Angeles to purchase mitigation credits to compensate for the project impacts as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The cost for these agreements is included in the total project budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to find that the project and related actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and allow Public Works to install a reinforced concrete box culvert under Lake Hughes Road to allow storm water and debris to flow safely under the roadway during future storm events in the unincorporated communities of Castaic and Lake Hughes.

The project is exempt from CEQA, but compensatory mitigation credits are required to comply with permit requirements.

When the project is completed, if approved, it will have a positive impact by reducing future debris flow and damage, thereby helping protect the roadway.

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

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 replacing and improving public infrastructure assets that support the quality of life of Los Angeles County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this proposed project is in the range of \$2,100,000 and \$3,100,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$5,400,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes costs associated with the preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, right-of-way and utility clearances, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County services.

The proposed project will be administered utilizing Federal-aid funding in the amount of \$3,519,000 under the Federal Emergency Relief Program covered by existing County-State Agreement 78542. The remaining project cost, in the amount of \$1,881,000, will be funded with the Fifth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure M Local Return funds.

Funding for this proposed project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Transportation Improvement Program Measure M Local Return Fund (CN2 – 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

California Public Contract Code, Section 20391, allows the Board to delegate approval of plans and specifications to the Director of Public Works. Once plans are approved, Public Works will instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise the project for bids in accordance with Section 20392 of the California Public Contract Code. It is anticipated that the project will advertise for bids within the next two months, if approved.

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 Los Angeles County 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.

Effective June 7, 2023, Countywide Community Workforce Agreement applies to projects with an estimated construction contract value of \$5,000,000 or greater. Provisions of the Countywide

Community Workforce Agreement will not be applied to this contract as the estimated construction contract value is below the threshold.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA. The project, to reconstruct the existing pavement, install a culvert under Lake Hughes Road to accommodate the expected storm and debris flows from the new water course; and purchase permit-related mitigation credits as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and which meets the criteria set forth in Sections 15301 (c), 15303, and 15333 of the CEQA Guidelines and Class 1 (x) Subsection 14 and 18, and Class 3 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G. In addition, based on the proposed project records, it 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.

The purchase of mitigation bank credits for the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of habitat for fish, plants, or wildlife will not exceed five acres in size. The purchase of mitigation bank credits will not result in significant adverse impact on endangered, rare or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to Section 15065; there are no hazardous materials at or around the mitigation bank site that may be disturbed or removed; and the purchase of mitigation bank credits will not result in impacts that are significant when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, other current projects, and probable future projects.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

In accordance with the Board's consolidated Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, the contract documents will include a best-efforts goal that at least 30 percent of the total California craft worker hours for construction of the project be performed by Local Residents. The Targeted Worker component will not be included as part of the project.

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/>

<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 helping protect the roadway from future debris flow and damage.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this Board letter to Public Works, Project Management Division III.

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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Enclosures

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

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