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Subject: NORTH VALLEY FIRE STATION NO. 7 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) COMPLIANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL (W.O. NO. E170093B)


As recommended in the accompanying report of the City Engineer, which this Board has adopted, the Board of Public Works recommends that the City Council consider and adopt the CEQA Initial Study/Negative Declaration, which finds that the project will not cause significant environmental impacts, and that the City Council:

- a. Review and consider the Negative Declaration.
- b. Find that, on the basis of the whole record, there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
- c. Adopt the Negative Declaration.
- d. Approve the project as described in the Initial Study.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project has a budget of approximately \$18,100,000. The funding is from surplus Proposition F Fire Facilities General Obligation Bond Program savings, program contingency and accrued interest.

Respectfully submitted,


Arleen P. Taylor, Executive Officer
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Department of Public Works

Bureau of Engineering
Report No. 2

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CD No. 7

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**NORTH VALLEY FIRE STATION NO. 7 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
COMPLIANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL (WORK ORDER NO. E170093B)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consider and adopt the CEQA Initial Study/Negative Declaration, which finds that the project will not cause significant environmental impacts.
2. Upon adoption, forward this report with the following recommendations to the City Council for their consideration and approval:
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TRANSMITTAL

Negative Declaration with Initial Study, dated October 17, 2011, with attached comments and responses (dated November 28, 2011) associated with the public review period.

DISCUSSION

Background

In 1998, the City of Los Angeles completed a Public Safety Facilities Master plan study. This study determined that most of the existing fire stations were too small and failed to meet current Building and Safety Codes. Proposition F was placed on the ballot and approved by Los Angeles voters on November 7, 2000. Proposition F authorized the issuance of \$532.6 million in General Obligation Bonds to finance the construction and rehabilitation of Fire Stations and Animal Shelters throughout the City of Los Angeles. Of

the \$532.6 million authorization, \$378.5 million was allocated to build 19 neighborhood Fire/Paramedic Stations and an Emergency Air Operations/Helicopter Maintenance Facility.

Nineteen projects have been completed. Upon contract award of the last of these original projects, the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) reported a Prop F savings that could be used for construction of two new fire stations. In April 2009 and September 2009 respectively, the Mayor and City Council approved two new projects using accrued interest and project savings. The proposed Fire Station No. 7 is one of the two added projects that will replace the existing Fire Station No. 7 with a new Standard Fire/Paramedic Station.

Project Description

The project site lies within the Mission Hills-Panorama City North Hills Community Plan Area and within Council District No. 7. The City of Los Angeles (City) is proposing to construct a replacement fire station on several vacant parcels located west of Van Nuys Boulevard at 14630-14666 Plummer Street in the community of Panorama City. The existing Los Angeles City Fire Station No. 7 located at 14123 Nordhoff Street (approximately one mile away) cannot house the additional resources needed to meet the demands for fire protection services. The City has acquired the property under consideration as instructed by council (CF 09-0387). The proposed project will use accrued interest and savings from Proposition F, approved by voters on November 7, 2000. The replacement fire station will include an approximate 15,500 square-foot facility and other associated improvements. Disposition of the existing Fire Station No. 7 at 14123 W. Nordhoff Street has not been determined at this time. Until such a determination is made, the Department of General Services would maintain the buildings.

Public Review

The proposed Negative Declaration and Initial Study were circulated for public review and comment from October 27 to November 16, 2011. A notice of intent/availability was published in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, October 27, 2011. A notice of intent/availability was mailed to interested parties and to owners and occupants of properties adjacent to the proposed project site. The notice was also filed with the City and County Clerks. The Negative Declaration and Initial Study were available for review at the Panorama City Branch Library, on-line at the BOE's website, or by calling the Environmental Management Group. Two correspondences were received during the public review period. Copies of the correspondences along with responses can be found as an attachment to the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (Transmittal). The comments received did not necessitate changes in the project or the conclusion or findings of the Initial Study.

Project Schedule

The above recommended actions are necessary steps in the design phase of the project schedule. The project delivery schedule anticipates design completion of the proposed project by June 2012. Council action is needed before that date to avoid delaying the project.

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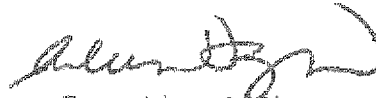
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