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Subject: VAN NUYS FIRE STATION NO. 39 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) COMPLIANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL (WORK ORDER NO. E170094B)


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 adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study/Negative Declaration requirements, and that the City Council:

1. Review and consider the Initial Study/Negative Declaration;
2. 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 Initial Study/Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis;
3. Adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration;
4. Approve the project as described in the Initial Study.

FISCAL IMPACT

The project has a budget of approximately \$20,200,000 with funding from the surplus Proposition F Fire Facilities General Obligation Bond Program savings, program contingency, and accrued interest.

Respectfully submitted,


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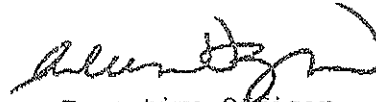


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Executive Officer

**VAN NUYS FIRE STATION NO. 39 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
COMPLIANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL (WORK ORDER No. E170094B)**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Consider the CEQA Initial Study/Negative Declaration, which finds that the project will not cause significant environmental impacts.
2. Upon adoption of this report, forward it with the following recommendations to the City Council for their consideration and approval:
 - a. Review and consider the Initial Study/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 Initial Study/Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgment and analysis.
 - c. Adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration.
 - d. Approve the project as described in the Initial Study.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

The project has a budget of approximately \$20,200,000 with funding from surplus Proposition F Fire Facilities General Obligation Bond Program savings, program contingency, and accrued interest.

TRANSMITTAL

Initial Study/Negative Declaration with Appendices A-E, dated May 21, 2013.

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 Proposition 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. 39 is one of the two added projects that will replace the existing Fire Station No. 39 with a new standard fire/paramedic station.

Project Description

The proposed project would be located on the 14600 block of Oxnard Street within the Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks Community Plan Area and within Council District No. 6. The City of Los Angeles (City) is proposing to construct a replacement fire station on two vacant lots located on the corner of Oxnard Street and Vesper Avenue in Van Nuys. The existing Los Angeles City Fire Station No. 39, located at 14415 Sylvan Street (approximately 0.5 mile northeast), cannot house the additional resources needed to meet present and future demands for fire protection services. The City has acquired the property under consideration as instructed by Council (CF 12-1579). 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 18,533-square-foot facility and other associated improvements. Disposition of the existing Fire Station No. 39 at 14415 Sylvan 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 May 23 to June 12, 2013. A notice of intent/availability was published in the Los Angeles Times on Thursday, May 23, 2013. 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 Van Nuys Branch Library, on-line at the Bureau of Engineering's website, or by calling the Environmental Management Group. No comments were received during the public review period.

Project Schedule

The above recommended actions are necessary steps in the design phase of the project schedule. The project delivery schedule anticipates advertising in October 2013. Council action is needed before that date to avoid delaying the project.

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