

October 6, 2020

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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$2,819,033, offset by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program grant funds (MR315.60), for the design and construction of a soundwall on northbound Interstate 605 near Spring Street;

Increase appropriations in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department by \$2,819,033, offset by a transfer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Measure R Highway Sub-Regional Program grant funds from the Capital Grant Fund; and,

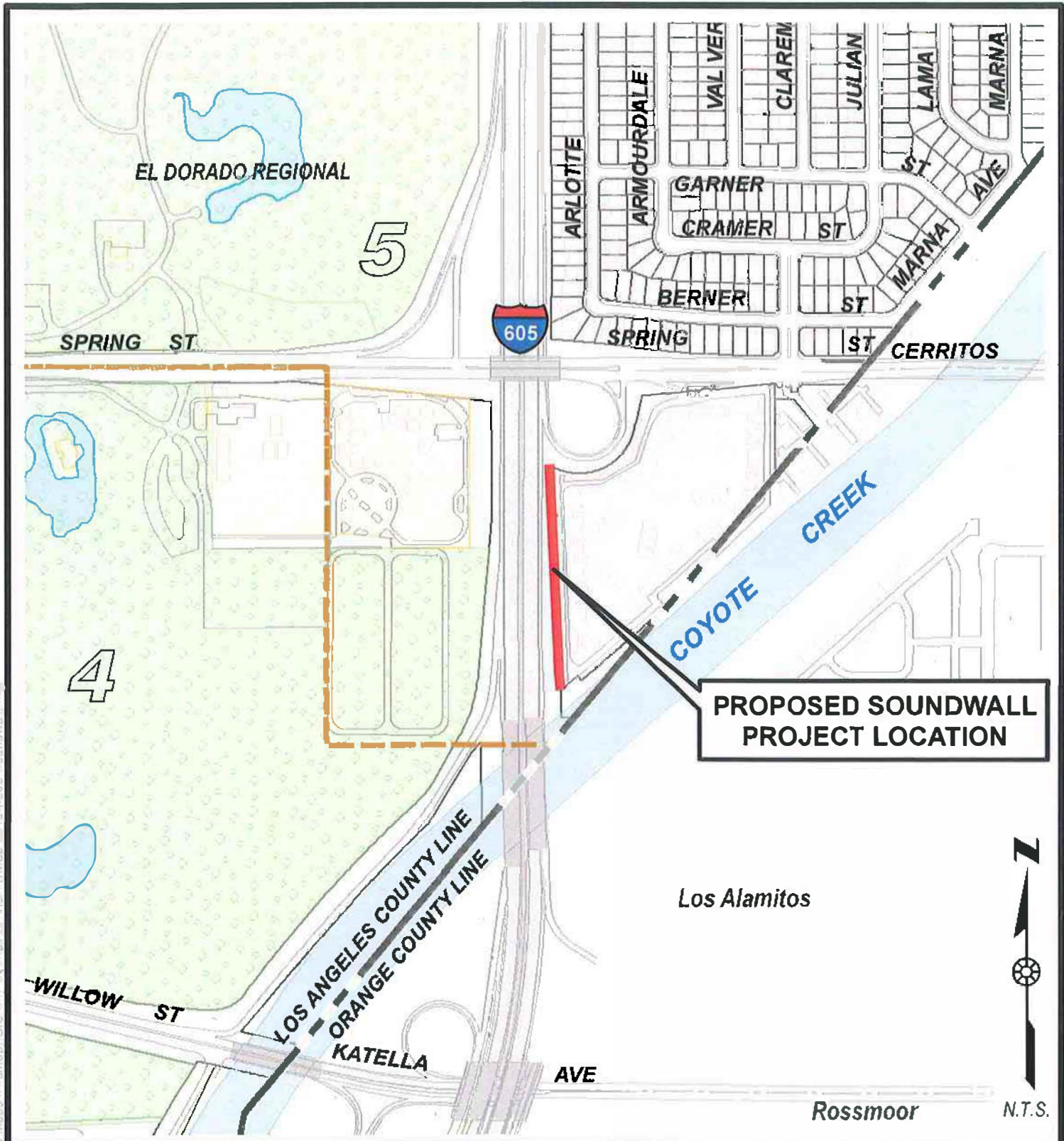
Accept Categorical Exemption CE-20-017. (District 5)

DISCUSSION

City Council approval is requested to increase appropriations for the soundwall on northbound Interstate 605 (I-605) near Spring Street (Project). The Project is a recommended I-605 Early Action Project to construct approximately 883 lineal feet of soundwall between the Coyote Creek Channel and East Spring Street (Attachment A). The purpose of the Project is to preserve and enhance the health and quality of life in the corridor, and to remedy a noise issue resulting from Caltrans' removal of trees that had previously served as a noise barrier for the El Dorado Lakes condominium development.

The original Funding Agreement for \$250,000 in Measure R Early Action funds for environmental and design work for the Project was approved by the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (GCCOG) on August 25, 2015, and by Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board of Directors on December 4, 2015. An additional \$100,000 in Measure R Early Action funds was approved by the GCCOG on August 22, 2017, and by Metro on October 26, 2017, for a total of \$350,000. Additional funds are now needed to complete the design, construction, and other associated costs in accordance with the I-605 Corridor Aesthetic Master Plan. On February 25, 2020, an additional \$2,819,033 in Measure R Early Action funds were approved by the GCCOG and approved by Metro on June 25, 2020 for a total of \$3,169,033.

On November 7, 2016, the original Funding Agreement with Metro, under the authority of City Council Resolution No. RES-16-0099 was executed, formalizing the terms and conditions for use of Project Measure R funds. On March 13, 2018, the City Council approved an appropriation increase to \$350,000 for design.



**CITY OF LONG BEACH - CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ENGINEERING BUREAU**

**VICINITY MAP FOR THE
NORTHBOUND I-605 AT SPRING STREET
SOUNDWALL CONSTRUCTION**

Attachment A

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CEQA Notice of Exemption

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Exemption Number: CE-20-017

Project Title (Application Number): Northbound I-605 Soundwall from Coyote Creek to Spring Street On-Ramp

Project Location – Specific: Northbound I-605 edge of shoulder (Caltrans right-of-way) from Coyote Creek over-crossing to Spring Street On-Ramp

Project Location – City/County: **City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California**

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will include the construction of a 14-foot-high and 883-foot-long soundwall constructed on the existing I-605 edge of shoulder (EOS) and within Caltrans right-of-way. The purpose is to reduce existing freeway noise impacts on residents of the El Dorado Lakes Condominium Community that exceed the Activity Categories and Noise Abatement Criteria (23 CFR 772) for exterior residential uses. Two existing drainage systems along the northbound EOS would be replaced. This work includes reconfiguring the down drain entrance taper to accommodate the proposed concrete barrier at the base of the soundwall, replacing pipe and replacing rock slope protection. An existing irrigation system running parallel to the EOS would also be replaced and relocated behind the sound wall.

Public Agency Approving Project: **City of Long Beach, California**

Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Keith Hoey, Department of Public Works

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Project proposes construction of an accessory structure (soundwall) on the I-605 Freeway. The soundwall is proposed within the existing highway right-of-way and does not create additional automobile lanes or increase highway capacity. Due to the nature of proposed activities, no Exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 are present that would prohibit the use of a Class 3 Exemption.

Lead Agency

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