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September 19, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**CHILDREN'S COURT ALTERNATE EXIT PROJECT
APPROVE REVISED PROJECT BUDGET
SPECS. 6517; C.P. 69210
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1
4 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT
YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the enclosed appropriation adjustment in the total amount of \$1,384,000, which reflects a net increase to the County Capital Projects Budget of \$692,000, to provide additional appropriation for the Children's Court Alternate Exit project (Capital Project 69210) with funding identified from the Criminal Justice Temporary Construction Fund.
2. Approve the revised total project budget of \$1,132,000 for the design and construction of a new bridge, modifications to the existing parking structure, and temporary measures to provide an alternate emergency exit.
3. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to deliver the project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

In November 2000, your Board established Capital Project 69210 and a project budget based on the recommended Option A, which would allow an alternate vehicular exit from the Court's parking structure to the adjacent property in the event of an emergency. However, Option A required securing permanent right of way from an adjacent private property owner. That right of way was not acquired due to the property owner's unwillingness to grant a permanent easement.

We are now recommending to proceed with Option B to construct a bridge spanning from the third level of the parking structure to Ameron Drive with structure modifications for access to the bridge from the secured parking area. All permanent improvements are on County-owned property and will be substantially complete by the end of February 2004.

The CAO is also currently negotiating for the right to provide for interim emergency egress through the adjoining lot. These measures include removing a nonstructural parking structure wall, a temporary ramp from the parking structure to the adjacent property, temporary removal of approximately five parking spaces, an egress road to Ameron Drive, and various other minor modifications which are expected to be constructed on the adjacent leased property while the bridge is being designed and constructed.

Following completion of the bridge construction, the interim egress will be removed and the leased property returned to its original condition prior to termination of the lease. Because of the change in the project's scope, an augmentation of funds is needed for Public Works to begin the work. Public Works will design the bridge, prepare construction documents, and provide construction administration services to meet the project schedule and budget. We will return to your Board in June 2003 for approval of environmental documents and a recommendation to adopt, advertise, and award construction.

Implementation of Strategic Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence to improve the County's infrastructure. Construction of the Children's Court Alternate Exit project will provide an alternate vehicular exit in the event of an emergency, if evacuation is required for Court staff and visitors.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

A portion of the funds are available in the current project budget from Fiscal Year 2001-02. However, an augmentation of funds is necessary for project completion. Funds in the amount of \$692,000 need to be added to Capital Project 69210 to support the new changes, and enclosed is an appropriation adjustment from the Criminal Justice Facilities Temporary Construction Fund. An appropriation adjustment is also required in the Criminal Justice Facilities Temporary Construction Fund to transfer appropriation from Services and Supplies to Other Financing Uses to budgetarily account for the augmentation of funds to the capital project.

Due to the Option B scope of work, land acquisition costs to acquire an easement are no longer needed. The construction costs are increased to cover the temporary measures and bridge construction including a change order allowance. The funds previously identified in the plans and specifications, consultant services, and miscellaneous expenditures budget categories are moved to the County services category since it will be substantially self-performed by Public Works. Jurisdictional agency review and County services are increased based on current estimates for the scope of work and self-performing design and construction documents.

The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the enclosure.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Not applicable.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The appropriate environmental documentation will be completed prior to returning to your Board to request authorization to construct the project.

The temporary interim measures are categorically exempt under Class 1 (i), (j), (m), and (n) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Geotechnical analysis of the proposed bridge site may be contracted to private consultants depending upon the availability of Public Works staff to perform the work. All other engineering services for this project will be performed by Public Works.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Construction of the interim egress will temporarily eliminate up to six parking spaces on the leased property for the duration of design and construction. This will not impact the current services provided by the Sheriffs occupying the leased space since additional parking is available in the adjoining parking structure.

Superior Court has agreed to help solve a parking problem for Sheriff personnel working in the Sheriff's Headquarters and the adjacent leased facility, the University Center Building. Allowing access to the Children's Courthouse parking structure on a short-term basis for overflow parking in the immediate area will help solve a critical problem for the Sheriff.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the CAO (Capital Projects Division) and Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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ENCLOSURE

**CHILDREN'S COURT ALTERNATE EXIT PROJECT
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SPECS. 6517; C.P. 69210**

I. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date
Project Feasibility	4/14/00*
Design	
Schematic Design	01/10/03
Construction Documents	04/25/03
Jurisdictional Approval	05/12/03
Adopt, Advertise and Award Construction	
Contract Board Approval	06/03/03
Bid Opening	07/01/03
Construction	
Temporary Measures	01/31/03
Substantial Completion	02/27/04
Acceptance	05/31/04

* Indicates completed activity.

II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$120,000	(\$120,000)	-0-
Construction			
(a) Interim Measures	-0-	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
(b) Construction	\$154,000	\$391,000	\$ 545,000
(c) Change Orders	<u>-0-</u>	<u>\$ 52,000</u>	<u>\$ 52,000</u>
Subtotal	\$154,000	\$518,000	\$ 672,000
Equipment	-0-	-0-	-0-
Plans & Specifications by Consultant	\$ 25,000	(\$ 25,000)	-0-
Miscellaneous Consultant Services	\$ 34,000	(\$ 34,000)	-0-
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 18,500	(\$ 4,000)	\$ 14,500
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	\$ 3,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 25,500
County Services**	\$ 85,500	\$334,500	\$ 420,000
TOTAL	\$440,000	\$692,000	\$1,132,000

**The revised project budget for County Services includes the budget for consultant services for the Geotechnical Analysis portion of the project if not performed by Public Works.

Appropriation Adjustment

FY 2002-03

4 Votes

FINANCIAL SOURCES

Capital Projects/Refurbishment
Trial Courts Project
Children's Court-Alternate Exit
Criminal Justice Facility Temporary
Construction Fund/CP
A01 - CP - 69201 - R402
\$692,000 Increase Revenue

FINANCIAL USES

Capital Projects/Refurbishment
Trial Courts Project
Children's Court-Alternative Exit

Building and Improvements
A01 - CP - 69210 - 6014
\$692,000 Increase Appropriation

JUSTIFICATION:

The appropriation adjustment is necessary to increase appropriation and revenue from the Criminal Justice Facility Temporary Construction Fund to fund an increase in project scope.

Appropriation Adjustment

FY 2002-03

3 Votes

FINANCIAL SOURCES

Criminal Justice Facility Temporary
Construction Fund
Services and Supplies
B09 - AO - 40020 - 2000
\$692,000 Decrease Appropriation

FINANCIAL USES

Criminal Justice Facility Temporary
Construction Fund
Other Financing Uses
B09 - AO - 40020 - 6100
\$692,000 Increase Appropriation

JUSTIFICATION:

The appropriation adjustment is necessary to transfer appropriation from Services and Supplies to Other Financing Uses to account for an increase in funding allocated to the Children's Court Alternative Exit Capital Project No. 69210.