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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, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL
FOR FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY PROJECTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve an overall Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of 17 percent for highway construction projects funded by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the Federal Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2003.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will establish an overall DBE goal of 17 percent for highway construction projects funded by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration for the Federal Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2003, as required by Federal regulations and Caltrans.

The Federal Highway Administration is responsible for approving each state's DBE program and its annual DBE goal for the use of Federal-aid highway funds. In California, the California Department of Transportation is responsible for monitoring and approving the DBE program and requires each local agency that administers Federal-Aid Highway Construction projects to prepare a DBE program and establish an annual DBE goal subject to their approval. The overall goal of 17 percent was approved by Caltrans on September 13, 2002.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will satisfy requirements for receipt of Federal funds to provide improved highway facilities for the traveling public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

Federal Highway Administration funds for executing Federal-Aid Highway Construction projects are included in the adopted 2002-03 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Federal requirements for a DBE program for projects funded by the United States Department of Transportation are contained in 49 CFR Part 26, which was enacted on September 1, 1999. On December 19, 2000, your Board approved a DBE program which conforms to these requirements. A requirement of this program is that each year the DBE participation goal be calculated using a method approved by Caltrans.

Federal regulations require that a notice announcing this proposed goal be published in a newspaper. A notice was published in the Los Angeles Times, Daily News, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Los Angeles Sentinel, and the Antelope Valley Press on July 3, 2002, and in La Opinión on July 4, 2002, stating the program was available for review at the Department of Public Works and that public comments would be received for 45 days. No public comments were received.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

There is no impact on current services associated with the recommended action.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
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