

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department

1100 North Eastern Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90063

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

(Address)

12400 East Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

Project Title: Community Broadband Network Services Work Order CBN-2 South Los Angeles

Project Applicant: County of Los Angeles Internal Services Department

Project Location - Specific:

Various; see Attachment A hereto for description

Project Location - City: Los Angeles & Unincorporated

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

On April 25, 2024, the Internal Services Department of the County of Los Angeles executed Community Broadband Network Services Work Order CBN-1 South Los Angeles (Work Order) that provides for the following future potential activities which are not yet approved. Installation and management of core network infrastructure equipment by a Contractor to provide new, low-cost internet access services in neighborhoods experiencing a digital divide where it is estimated that 20 percent or more of households lack internet service subscriptions. Administrative activity, including design, planning, supportive and other activity is also included in the Work Order. The execution of the agreement is an administrative activity which will not authorize any activity that is considered a project under CEQA to proceed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles by the Internal Services Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: County of Los Angeles by the Internal Services Department

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sec. 21065; Sec. 15061(b)(3); Sec. 15378(b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

See Attachment A hereto.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Eric Sasaki

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (323) 457-5414

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: April 26, 2024 Title: Manager, Major Programs

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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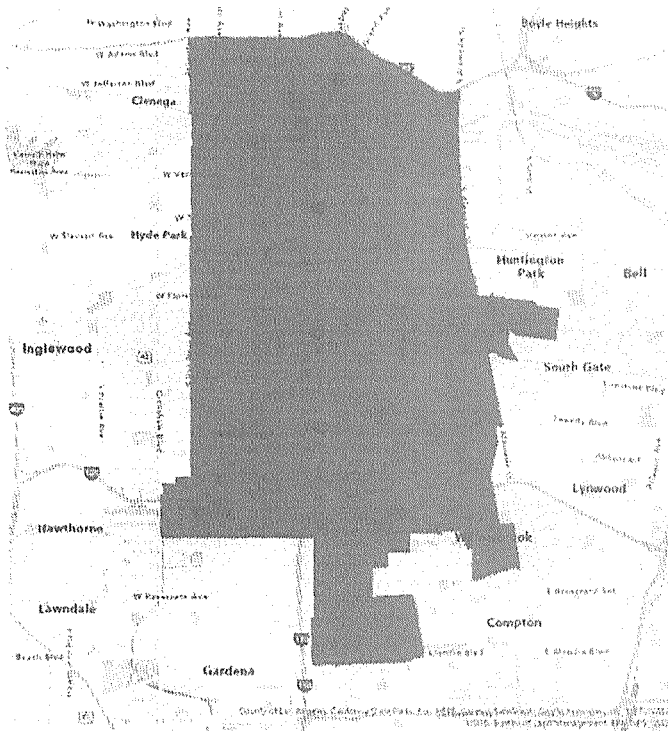
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ATTACHMENT A

PROJECT LOCATION:

The geographic area of the Work Order is composed of the following neighborhoods: Adams-Normandie, University Park, Historic South-Central, Exposition Park, Vermont Square, South Park, Central-Alameda, Chesterfield Square, Harvard Park, Vermont-Slauson, Florence, Florence-Firestone, Manchester Square, Vermont Knolls, Gramercy Park, Westmont, Vermont Vista, Broadway-Manchester, Green Meadows, Watts, Athens, Willowbrook, and West Rancho Dominguez. This geographic area has communities both incorporated in the City of Los Angeles, as well as Los Angeles County Unincorporated Areas.



The South Los Angeles Service Area has a total geographic area of 43.5 square miles with S Van Ness Ave bordering the west side of the area (with the exception of the NW corner being bordered by Arlington Ave), the north end being bordered by the Santa Monica Freeway, the east end being bordered by S Alameda (with the exception of a small area in the center east almost reaching State street and another small area being bordered by Mona street) and the South end of the area being bordered by W El Segundo Blvd (with the exception of a central south section reaching E Alondra Blvd and the SE tip reaching E Oris street).

Although this geographic area is covered by the Work Order, no individual Projects subject to CEQA are approved by execution of the Work Order.

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REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

The Work Order approval does not constitute a Project under the California Public Resources Code Section 21065, as it does not authorize activities which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. Prior to approval of any activity that would be considered a project under the Work Order, a description of activity proposed at each site would be necessary and a subsequent written Notice to Proceed by the County would be required.

This Work Order includes requirements for the Contractor to design the core network infrastructure system to be installed, including the proposed locations where the equipment is proposed to be installed. The implementation activities in the Work Order that could have the potential to cause significant effect on the environment require a written Notice to Proceed from the County to the Contractor prior to those activities being initiated. Before the written Notice to Proceed is issued, the Contractor is required to utilize third-party subcontractor(s) to conduct feasibility studies on the proposed locations in its core network infrastructure design. The County will make a CEQA determination based on the Project Record after its own third-party contractor review of the Contractor's feasibility studies.

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations Section 15061(b)(3), the Work Order is also exempt from CEQA, under the common sense exemption that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment. Absent a Notice to Proceed, no work that would be considered a Project may proceed under the Work Order.

The action is an administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b). Additional activities included in the Work Order include the creation of design documents, plans, and work schedules, project management services, contract compliance activities, conducting meetings, ordering of equipment, deployment preparation, maintenance and operations of the internet service, acquisition of subscribers, provisioning and delivering of internet services to subscribers, community engagement, marketing, and reporting services, none of which meet the definition of a Project under CEQA.