



Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Riggins and the Honorable Members of the City Council

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Approved by: Rob DuBoux, Acting City Manager

Date prepared: November 5, 2025 Meeting date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Acceptance of Emergency Guardrail Repair Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION: 1) Accept Public Works agreement with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for emergency guardrail repairs in order to immediately preserve public safety; and 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to submit for recordation a Notice of Completion.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact with accepting the work complete. Funding for this agreement is included in the Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26 in Account Nos. 102-9225-5100 (Burn Area Guardrail Repl – Palisades Fire) and 102-9226-5100 (Malibu Canyon Rd Guardrail – Franklin). Funding for this project includes California Joint Powers of Authority (JPIA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: N/A.

DISCUSSION: On January 7, 2025, a fire broke out in Pacific Palisades, north of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in between Temescal Canyon Road and Palisades Drive. The fire spread west, affecting areas within the jurisdiction of City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, and the City of Malibu. The fire combined with a historic Santa Ana Wind event and power outages created conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property. The Acting Director of Emergency Services (Acting City Manager) proclaimed the existence of a local emergency on January 8, 2025, and the proclamation was ratified by the City Council on January 15, 2025. City Council Meeting 02-24-25 Item 1.B.11. 1 Page 2 of 2 Agenda Item # 1.B.11. The City of Malibu’s Emergency Operations Center was activated on January 7, 2025, and continued to remain active during the event. Once it was safe, the Public Works Director and field staff were able to conduct damage assessments to the City’s infrastructure in the burn area. It was discovered that the existing metal beam guardrails along Tuna Canyon Road, Big Rock Drive, Las Flores

Canyon Road, Rambla Pacifico Street, Carbon Canyon Road, Rambla Vista neighborhood, and Malibu Canyon Road were destroyed and required replacement. The replacement of damaged or destroyed guardrails is imperative to ensure public roads are safe for all modes of travel. The replacement work included upgrading guardrails with Midwest Guardrail Systems per the latest standards, with steel posts for fire resistance.

The work is now complete. Staff recommends the City Council to accept the work performed by Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. and authorize the Public Works Director to submit for recordation a Notice of Completion for the project.

STAFF FOLLOW-UP: Upon acceptance by the City Council of the work associated with this contract, staff will record the Notice of Completion with the Los Angeles County Registrar/Recorder's Office which will allow the City to then release the retention monies following a required 35-day holding period.

ATTACHMENTS: None.