



ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority
FROM: Art Gallucci, Interim Executive Director
DATE: May 13, 2009

SUBJECT: AN INFORMATION REPORT REGARDING RECENT FUNDING REQUESTS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD RELATING TO FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS

The Orangeline Development Authority is a joint powers agency formed to pursue development of a high speed environmentally friendly transit system in Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

- City of Artesia
City of Bell
City of Bellflower
City of Cerritos
City of Cudahy
City of Downey
City of Glendale
City of Huntington Park
City of Maywood
City of Palmdale
City of Paramount
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BACKGROUND

OLDA staff continues to seek funding opportunities that may be available to support the development of the Orangeline. Staff also continues to monitor progress on the recently enacted \$800 billion American Revitalization and Recovery Act (ARRA) and will pursue funding on behalf of OLDA as soon as project eligibility and funding guidelines are released. In addition to pursuing funding opportunities available through ARRA, OLDA staff has also been working to identify additional funding sources that may be available through the traditional federal allocation process.

To date OLDA staff has submitted a total of \$203 million in funding requests to support the Orangeline. Said requests are outlined below and a narrative description of the submissions follows.

Table with 3 columns: Agency Applied To, Amount, Notes. Includes rows for California BTHA* (\$200,000,000) and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez** (\$3,000,000), with a Total of \$203,000,000.

Staff submitted a \$200 million funding request to the State of California Business, Transportation and Housing Authority (BTHA), for inclusion in the Economic Recovery Work Plan that BTHA is preparing for projects throughout the state. Said Work Plans are intended to identify the most promising, impactful projects from throughout California and will help to present a

consolidated consensus of the projects that will yield the greatest benefits to California. Participation in the development of the Economic Recovery Work Plan was not mandatory; however, it represents an outstanding opportunity to get valuable exposure for the Orangeline project.

Staff also recently completed the submission of a \$3 million funding request to Congresswoman Linda Sanchez for possible funding consideration in the upcoming 2009 Federal Transportation Reauthorization Bill. OLDA was fortunate to be recognized as a National "High Priority Project" in the 2005 version of the Transportation Reauthorization Bill and received an initial funding earmark of \$350,000 to support financial planning and engineering studies.

CONCLUSION

Staff continues to pursue potential funding opportunities to support the development of the Orangeline. It is anticipated that additional guidance for project eligibility and submission guidelines will soon be available for funding opportunities through ARRA. Staff will work to keep the Board apprised of any additional potential funding sources and will continue to pursue opportunities to advance public support of the Orangeline.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board:

1. Review and discuss the information provided, and;
2. Receive and file this report.