

Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority, is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a high speed, grade separated transit system that is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options for riders of this region utilizing safe, advanced transit technology to expand economic growth that will benefit Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

- City of Artesia
- City of Bell
- City of Bell Gardens
- City of Bellflower
- City of Cerritos
- City of Cudahy
- City of Downey
- City of Glendale
- City of Huntington Park
- City of Maywood
- City of Paramount
- City of Santa Clarita
- City of South Gate
- City of Vernon
- Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid
FROM: Michael R. Kodama, Executive Director
DATE: January 8, 2014
SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT CORRIDOR GUIDELINES PROJECT-LESSONS LEARNED AND ACTIONS MOVING FORWARD**

ISSUE

Eco Rapid Transit received a grant from METRO to develop Guidelines for the Transit Corridor. Following the requirements of the grant, staff has begun gathering best practices from around the world. The question becomes what guidelines to adopt and how to ensure implementation.

BACKGROUND

The Metro TOD grant led to discussions with South Pasadena, Santa Monica and the Urban Land Institute, LA Land Use Committee. From these organizations staff have learned that we need to have specific requirements at the station areas, that we need to have an early agreement with Metro and we need to have a image to market what we are doing, to create the political will to accomplish our goals.

In response we have revised our draft Guidelines outline and begun incorporating information into the Guidelines. Staff drafted a one-page (attached for your review) information sheet and are developing scenarios for our involvement with Metro. This should take place now during the Alternative Analysis phase of our project.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Receive and file the report.

ECO-RAPID TRANSIT

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH TRANSIT

Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority, is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) consisting of 15 members (14 cities –Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Cudahy, Downey, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, South Gate, Vernon, Glendale, Santa Clarita and the Burbank – Glendale – Pasadena Airport Authority (Bob Hope Airport) representing 4.8 million people in Los Angeles County. Designed to create an environmentally friendly and energy efficient transit system serving the communities along the West Santa Ana Branch of the Pacific Electric Right of Way and the Antelope Valley line.

Goals of the Transit Corridor

- Economic Development/connecting people to jobs
- Maximizing neighborhood and station connectivity
- Establishing multi modal transit hubs at station locations
- Enhancing opportunities for public spaces and commerce
- Designing surrounding streets for people and active transportation
- Creating affordable and accessible housing-50% of regions housing growth to be built in TOD
- Managing Parking effectively

Studies Completed/Underway

- Environmental Justice study of transit potential in underserved communities
- Alternative Analysis – completed by SCAG and transmitted to Metro for further action
- Transportation Land Use study of Station areas
- Transit Oriented Corridor Guidelines

Funding Opportunities

- State Authorized to issue Infrastructure Development Bonds
- Measure R
- Metro Call for Projects
- Cap and Trade

Anticipated completion date—2023 with a daily ridership of 70,000.



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