

Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority, is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a transit system that moves as rapidly as possible, uses grade separation as appropriate, and 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 maximizes ridership in Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

**AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Members of Eco-Rapid Transit  
**FROM:** Michael Kodama, Executive Director  
**DATE:** January 13, 2016  
**SUBJECT:** **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**ISSUE**

Under the leadership of co-chairs Maria Davila and Luis Marquez, staff seeks guidance in the development of action items to support Eco-Rapid Transit and the West Santa Ana Branch.

**DISCUSSION**

Staff has scheduled a Legislative Briefing for our regional, state and federal representatives for Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room. Staff also seeks your guidance in not only creating a program for our county, regional, state and federal representatives but to also include our own city council members, staff and commissions.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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

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City of Bell

City of Bell Gardens

City of Bellflower

City of Cudahy

City of Downey

City of Glendale

City of Huntington Park

City of Maywood

City of Paramount

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