

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: **ACTION REGARDING FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT EXERCISE POWERS AGREEMENT AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION**

ISSUE

In October, the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors had an opportunity to discuss the feasibility of potential changes to the existing Joint Exercise Powers Agreement (JEPA). During the past few months, staff has also worked with members and potential members to clarify issues.

Staff has prepared a draft Fifth Amendment to the JEPA and Resolution for consideration with added authority for the city members to appoint Alternates who are either city employees or residents. Attached is a Board Resolution to adopt all.

BACKGROUND

The Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors has approved four amendments to the JEPA. This amendment adds authority for the city members to appoint Alternates who are either city employees or residents, and would no longer be limited to other elected officials. This provides the same flexibility for the city members as the County and Airport members already have (as well as potential City of Los Angeles members). This Amended and Restated JEPA incorporates all previous amendments, so even if a Board member did not previously receive the 4th Amended JEPA approved by the city council, this can be taken to their respective city councils instead.

The proposed amendment also names the City of Bell as a City for establishing the limitations on powers, as it is a general law city. Bell is now a charter city, so the correct member is Bell Gardens, which is a general law city.

The By-laws have been amended to conform to the JPA Amendment.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Approve the 5th Amendment to the Joint Exercise Powers Agreement.
3. Approve the Board Resolution.

- City of Artesia
- 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
- City of South Gate
- City of Vernon
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