

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:

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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## AGENDA REPORT

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

### ISSUE

In December, Eco-Rapid Transit Board directed staff to coordinate and host a Legislative Summit on February 19, 2016. Board Members and staff will discuss follow-up activities regarding the Summit.

### BACKGROUND

In November 2015, Eco-Rapid Transit hosted the first ever Transportation Summit. The Summit brought renewed interest to the efforts to build the West Santa Ana Branch Line. The Summit also underscored the strengths of Eco-Rapid Transit as an organization and its need to secure political support for the Line and Eco-Rapid Transit activities.

### 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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# Legislative Briefing

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

8:00AM to 10:00AM

*Gateway Cities*

16401 Paramount Boulevard  
Paramount CA 90723

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I BELIEVE THAT  
WE  
WILL **RIDE**

*Eco-Rapid Transit Mission*

Economy  
Environment  
Equity

