

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:

A G E N D A R E P O R T

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit
FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director
DATE: December 14, 2016
SUBJECT: **SPECIAL PRESENTATION – THE HONORABLE LUIS H. MARQUEZ**

ISSUE

The Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors is recognizing the accomplishments of the Honorable Luis H. Marquez who served as the representative of the City of Downey from 2008 to 2016.

BACKGROUND

For the past eight years, Luis Marquez served as the Mayor and City Councilmember for the City of Downey. During this time, he represented the City of Downey on the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors. He was elected by his colleagues to serve two terms as Vice-Chair and two terms as Chair.

During his time as Chair, he led efforts to complete an alternative analysis of the West Santa Ana Branch and complete a Ground Access Study for Hollywood Burbank Airport. He also opened up international opportunities and helped the JPA plan for transit oriented development, environmental justice and move forward towards construction of a rail transit corridor to serve Southeast Los Angeles County. During his time as a board member, the JPA has been instrumental in the development of the West Santa Ana Branch rail transit corridor. It has led efforts to create plane-to-train transportation options and is creating a more sustainable and regional approach to economic development in its member communities.

As Chair of Eco-Rapid Transit and Mayor of the City of Downey, Luis Marquez led efforts to develop a new station concept that will serve Eco-Rapid Transit, the City of Downey and the County of Los Angeles, creating a Soccer Village at the proposed Gardendale station.

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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