

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
- Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority

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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: December 14, 2016

SUBJECT: **PRESENTATION BY THERESE MCMILLAN, CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER, METRO REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT AND WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH**

ISSUE

Eco-Rapid Transit is pleased to introduce Therese McMillan, the Chief Planning Officer of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

BACKGROUND

Therese McMillan is the former Acting Administrator of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Therese McMillan. Before her career at FTA, McMillan was Deputy Executive Director of Policy at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area.

Among her professional accomplishments are serving as an Advisory Board Member for the UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies and serving as President of the Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS) of San Francisco in 1989 and 1990. She was also awarded Member of the Year and Woman of the Year in the WTS San Francisco Chapter, and Woman of the Year for the WTS chapters of Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. McMillan was awarded the UC Berkley College of Environmental Design Distinguished Alumna Award in 2011, and served on several committees of the Transportation Research Board.

McMillan holds Master’s degrees in City and Regional Planning, and Civil Engineering Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning at the University of California, Davis. She also attended high school at St. Mary’s Academy in Inglewood, near the Crenshaw/LAX Line currently under construction and is very familiar with our communities and since arriving at Metro, has been very instrumental in moving the West Santa Ana Branch forward project on multiple fronts.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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