

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: December 14, 2016
SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION BY BORJA LEON, CITY OF LOS ANGELES REGARDING MEMBERSHIP AND PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

ISSUE

Borja Leoni is the Transportation Director for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti. He will provide an update regarding the City of Los Angeles.

BACKGROUND

Eco-Rapid Transit staff have been working with the City of Los Angeles. Mr. Leon will provide an update regarding participation by the City of Los Angeles in the project.

Mayor Eric Garcetti committed to joining Eco-Rapid Transit and working with us on the West Santa Ana Branch project. He said that this needs to be a priority project to “right a wrong” and provide service to the industrial and manufacturing center of Los Angeles County.

On October 18, 2016, he signed Agenda Item Number 18, Council File number 16-1021, which approves the City of Los Angeles membership in the Eco-Rapid Transit.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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