

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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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: UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE TRANSIT CORRIDOR

ISSUE

Eco-Rapid Transit has been working with the Los Angeles County Transportation Authority (Metro) on the design and development of a Sustainable Transit Corridor including both Near Term and Long term activities.

Current Activities have included the preparation of a Request for Proposal for initial TOD studies for Green Line Station, the Rosecrans and Paramount station as well as a vision for proposed stations serving the City of Vernon. Additionally, staff has visited the Montrose Maintenance facility to better understand the needs and requirements for the WSAB transit line.

Having received a corridor planning grant from FTA, Metro and Eco-Rapid Transit staff have been reviewing a scope of work, to be issued by Metro, that would utilized to solicit interest from a multi-disciplined team to help design an economically sustainable transit corridor.

BACKGROUND

In February, 2016, the Metro Board approved an allocation of \$18 million to Eco-Rapid Transit for the Planning and Development of a Strategic Sustainable Transit Oriented Corridor Plan. Since that time, Metro has been working to identify opportunities for funding to meet that commitment.

The funding thus far has included:

- The Near Term Activities: \$230,000
- The Transit Oriented Corridor Planning Grant: \$1.9 million
- Applications for ATP – state and SCAG
- Environmental Impact Studies- \$700,000 funding for participation are review (the cost of the EIR/S is up to \$14 million)

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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