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## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: April 12, 2017

SUBJECT: **PRESENTATION BY HASAN IKHRATA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG)**

Public comments on items on the agenda will be taken at the time the item is called and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker

### ISSUE

Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments and will provide an update on regional activities and opportunities related to Eco-Rapid Transit and the West Santa Ana Branch.

### BACKGROUND

Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the largest metropolitan planning organization in the United States. Appointed in January 2008, Mr. Ikhata has over 25 years of public and private sector experience in Transportation Planning in Southern California. At SCAG Mr. Ikhata implements the policies of an 83-member Regional Council and directs day-to-day operations of the agency. He has been a transformational and unifying leader. This includes providing the leadership that led to the West Santa Ana Branch/Pacific Electric Right-of-Way Alternative Analysis which has been critical for our project.

Mr. Ikhata has received several awards and honors from various organizations and agencies including MOVE LA, for Outstanding Leadership as Executive Director of SCAG in preparation of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. He has also been recognized by the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), Orange County Business Council, Orange County Division, League of California Cities and numerous others.

Mr. Ikhata holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil and Industrial Engineering from Zaporozhye University in the former Soviet Union; a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA and a PhD Candidacy in Urban Planning and Transportation from USC.



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## RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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