



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: April 12, 2017

SUBJECT: **AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$129,722 TO GRUEN ASSOCIATES FOR THE PREPARATION OF TWO (2) STATION AREA PLANS AND ONE (1) VISIONING PLAN**

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ISSUE

In January 2017, Eco-Rapid Transit issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct Station Area and Visioning Plans for proposed stations in Paramount, South Gate and Vernon respectively. The RFP generated four proposals and interviews were conducted by a panel of City and Metro staff who have selected Gruen Associates to perform the work. Eco-Rapid Transit drafted a professional services contract not to exceed \$129,722 for a term ending in February 2018 to prepare two station area plans and one visioning plan.

BACKGROUND

In April 2016, the MTA Board authorized entering into a \$230,800 Funding Agreement with the Gateway Council of Governments and implemented by Eco-Rapid Transit for the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor-Sustainable Transit Oriented Corridor predevelopment and planning activities. The Agreement was executed in June 2016 and encompasses five (5) tasks. Task 3 is related to completing Station Area Land Use Plans for Paramount and South Gate and a Visioning Planning Study for Vernon. This work will be incorporated into the ongoing environmental review process and is expected to commence in April 2017 and be completed in February 2018.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and authorize the award of the proposed contract.