

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:

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: **APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION AND MODIFICATION FOR 2019 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,000 FOR EMERSON & ASSOCIATES**

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ISSUE

Eco-Rapid Transit staff requests board approval to extend the contract of Emerson & Associates for one year with an additional allocation of \$48,000 for services to be rendered in the upcoming calendar year, effective January 2019 until December 31, 2019.

BACKGROUND

Norman Emerson, Emerson & Associates, has been providing guidance to the Executive Director and Board of Directors since 2009. He has been an instrumental part of the project team and helped to set the vision and planning concepts which have been critical in the creation of the rail transit project and corridor-wide economic development program currently underway.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Approve contract extension with an additional allocation of \$48,000 for services in the upcoming calendar year.

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