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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: June 12, 2019

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING AWARD OF EXCELLENCE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING/2019 AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION LOS ANGELES**

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

Eco-Rapid Transit is receiving an Award of Excellence for Neighborhood Planning at the 2019 American Planning Association Los Angeles Awards Ceremony. The Los Angeles Section will be honoring our team and all of this year's award recipients.

BACKGROUND

Eco-Rapid Transit and our members are being recognized for our work and will be receiving an Award of Excellence for Neighborhood Planning at the 2019 American Planning Association Los Angeles Awards Ceremony. This was a very competitive category and involved selection by a jury of our peers. The Los Angeles Section will be honoring our team and all of this year's award recipients.

The awards ceremony will be held on **Thursday, June 20, 2019** at the Aratani Theater in Little Tokyo. The Ceremony is from 6pm to 9pm. Congratulations to Glendale and Gateway Cities for also being award winners:

Comprehensive Plan, Large Jurisdiction: Downtown Specific Plan – City of Glendale, Community Development Department – Planning Division

Innovation in Green Community Planning: Gateway Cities Climate Action Plan Framework – Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Environmental Science Associates, Institute for Local Government, National Community Renaissance, Raimi + Associates, and Fehr & Peers

Transportation Planning: I-710 Livability Initiative – Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Fehr & Peers

Distinguished Leadership – Planning Agency: Gateway Cities Council of Governments

Thank you to the Eco-Rapid Transit staff who have worked hard for many years on this project. Thank you to Emerson & Associates, Gateway Cities COG, LA Metro & SCAG who are sub-recipients for this award. It is truly a team effort.

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City of Downey

City of Glendale

City of Huntington Park

City of Maywood

City of Paramount

City of South Gate

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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