

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: August 14, 2019
SUBJECT: **ECO-RAPID TRANSIT LEADERSHIP MEETING TOPICS**

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 has transitioned to a new Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary and will provide an oral report regarding preparation and planning for the upcoming year.

BACKGROUND

The Eco-Rapid Transit Leadership met on July 31st to discuss possible directions for the JPA over the coming years. The general consensus was that the MTA is committed to building the line and the Eco-Rapid JPA should dedicate its efforts to building the communities. The JPA needs to support the contributions and development desires and goals of each city. The JPA does not wish to take away local focus but create a comprehensive plan that highlights each jurisdiction.

The JPA needs to focus on economic development and make sure the MTA incorporates development needs into infrastructure where possible and feasible.

This emphasis should be discussed with the city managers and each cities' economic development goals and direction articulated with the goal of having a meeting in September with city managers and Board Members to chart this direction.

The JPA also needs to focus on messaging and developing social support for the Line and the beneficial impacts on communities. Building community support is critical.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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

City of Artesia

City of Bell

City of Bell Gardens

City of Cudahy

City of Downey

City of Glendale

City of Huntington Park

City of Maywood

City of Paramount

City of South Gate

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