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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
ECO-RAPID TRANSIT/ORANGE LINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
September 11, 2019
Raul Perez Park, City of Huntington Park

CALL TO ORDER

Eco-Rapid Transit Chair Karina Macias called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM at the City of Huntington Park Raul Perez Park

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sean Ashton, Board Secretary, Councilmember, City of Downey, led the assembly in the salute of the flag.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

Authority Board Members:

Karina Macias, Chair, Mayor, City of Huntington Park
Ali Sajjad Taj, Vice-Chair, Councilmember, City of Artesia
Sean Ashton, Board Secretary, Councilmember, City of Downey
Jose R. Gonzalez, Board Auditor, Mayor, City of Cudahy
Silvia Martinez, Board Member, Planning Commissioner, City of Bell
Frank Quintero, Alternate Board Member, Hollywood Burbank Airport and
Councilmember, City of Glendale
Alondra Olmos, Board Member, Planning Commissioner, City of Maywood
Maria Davila, Board Member, Councilmember, City of South Gate

Others:

Michael R. Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit
Karen Heit, Deputy Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit
William Rawlings, City Manager, City of Artesia
Sharon Weissman, Metro Board Deputy, City of Long Beach
Juan Garza, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Bellflower
Melissa Burke, Administrative Manager, City of Artesia
Michael O'Kelly, City Manager, City of Bell Gardens
Jose Pulido, City Manager, City of Cudahy
Raul Rodriguez, Commissioner, City of Maywood
Mike Flad, City Manager, City of South Gate
Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, LA Metro
Roxanna Gracia, Account Executive, Lee Andrews Group
Robin Osborne, Civil Engineer, Kimley-Horn
Allyn Rifkin, Transportation Planner, Eco-Rapid Transit
Lillian Burkenheim, Community Planning & Development Director, Eco-Rapid Transit
Cristina Quintero, Administration, Michael Kodama Planning Consultants

ITEM 4 – CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of Minutes August 14, 2019**
- b. Approval of Warrant Register dated September 11, 2019**
- c. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for the period of August 2019**

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey moved to approve consent calendar, Ali Sajjad Taj, Councilmember, City of Artesia seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

ITEM 6 – UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH

Michael R. Kodama, Eco-Rapid Transit Executive Director noted that the September 4th West Santa Ana Branch Summit event led by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors/LA Metro Directors, Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis and hosted by the City of Bellflower, highlighted the status of the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) and laid out some of the key issues that remain to be determined. Mr. Kodama noted that Supervisor Hahn stressed how important it is for her that the WSAB be constructed with the collaboration of the local stakeholders. This sentiment was also expressed by Supervisor Solis and Metro CEO Phil Washington.

Members of the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors addressed the assembly with their comments and concerns regarding the meeting and in particular a new proposal by Metro to terminate the Initial Operational Segment (IOS) of WSAB at the Slauson (Blue Line) Station and not have the line reach downtown Los Angeles. The IOS reflects insufficient funding to complete the line at this time. Construction of the IOS would require a transfer for transit riders who wish to travel from Artesia to downtown Los Angeles. The Board Members, who spoke, were not in favor of this latest Metro proposal.

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey, moved to receive and file the item, Frank Quintero, Councilmember, City of Glendale seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

ITEM 7 – UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CITY MANAGERS DEBRIEF AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT STEPS

Michael Kodama noted that this item was scheduled for discussion last month but was tabled as the City Managers could not attend and provide input. The goal is to keep the lines of communication open between City Managers and the Eco-Rapid Transit Board and staff. Board member Ali Taj spoke on the need for the corridor cities to continue to move forward together in implementing this line and looking out for local economic development interests, Board member Maria Davila also emphasized the need for the corridor to remain united in pushing common goals as well as reaping maximum economic benefit. Board member Sean Ashton indicated that it was important for the corridor cities to keep the political force together and asked if anyone had started considerations for the Metro requirement for 3% local contribution. Member Ashton then asked the City Managers assembled what should the JPA be doing?

Mike Flad, City Manager, City of South Gate spoke about some of the frustrations he shares with other city managers, in particular the managers for Bellflower, Paramount and Downey. He expressed concerns about: the capacity of Eco-Rapid Transit (Board and staff) to complete projects; the lack of funding which impacts both Eco-Rapid Transit JPA and the WSAB corridor cities; how the WSAB transit corridor is more than a transit line, it is an opportunity to create jobs, housing and remediate environmental issues; and that the "one seat ride" to Union Station is critical and that he encouraged the Board to not abandon that position.

Mr. Flad asked that the Board work with Metro to: have Metro finalize the local contribution match that each city will be required to provide; define how Project Labor Agreements that will cover construction might also include the post construction labor agreements; define what "being on the same team means to Metro"; determine how the First/Last mile connections to the proposed stations will be funded and what expenses Metro will consider as contributions to the local contribution; define what is the role of Eco-Rapid Transit and the cities in the Public/Private/Project (P3) process; define what Metro considers the boundaries of the P3 project area; support Eco-Rapid Transit and WSAB corridor cities lobbying efforts; and have a Technical Advisory Committee formed at the Gateway Cities Council Of Government. Mr. Flad found the terms "ornament" and "unicorn" offensive when applied to City suggested additions to the project and that they betrayed the seriousness of the proposals like the LA River Confluence Station.

William Rawlings, City Manager, City of Artesia addressed the Board and gave his perspective on what issues most impact his city. Primarily, Mr. Rawlings seeks to maximize the economic benefits that the transit line investment will bring. The City is already meeting with potential development entities. Secondly, there isn't current funding to adequately prepare for the future economic development. Eco-Rapid Transit and the member cities should aggressively seek out grants.

José Pulido, City Manager, City of Cudahy addressed the Board and provided his vision on what should be the focus for Eco-Rapid Transit and the member cities. Mr. Pulido stated that economic development was the primary issue for Cudahy and he believes that creating a local non-profit economic development entity will be a key participant in the continued revitalization of his city.

Board Member Jose Gonzalez stated that he would like to review the Strategic Visioning Plan and have a working session on where the agency should go. Board Chair Karina Macias said if there is such a session the City Manager's should also attend if possible.

After some additional discussion the Board decided the following:

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey, moved to incorporate the city manager's input into a refined "vision/mission" statement for the WSAB corridor for Board review and approval. José R. Gonzalez, Mayor, City of Cudahy seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey, moved to direct staff to prepare a letter to the MTA Board of Directors to express the Board's unanimous support for the Artesia to LA Union Station option, Ali Sajjad Taj, Councilmember, City of Artesia seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

ITEM 8 – COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE BOARD

No items were presented.

ITEM 9 – COMMUNICATION ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

Ali Sajjad Taj, Councilmember, City of Artesia noted that the City of Artesia has recently been awarded a grant from the State of California. He encouraged other cities and Eco-Rapid Transit to reach out to their elected officials and they may want to consider hiring a lobbyist. Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey invited those present to visit Downey on September 21st as the City will be celebrating their International Food and Music Festival.

Allyn Rifkin, Eco-Rapid Transit Transportation Planner reported his attendance at the Metro stakeholder’s community meeting in the City of Paramount on September 9, 2019.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Secretary

Attest:

Chair

Approved:

**ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ECO-RAPID TRANSIT
WARRANT REGISTER
(OCTOBER 9, 2019)**

NAME	AMOUNT
ALI SAJJAD	\$100.00
SILVIA MARTINEZ	\$100.00
JOSE R. GONZALEZ	\$100.00
SEAN ASHTON	\$100.00
KARINA MACIAS	\$100.00
ALONDRA OLMOS	\$100.00
MARIA DAVILA	\$100.00
FRANK QUINTERO	\$100.00
MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Admin Services)	\$3,074.24
MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Reimbursement)	\$107.49
MICHAEL R. KODAMA(General Fund)	\$5,008.00
LILLIAN BURKENHEIM	\$673.08
COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	\$140.46
BULLDOG PREMIUM FINANCE	\$453.43
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KONICA MINOLTA	\$367.18
LA FORET ADVERTISING	\$250.00
PIP PRINTING	\$176.40
NEOFUNDS	\$41.91
SABOR COLOMBIANO	\$380.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$11,588.67</u>



REPORT: 10/9/19
 RUN: 10/9/19

Check #	Invoice #	Dated	Name	Distribution	Net Amount
011764	2019-09	09/11/19	ALI SAJJAD	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011765	2019-09	09/11/19	SILVIA MARTINEZ	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011766	2019-09	09/11/19	JOSE R. GONZALEZ	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011767	2019-09	09/11/19	SEAN ASHTON	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011768	2019-09	09/11/19	KARINA MACIAS	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011769	2019-09	09/11/19	ALONDRA OLMOS	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011770	2019-09	09/11/19	MARIA DAVILA	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011771	2019-09	09/11/19	FRANK QUINTERO	09/11/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011772	2019-09	09/30/19	MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Admin Services)	Professional Services/General Fund	\$3,074.24
011773	2019-09	09/30/19	MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Reimbursement)	Reimbursement Insurance/office supplies	\$107.49
011774	2019-08	08/31/19	MICHAEL R. KODAMA(General Fund)	Professional Services/General Fund	\$5,008.00
011775	2019-08	08/31/19	LILLIAN BURKENHEIM	Professional Services/General Fund	\$673.08
011776	40062	09/06/19	COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	Legal Services/General Fund	\$140.46
011777	2019-10	09/30/19	BULLDOG PREMIUM FINANCE	Insurance Fees/Directors acct #22281581	\$453.43
011778	2019-09	09/30/19	BULLDOG PREMIUM FINANCE	Insurance Fees/General acct #22272926	\$116.48
011779	34071754	09/30/19	KONICA MINOLTA	Copy Charges/General Fund	\$367.18
011780	580	09/30/19	LA FORET ADVERTISING	Web Maintenace/Eco-Rapid Transit	\$250.00
011781	88431		PIP PRINTING	Printing	\$176.40
011782	2019-09	09/27/19	NEOFUNDS	Postage machine rent/fees	\$41.91
011783	2019-10	10/09/19	SABOR COLOMBIANO	Board dinner (October 2019)	\$380.00
Total Disbursements					\$11,588.67
Replacement Checks					\$0.00
Total Distribution (Disbursements with Replacement checks)					<u>\$11,588.67</u>

Approved for payment by Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors:

ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ECO-RAPID TRANSIT

TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019
(PREPARED ON OCTOBER 9, 2019)

	<u>Bank of the West</u>
Cash, beginning balance (deficit)	\$67,881.86
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership dues - City of Cudahy	\$8,674.45
FTA TOD Project - Invoice #22	\$1,965.24
Total cash receipts	<u><u>\$10,639.69</u></u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Bank fee/Positive Pay Service/Other Charges	-\$71.25
Warrants, approved on 09/11/19	-\$33,506.49
Total expenditures	<u><u>-\$33,577.74</u></u>
Cash, ending balance	<u><u>\$44,943.81</u></u>

Vrej Agajanian, Treasurer