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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
ECO-RAPID TRANSIT/ORANGE LINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
October 9, 2019
Columbia Memorial Space Center, City of Downey

CALL TO ORDER

Eco-Rapid Transit Chair Karina Macias called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM at the City of Huntington Park Raul Perez Park

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Silvia Martinez, Planning Commissioner, City of Bell, 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
Sean Ashton, Board Secretary, Councilmember, City of Downey
Vrej Agajanian, Councilmember, City of Glendale
Silvia Martinez, Board Member, Planning Commissioner, City of Bell
Marco Barcena, Councilmember, City of Bell Gardens
Frank Quintero, Alternate Board Member, Hollywood Burbank Airport and Councilmember, City of Glendale
Alondra Olmos, Board Member, Planning Commissioner, City of Maywood
Laurie Guillen, Councilmember, City of Paramount
Maria Davila, Board Member, Councilmember, City of South Gate

Others:

Melissa Burke, Administrative Manager, City of Artesia
Tyler Bonanno-Curley, Legislative Director, Senator Lena Gonzalez
Deb Vanian, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Downey
Karen Heit, Deputy Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit
Walter Beaumont, Community Planning Staff, Eco-Rapid Transit
Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, LA Metro
Roxanna Gracia, Account Executive, Lee Andrews Group
Cristina Quintero, Administration, Michael Kodama Planning Consultants

ITEM 4 – CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of Minutes September 11, 2019**
- b. Approval of Warrant Register dated October 9, 2019**
- c. Approval of Treasurer’s Report for the period of September 2019**

MOTION: Frank Quintero, Councilmember, City of Glendale moved to approve consent calendar, Maria Davila, Councilmember, City of South Gate seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

At 6:35 p.m. Sean Ashton, Board Secretary and Councilmember, City of Downey joined the meeting.

At 6:45 p.m. Vrej Agajanian, Councilmember, City of Glendale joined the meeting.

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

Karen Heit, Eco-Rapid Transit Deputy Executive Director noted that in September 2019 Metro staff provided the MTA Planning and Programming Committee with an update on the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) Project. The update does not indicate any change in the schedule which contemplates the Draft EIS/EIR Release in December 2020 and the MTA Board selecting the Locally Preferred Alternative in April 2021. Project groundbreaking could occur in early 2022 and revenue service commencing in 2028.

Ms. Heit reviewed the two Initial Operational Segments (IOS) of WSAB with IOS 1 terminating at the Metro Green Line and IOS 2 terminating at the Slauson (Blue Line) Station and therefore, would not have the line reach downtown Los Angeles. These IOS options reflect that Metro has insufficient funding to complete the line at this time. Construction of either of the IOS would require a transfer for transit riders who wish to travel from Artesia to downtown Los Angeles.

Ms. Heit expressed her concern that currently there are no plans to incorporate bike/walking paths or other Active Transportation Plans/First Mile-Last Mile projects in the WSAB environmental review. Maria Davila asked if Metro was taking funding from previously approved projects. Ms. Heit said it wasn't clear; the reasoning given in the update was to avoid any potential delays and not a lack of funding. Ms. Heit stated that Metro would consider Alternative Technical Concepts (ATC) from the private sector who will be invited to partner with Metro as part of a Public-Private Partnership (P3). These ATC's are enhancements to the WSAB Project that were not contemplated in the initial construction or environmental documents. The Board Members discussed this latest Metro update and how best to respond to it. The Board directed Ms. Heit to contact Metro staff to attend the November 15th Board Meeting to explain some of the details contained in the update.

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey, moved to receive and file the item, Maria Davila, Councilmember, City of South Gate 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

Karen Heit noted that this Item was scheduled for discussion in August but was tabled until September to ensure City Managers could 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. The City Managers in attendance provided the Board with some of their concerns, specifically 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 they encouraged the Board to not abandon that position.

Other items that the Managers suggested that the Board work with Metro on include: have Metro finalize the 3% 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.

Ms. Heit asked the Board to review the current Mission Statement and determine if the Statement needs to be revised to reflect the current status of the organization. The assumption is that the WSAB Project will be constructed, so the question is how is the transit line incorporated into the individual WSAB Corridor cities and articulated with a unified vision.

Marco Barcena asked about the labeling of project enhancements as ornaments or unicorns and what are the causes. Ms. Heit commented that the proposed Los Angeles River Confluence Station is a good example. This station was suggested by the current California Speaker of the Assembly, Anthony Rendon as a destination for future activities at the LA River/Rio Hondo confluence. The proposed station is not currently part of the project but care must be taken now to not preclude its future construction. Metro is doing a feasibility study on this station.

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey, moved to receive and file the Item. Maria Davila, Councilmember, City of South Gate seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

ITEM 8 – UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT STRATEGIC VISION

Ms. Heit asked the Board to review the current Mission Statement and compare it with the vision statement for the WSAB Corridor Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan (TODSIP). The WSAB Corridor TODSIP is organized around six distinct strategies: 1) Governance; 2) Equitable Development and Community Preservation; 3) Transit Supportive Planning; 4) Place making; 5) Mobility Access and Connectivity; and 6) Sustainability and Resilience. Ms. Heit discussed these elements in some detail and suggested that this item be brought back in the near future for additional discussion should the Board determine that the organization's Mission Statement be modified.

MOTION: Sean Ashton, Councilmember, City of Downey, moved to receive and file the Item. Silvia Martinez, Planning Commissioner, City of Bell seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

ITEM 9 – COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE BOARD

Julia Brown, Metro Community Relations Manager invited the Board and guests to three upcoming WSAB Transit Corridor Meetings. The meetings will be held in Little Tokyo, Bellflower and Huntington Park in October. The purpose of the meetings is to update the Corridor on the Eco-Rapid Transit

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status of the WSAB project. Specific topics will include: IOS Segments; Public-Private Partnerships; property acquisition process and timeline; and plans for Safety and Security.

Sean Ashton mentioned that he was just notified about a meeting in South Gate on October 23rd from 9-10:30 a.m. for elected officials within the WSAB Corridor. This meeting is a follow-up meeting from the recent panel discussion hosted by Supervisors Solis and Hahn. City Managers and Public Works Directors should also attend.

ITEM 10 – COMMUNICATION ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

No Items were presented.

ITEM 11 – ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM

Secretary

Attest:

Chair

Approved:

**ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
ECO-RAPID TRANSIT
WARRANT REGISTER
(NOVEMBER 13, 2019)**

NAME	AMOUNT
SILVIA MARTINEZ	\$100.00
MARCO BARCENA	\$100.00
SEAN ASHTON	\$100.00
VREJ AGJANIAN	\$100.00
KARINA MACIAS	\$100.00
ALONDRA OLMOS	\$100.00
LAURA GUILLEN	\$100.00
MARIA DAVILA	\$100.00
FRANK QUINTERO	\$100.00
MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Admin Services)	\$3,128.18
MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Reimbursement)	\$409.10
MICHAEL R. KODAMA(General Fund)	\$5,000.00
LILLIAN BURKENHEIM	\$550.00
ERIK YESAYAN	\$712.50
COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	\$35.00
BULLDOG PREMIUM FINANCE	\$453.43
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KONICA MINOLTA	\$367.18
LA FORET ADVERTISING	\$250.00
NEOFUNDS	\$160.94
SABOR COLOMBIANO	\$405.00
PIP PRINTING (VOID Check #011781)	-\$176.40
PIP PRINTING (Replacement check #011805)	\$176.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS WITH REPLACEMENT CHECKS	<u>\$12,487.81</u>



REPORT: 11/13/19
 RUN: 11/13/19

Check #	Invoice #	Dated	Name	Distribution	Net Amount
011784	2019-10	10/09/19	SILVIA MARTINEZ	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011785	2019-10	10/09/19	MARCO BARCENA	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011786	2019-10	10/09/19	SEAN ASHTON	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011787	2019-10	10/09/19	VREJ AGJANIAN	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011788	2019-10	10/09/19	KARINA MACIAS	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011789	2019-10	10/09/19	ALONDRA OLMOS	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011790	2019-10	10/09/19	LAURA GUILLEN	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011791	2019-10	10/09/19	MARIA DAVILA	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011792	2019-10	10/09/19	FRANK QUINTERO	10/9/19 Board Meeting Stipend	\$100.00
011793	2019-10	10/30/19	MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Admin Services)	Professional Services/General Fund	\$3,128.18
011794	2019-10	10/30/19	MICHAEL R. KODAMA(Reimbursement)	Reimbursement Insurance/office supplies	\$409.10
011795	2019-09	09/30/19	MICHAEL R. KODAMA(General Fund)	Professional Services/General Fund	\$5,000.00
011796	2019-09	09/30/19	LILLIAN BURKENHEIM	Professional Services/General Fund	\$550.00
011797	2019-09	09/30/19	ERIK YESAYAN	Professional Services/General Fund	\$712.50
011798	40339	10/30/19	COLANTUONO, HIGHSMITH & WHATLEY	Legal Services/General Fund	\$35.00
011799	2019-11	10/30/19	BULLDOG PREMIUM FINANCE	Insurance Fees/Directors acct #22281581	\$453.43
011800	2019-10	10/30/19	BULLDOG PREMIUM FINANCE	Insurance Fees/General acct #22272926	\$116.48
011801	34231200	10/30/19	KONICA MINOLTA	Copy Charges/General Fund	\$367.18
011802	606	10/30/19	LA FORET ADVERTISING	Web Maintenace/Eco-Rapid Transit	\$250.00
011803	2019-10	10/30/19	NEOFUNDS	Postage machine rent/fees	\$160.94
011804	2019-10	10/30/19	SABOR COLOMBIANO	Board dinner (November 2019)	\$405.00
Total Disbursements					\$12,487.81
Total Void Payment		PIP PRINTING CHECK #011781		Printing	-\$176.40
Replacement Checks		PIP PRINTING CHECK #011805		Printing	\$176.40
Total Distribution (Disbursements with Replacement checks)					<u>\$12,487.81</u>

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

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TREASURER'S REPORT
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019
(PREPARED ON NOVEMBER 13, 2019)

	<u>Bank of the West</u>
Cash, beginning balance (deficit)	\$44,943.81
<u>Receipts:</u>	
Membership dues	\$0.00
Total cash receipts	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>	
Bank fee/Positive Pay Service/Other Charges	-\$55.00
Warrants, approved on 10/9/19	-\$11,588.67
Total expenditures	<u><u>-\$11,643.67</u></u>
 Cash, ending balance	 <u><u>\$33,300.14</u></u>

Vrej Agajanian, Treasurer