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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: November 13, 2019

SUBJECT: **AMEND FY 2020 BUDGET TO REFLECT ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTAND WITH SMART GROWTH AMERICA AND TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE GRANT OBLIGATIONS**

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ISSUE

Eco-Rapid Transit along with Smart Growth America was awarded a Sustainable Communities Grant for the development of a Transit Oriented Community Specific Plan for the Florence/Salt Lake and Pacific/Randolph station areas. The first steps towards implementing that grant is to amend the budget for up to \$681,111 and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Smart Growth America.

Eco-Rapid Transit and Metro are very pleased to have received approval of four out of the five grant applications that were submitted. Additionally, the City of Glendale received SCAG approval for Brand Boulevard Complete Streets and the City of Artesia for their Active Transportation Plan.

This proposed grant will build upon the work completed during the Corridor TOD Strategic Implementation Plan study and be one of the first steps in the implementation strategy.

BACKGROUND

Eco-Rapid Transit and Metro worked together to apply for a Caltrans Sustainable Transit Planning grants for the corridor. These applications were part of our joint effort for Corridor Transit Oriented Development Strategic Implementation Plan. Grant applications were prepared for Bell Gardens (Transportation Element), Huntington Park (Salt Lake/Florence and Pacific/Randolph Station Area Specific Plans, LA County (Slauson Station Area Specific Plan), Paramount (Rosecrans/Paramount and I 105 Greenline Station area) and South Gate bikeway. Eco-Rapid Transit with Smart Growth America were the lead applicants for the development of Specific Plans for the Pacific/Randolph; Florence/Salt Lake; Paramount/Rosecrans; and Greenline/105 station areas.



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RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Amend FY 2020 Budget up the Amount of \$681,111 to Reflect Acceptance and Execution of a Caltrans Sustainable Communities Grant and/or
2. Authorize staff to enter into MOU with Smart Growth America