

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:

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- 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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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: January 8, 2020

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CALTRANS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT TO DEVELOP FLORENCE/SALT LAKE AND PACIFIC/RANDOLPH TRANSIT ORIENTED COMMUNITIES SPECIFIC PLANS**

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 staff will provide an update and status report on this Sustainable Communities Grant.

BACKGROUND

On November 15, 2019, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) executed a Sustainable Communities Grant with Eco-Rapid Transit in the amount of \$681,111 for the Pacific/Randolph and Florence/Salt Lake Transit Oriented Sustainable Communities Specific Plans in the City of Huntington Park. The Local Match amount is \$81,111.

Work has been authorized and the initial meeting with Caltrans staff was held on December 6, 2019. The term of the grant is just over two years with a completion date of February 28, 2022. Staff is working with our members, Metro and Gateway Cities COG to start work on this project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board:

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