



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:

- 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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**AGENDA REPORT**

**TO:** Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors

**FROM:** Michael Kodama, Executive Director

**DATE:** February 12, 2020

**SUBJECT:** **PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE ARA NAJARIAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, BOARD MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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**

Metro Board Director and Glendale City Mayor Ara Najarian will provide an update for the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors.

**BACKGROUND**

Mayor Ara Najarian has served on the Glendale City Council since 2005. During this time, he has provided regional leadership as a member of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, San Fernando Valley Council of Governments and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink).

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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