

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
- Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority

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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: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT AND THE NORTHERN CORRIDOR**

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 regarding the Northern Corridor and seeks input and guidance from the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

Eco-Rapid Transit members in the Northern Corridor include the City of Glendale and Hollywood Burbank Airport.

- Past Eco-Rapid Transit activities with the Airport resulted in the development of a Ground Access Plan and Metro creating new options for travel including "Plane-to-Train" concepts. This resulted in the new Antelope Valley line Metrolink Station at Hollywood Burbank Airport.
- Recent discussions related to California High Speed Rail also impact the Northern Corridor. This creates an opportunity for new rail transit service that can improve service and frequency.
- The City of Glendale has been looking at the potential of a Downtown Glendale streetcar which if it can be integrated into regional transit plans, thereby connecting the West Santa Ana Branch, Downtown Los Angeles and the Northern Corridor.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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