

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: 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 regarding the Caltrans 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 cities of Cudahy, Bell and Maywood are within the station areas. 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.

The initial quarterly report and invoice for work from November 15, 2019 to December 31, 2019 was submitted to Caltrans for approval.

Staff has held initial meetings with Huntington Park and Maywood on this project and is scheduling meetings with Cudahy and Bell and are working with our project partners.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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