



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:** March 11, 2020

**SUBJECT:** **PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE JESS TALAMANTES, COUNCILMEMBER OF THE CITY OF BURBANK, BOARD MEMBER OF THE LOSSAN RAIL CORRIDOR AGENCY, BOARD MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION 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**

The Honorable Jess Talamantes will provide an update on transportation issues impacting Eco-Rapid Transit members.

**BACKGROUND**

The Honorable Jess Talamantes is a councilmember of the City of Burbank. He serves as a Board Member of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency, Board Member of the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments and Board Member of the Southern California Association of Governments and is a leader on transportation issues.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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