

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

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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: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING 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 transportation issues in our northern corridor from Downtown Los Angeles to Glendale and Hollywood Burbank Airport.

BACKGROUND

There are a lot of transportation issues that impact the northern corridor of Eco-Rapid Transit. A current issue is the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) released their 2020 Business Plan which proposes spending HSR funding, \$20.4 billion, in the Central Valley for a 180 mph HSR line from Bakersfield to Merced by 2029.

There is a proposal, **Central Valley Plus** that includes a 125 mph One-Seat Ride Express Rail Line in the Central Valley from Bakersfield to Stockton to Sacramento and San Jose and **a 125 mph Express Rail Line from Burbank Airport to Downtown Union Station to Anaheim's ARTIC HSR station by 2024.**

This will be discussed next week at the California High Speed Rail Authority board meeting scheduled for March 17th at Los Angeles Metro.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board:

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