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A G E N D A R E P O R T

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: April 8, 2020

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE BOARD

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March 13, 2020

Mr. Lenny Mendonca, Chair
California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814
info@hsr.ca.gov

Dear Chairman Mendonca:

As the California High Speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) considers its 2020 Business Plan, the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors unanimously voted to ask that CHSRA work with our state representatives to consider interim rail system improvements in Southern California and the Bay Area along the proposed high-speed rail line to create short-term and immediate benefits while continuing to pursue the long-term vision of the system.

Eco-Rapid Transit is a Joint Powers Authority with 11 members (10 cities and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (Hollywood Burbank Airport) who work together to improve transportation and connectivity through our cities. The corridor is 40 miles long linking Hollywood Burbank Airport to Downtown Los Angeles and to the city of Artesia. Attached is a map showing our corridor. It supports the creation of more jobs and connects over 4 million underserved residents to the regional transportation system.

We support recent proposals by Assembly Speaker Rendon and Assembly member Friedman to fund interim rail system improvements that will create frequent, 125 mile per hour (with the potential to eventually travel over 180 miles per hour) at the State's major population centers. Along our corridor, this will create express rail service from Hollywood Burbank Airport to Downtown Union Station with potential service in southeast Los Angeles on its way to Anaheim's ARTIC High Speed Rail station by 2024.

It is essential to our region and economy that these improvements which improve existing rail capacity and construct the Union Station run-through tracks be implemented as soon as possible. For these reasons, the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors has taken a strong position to recommend that CHSRA work closely with Speaker Rendon and Assembly member Friedman to consider a more comprehensive approach to implement a high speed rail project that includes rail transit system improvements in Southern California and the Bay Area while continuing high speed rail construction in Central California. This maximizes future mobility and connections for California while also meeting the needs of a corridor, such as ours, consisting of a significant under-served population lacking rapid transportation options.

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On behalf of our Board of Directors, we appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with the California High-Speed Rail Authority.

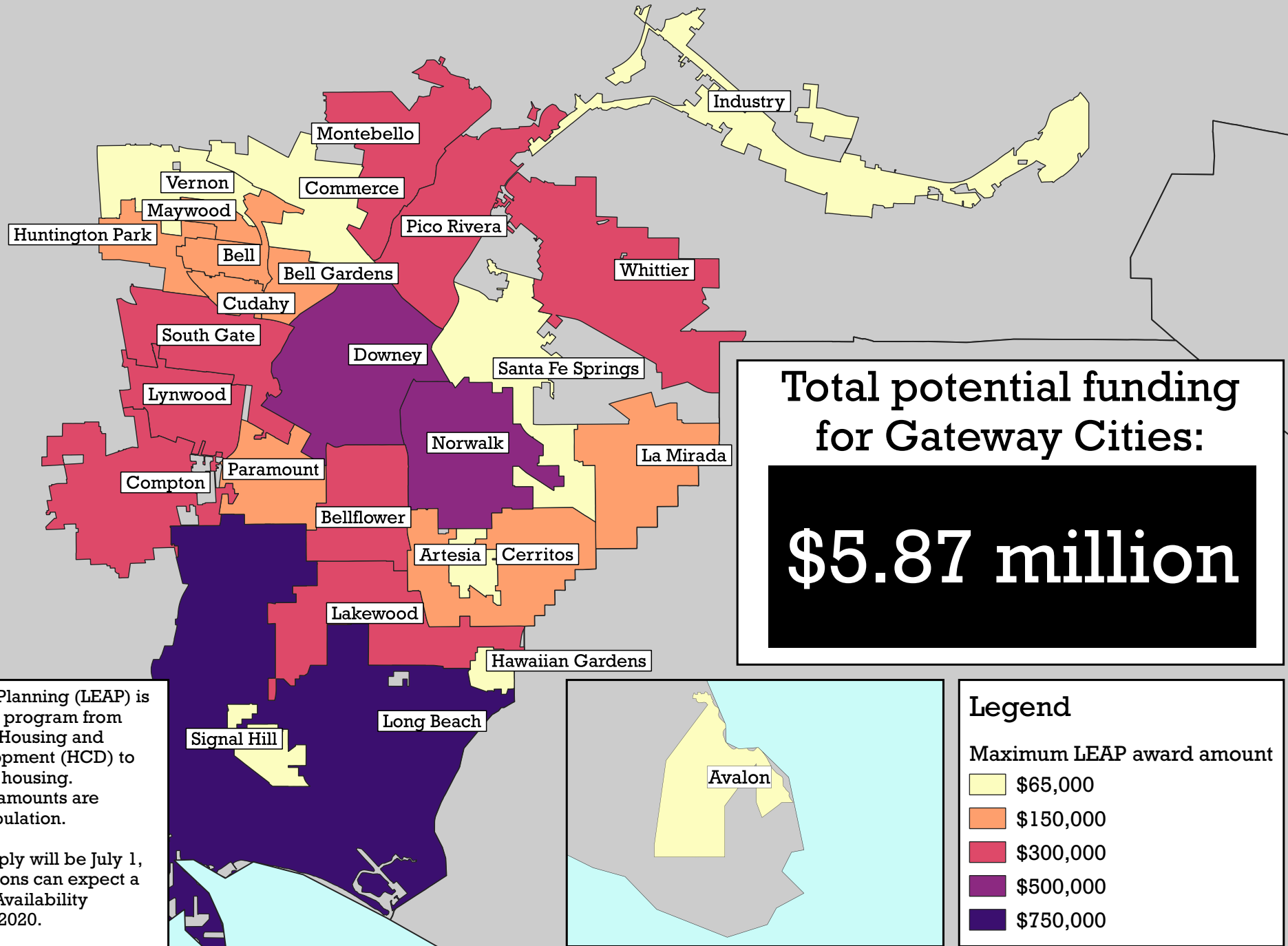
Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael R. Kodama".

Michael R. Kodama
Executive Director

Cc: California State Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, 63rd Assembly District
California State Assembly Member Laura Friedman, 43rd Assembly District

Eligibility Under AB101 LEAP Grants in the Gateway Cities Council of Governments



Summary of AB 101 Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Program

Program Overview

Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) funding will be made available through the AB 101 Housing Trailer Bill and administered by the state's Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The LEAP Program will provide \$119 million in **one-time, noncompetitive funding** to cities and counties for planning activities to accelerate housing production and facilitate implementation of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA). Cities and counties will need to submit an application for eligible activities to receive their share of funding.

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) available at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/leap/docs/LEAP_Final_Clean.pdf>

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities may include a variety of planning documents and processes that have a nexus to housing production. Examples of eligible activities include:

- Preparing and adopting Housing Elements that include an implementation component to facilitate compliance with the sixth cycle RHNA
- Rezoning and encouraging development by updating planning documents and zoning ordinances, such as General Plans, community plans, specific plans, implementation of sustainable communities' strategies, and local coastal programs
- Completing environmental clearance to eliminate the need for project-specific review
- Performing infrastructure planning, including for sewers, water systems, transit, roads, or other public facilities necessary to support new housing and new residents
- Developing or improving an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance
- Other planning documents or process improvements that demonstrate an increase in housing related planning activities and facilitate accelerating housing production

Funding

LEAP grants are population-based using Department of Finance (DOF) estimates.

| Population (DOF) | Maximum LEAP Award Amount |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Less than 19,000 | \$65,000 |
| Between 20K and 59K | \$150,000 |
| Between 60K and 99K | \$300,000 |
| Between 100K and 299K | \$500,000 |
| Between 300K and 749K | \$750,000 |
| Greater than 750K | \$1,500,000 |

Timeline

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Guidelines Release

January 28, 2020

LEAP Program Webinar

February 14, 2020

Technical Assistance Workshops

February/March 2020

Application Due Date

July 1, 2020

AB 101 Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Funding Estimates for Gateway Cities

| City | Population (DOF) | Grant Amount Eligible | 1% |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Artesia | 16,792 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| Avalon | 3,867 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| Bell | 36,325 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Bell Gardens | 43,051 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Bellflower | 77,682 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Cerritos | 50,058 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Commerce | 13,067 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| Compton | 99,872 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Cudahy | 24,343 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Downey | 114,146 | \$ 500,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Hawaiian Gardens | 14,666 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| Huntington Park | 59,473 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Industry | 437 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| La Mirada | 49,590 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Lakewood | 81,179 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Long Beach | 478,561 | \$ 750,000 | \$ 7,500 |
| Lynwood | 72,015 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Maywood | 28,044 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Montebello | 64,327 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Norwalk | 107,546 | \$ 500,000 | \$ 5,000 |
| Paramount | 56,000 | \$ 150,000 | \$ 1,500 |
| Pico Rivera | 64,260 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Santa Fe Springs | 18,335 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| Signal Hill | 11,749 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| South Gate | 98,133 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Vernon | 209 | \$ 65,000 | \$ 650 |
| Whittier | 87,369 | \$ 300,000 | \$ 3,000 |
| Unincorporated* | 338,668 | \$ 480,534 | \$ 4,805 |
| GCCOG Total | | \$ 6,350,534 | \$ 63,505 |

* The population figure shown is for the unincorporated communities within the Gateway Cities region only. A population ratio is used to calculate the grant amount and 1% assessment. The total population for unincorporated LA County is 1,057,162.

Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) grants to cities and counties are for planning activities to accelerate housing production and facilitate implementation of RHNA. The funds may be used for the following activities:

- Rezoning and updating planning documents;
- completing environmental clearance to eliminate need for project-specific review;
- infrastructure planning; and
- developing or improving accessory dwelling unit ordinances.