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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: June 10, 2020

SUBJECT: UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING METRO NEXT GEN BUS PLAN

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

Last month, Metro prepared a presentation on the Next Gen Bus Plan. Eco-Rapid Transit staff are aware of the importance of this planning effort and seeks guidance from our Board of Directors regarding next steps.

Staff believes it is important to participate in this process and work with Metro regarding the importance of bus improvements and access to our station areas in the northern and southern corridor.

BACKGROUND

The Metro Next Gen Bus Plan seeks to restructure the current bus system from a commuter centric service to a transit service that provides consistent bus service throughout the day/week and not on a surge basis during peak rush hours.

The Next Gen Bus Plan is in the process of being reviewed by stakeholders and community groups. Metro intends to complete the review process and hold public hearings on the Bus Plan in July 2020.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and or
2. Direct staff to work with Metro on the importance of bus improvements and access to our station areas in the northern and southern corridor; and/or
3. Receive and file the item