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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director
DATE: August 12, 2020
SUBJECT: **PRESENTATION BY THE HONORABLE JANICE HAHN, SUPERVISOR FOR THE 4TH DISTRICT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT AND THE WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH**

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

Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn will provide an update regarding West Santa Ana Branch and our need to collaborate and work together to build a one-seat ride from Artesia to Union Station.

BACKGROUND

The Honorable Janice Hahn is the Supervisor for the 4th District of the Los Angeles County. She is one of our representatives serving as a Director on the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Supervisor Hahn has been a supporter of Eco-Rapid Transit and the West Santa Ana Branch project since her days as a Congressmember representing our area.

Supervisor Hahn was elected to serve the 4th District on November 8th, 2016. Born and raised in Los Angeles County, Supervisor Hahn has followed in the footsteps of her father, the legendary Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenny Hahn, throughout every step of her public service career. On the Board of Supervisors, she has advanced a people-first agenda and continued her lifelong dedication to lifting up working families.

Now in her fourth year in office, Supervisor Hahn continues to invest in public resources which benefit her constituents the most. She has invested billions of dollars into building affordable public housing, improving public parks, renovating local libraries, and more – all the while securing the funding necessary to build a series of ambitious transportation projects such as the West Santa Ana Branch, which will ease congestion and revolutionize the way we get around.

Supervisor Hahn has harnessed the County’s resources to fund services that help residents in crisis get back on their feet. Over the past four years, she has worked tirelessly to end the homelessness crisis, provide legal representation to undocumented residents, and establish LA Found, a program



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which helps locate older adults living with Alzheimer’s, Autism, and dementia who have gone missing as a result of “wandering.”

Supervisor Hahn began her career as a teacher. She then went on to serve on the Los Angeles Charter Reform Commission as well as the Los Angeles City Council representing the 15th District. After serving in local government, Supervisor Hahn was elected to Congress, first representing California’s 36th District and then the 44th District after redistricting.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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