

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:** August 12, 2020  
**SUBJECT: UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH**

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**ISSUE**

Eco-Rapid Transit staff will provide an update and seeks input from our Board of Directors regarding the West Santa Ana Branch

**BACKGROUND**

Eco-Rapid Transit staff continues to work on bringing the West Santa Ana Branch to our communities. Eco-Rapid Transit recognizes the importance of completing the environmental process and continuing to move forward on other project components with Metro as well as other transportation and governmental agencies and our elected representatives. Eco-Rapid Transit is also laying the tracks for economic and community development in a corridor all linked together by a train.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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