

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:

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- City of Bell Gardens
- City of Cudahy
- City of Downey
- City of Glendale
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AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors
FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director
DATE: September 9, 2020
SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO PRESENTATION BY MEGHNA KHANNA OF METRO REGARDING 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

Meghna Khanna is a Senior Director with Countywide Planning & Development at LA Metro. She is the Project Manager for the West Santa Ana Branch project and will provide an update for our Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

In June, 2020, Meghna Khanna from Metro provided a status report to the Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors. She provided an update and informed the Board that the environmental process continues to progress with some minor delays. The environmental reports (EIR/EIS) should be completed and ready for public review early next year. Then, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Board will select the Locally Preferred Alternative which is the preferred route. Under review are:

Two Downtown Los Angeles terminus options

- Union Station
- 7th and Metro Center

Two interim operating segments (IOS):

- Artesia to Slauson
- Artesia to 105/Green Line

Ms. Khanna said that Metro is considering Enabling Work with utility relocation work and heavy rail re-alignment work in 2023, and groundbreaking is now scheduled for 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

It is recommended that the Board:

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