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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: September 9, 2020

SUBJECT: UPDATE AND/OR ACTION RELATED TO PRESENTATION BY NANCY MICHALI REGARDING WEST SANTA ANA BRANCH (WSAB) CITY MANAGER TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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ISSUE

Nancy Michali, consultant to the WSAB City Manager Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, will provide an update on efforts of the TAC.

BACKGROUND

In January, 2020, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments (COG) formed the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) City Manager Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to provide a forum to discuss and guide the WSAB project and corridor development. This includes representation of Eco-Rapid Transit members and non-Eco-Rapid Transit members.

DISCUSSION

The mission of the WSAB City Manager TAC has been defined to –

- Ensure that the WSAB Project is built in a beneficial manner for corridor cities
- Build a strong working relationship with Metro planning and construction staff
- Provide a forum for cities to discuss/resolve project-related issues
- Provide depth of technical expertise to successfully address project issues

The WSAB CM TAC includes City managers from 11 cities plus a Los Angeles County representative for a total of 12 members. Staff from offices of Supervisor Hahn and Solis and Metro Director Garcia also participate in each meeting –

- The chairs are: John Moreno, City Manager from the City of Paramount and Gilbert Livas, City Manager from the City of Downey
- The CM TAC includes the participation of all WSAB Project cities, including Bellflower, Cerritos and Vernon
- There is a high level of participation with 9 to 11 of the city managers participating in each meeting, and a total of 30 to 35 participants per meeting



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To-date, the CM TAC has accomplished –

- Built a strong working relationship with Metro staff
- Represented city interests in resolving WSAB project issues with Metro
- Ensured cities received 15% level design documents to support Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) discussions
- Negotiated revisions to MCA process and schedule to meet needs of cities.
- Provided an analysis of draft MCA and identified 10 key issues and recommended MCA text for all cities to request from Metro
- Developed hands-on understanding of Metro’s completed and upcoming station area land use and economic development work
- Initiated development of a strategy to address the upcoming 3% Local Contribution Issue
- Organized a joint meeting of Eco-Rapid Transit and the City Manager TAC

The City Manager TAC will be working with the WSAB cities over the next 8 to 10 years as the project moves from design and through construction –

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| • Execute Master Cooperative Agreements | Fall-December 2020 |
| • 3% Local Contribution Discussion/Agreements | Fall 2020 to Late 2023 |
| • LPA Decision/Start 30% Level of Design | Mid 2021 |
| • First/Last Mile planning with cities | Mid to Late 2021 |
| • Enabling Work design input by cities | Late-2021 to Late 2022 |
| • Design and construction support by cities | Early 2023 to Late 2028 |

The City Manager TAC reached out to the Eco-Rapid Transit Board to ensure collaborative project efforts –

Together we have the demonstrated political strength and technical skills to advocate for and deliver the WSAB rail project and community-specific economic opportunities

At the first joint ERT-CM TAC meeting –

- Clarified leadership roles of WSAB project efforts by Eco-Rapid Transit and the WSAB City Manager TAC
- Discussed an approach for moving forward on funding and economic development efforts at our next joint meeting

WSAB project efforts can be identified as either a Corridor or a City level effort –

- Corridor level – efforts that require unity among all corridor cities, including provision of political advocacy to secure on-going WSAB Project support and funding, along with policy and funding decisions beyond the political and/or financial capacity of an individual city.
- City level – efforts within each city’s mandate and control, including land use, economic development and public realm decisions, along with providing WSAB project design and construction support.



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The following table provides an overview of the WSAB Project-related Corridor and City level efforts.

Project Decision/CM TAC Efforts	Collaborative Efforts	Advocacy/ERT Efforts
Project Design/Construction Decisions/Support Work		Advocacy efforts for: - Prioritized WSAB Project Phase 1 funding and construction. - Support Phase 2 LPA decision, funding and construction. - Inclusion of WSAB Project in Federal Transportation Funding Reauthorization Act.
Master Cooperative Agreements		
3% Local Contribution Strategy and Agreements		
First/Last Mile Plans	✓	Advocacy for First/Last Mile city funding efforts Parking Access Policy
Value Capture Funding Strategy	✓	Value Capture Advocacy
Station Design, Development and Infrastructure Plans	✓	Station/System Security Advocacy for city-prepared funding/grant applications
Economic Development Strategy	✓	Advocacy for CM TAC economic development funding efforts

Next Efforts

WSAB Project is facing major project funding and priority decisions –

- Constrained Metro revenue for the next 3-5 years will impact project decisions.
- Metro Board FY 2021 Budget and Project Priority Discussions
 - Metro Board Planning and Programming Committee September 16
 - Metro Board Executive Committee September 17
 - Metro Board Meeting September 24

A second joint ERT-CM TAC working meeting will be scheduled to discuss development of an economic development and funding strategy to support city efforts and larger infrastructure needs.



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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

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