

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
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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 REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT'S SAFETY AND SECURITY AD-HOC COMMITTEE**

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**ISSUE**

Eco-Rapid Transit staff will provide an update and seek guidance from our Board of Directors regarding next steps.

**BACKGROUND**

In August, 2020, we provided an update to our Board of Directors. While we can move forward with issues related to safety and security, we are going to experience a delay with the field trip due to COVID-19.

Staff believes that we should still move forward with this important topic and can work with our Ad-Hoc Committee members to conduct preliminary research and set up appropriate telephone calls and zoom meetings.

We need more information about how Metro currently operates. We also think we need to learn more about how our cities operate with transit and safety and security. This includes a better understanding about the structure of our members - for example Police Chief or Sheriff and how this may impact our line.

Lastly, we can learn from current operations. For example, the Little Tokyo and Industrial BID have security – how do they operate with LAPD and the Sheriffs?

This is more than law enforcement and also involves another layer involving our own communities, station areas, stations and WSAB line.

Feeling safe and secure is the baseline for the entire line and very important for both ridership and economic development.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board:

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