

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: April 14, 2021

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DBA ECO-RAPID TRANSIT ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY PROJECT REQUEST TO FUND A COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY ACTION PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS**

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ISSUE

Approve Resolution No. 2021-01 Supporting Submission of a Community Project Request to Fund a Community Safety and Security Action Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations.

BACKGROUND

Eco-Rapid Transit submitted a Community Project Request to Congressmember Nanette Barragan to fund a Community Safety and Security Action Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations. It focuses on public safety, coordination and communication. The effort looks at how our members, as a group, create a program to ensure safety and security for local residents and businesses, while creating a positive transit user experience as riders arrive at our train stations and go to destinations in our community.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Approve Resolution NO. 2021-01 Supporting Submission of a Community Project Request for a Community Safety & Security Action Program to Congressmember Nanette Barragan of the 44th Congressional District.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DBA ECO-RAPID TRANSIT ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. 2021-01 SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY PROJECT REQUEST TO FUND A COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SECURITY ACTION PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2022 APPROPRIATIONS

WHEREAS, the Orangeline Development Authority, doing business as Eco-Rapid Transit is a joint powers authority consisting of twelve members (including 11 cities and Burbank Airport) 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, and

WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit supports the 19.4-mile Metro West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) light rail transit line from Artesia to Union Station, and

WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit recognizes the importance of a community safety and security action program to ensure that our communities feel comfortable riding a train and feel safe in the Metro WSAB rail station areas, and

WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit will use a local community and corridor approach to develop a transit safety and security system that benefits the constituents of the 44th Congressional District and others along the route, understanding that this is more than riding the train – it is being able to feel safe and secure (perception and appearance) along the West Santa Ana transit corridor and in the four station areas which are located in South Gate and the 44th Congressional District. This is a critical component of developing a safe, convenient, reliable and affordable urban rail line in the 44th Congressional District.

WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit believes safety is the key to provide the anticipated economic and community benefits related to the line such as improved access to jobs, schools, entertainment and services.

WHEREAS, this effort is important to address the equity, social and environmental factors including mobility and safety issues that can negatively impact our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Eco-Rapid Transit authorizes and supports the submission of a Community Project Request to Fund a Community Safety and Security Action Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations.

APPROVED AND PASSED this 14th day of April, 2021

ATTEST:

Karina Macias
Chair

Sean Ashton
Secretary