RESOLUTION NO. 2004-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF THE BELLFLOWER WESTBRANCH GREENWAY AND OF SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS IN OTHER CITIES LOCATED ALONG THE FORMER PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower has submitted a request to the Authority that it and its member cities adopt a resolution supporting the City of Bellflower Westbranch Greenway project along the former Pacific-Electric railroad corridor;

WHEREAS, the vision for the Orangeline has included the concept of a greenway underneath the proposed Orangeline elevated Maglev system, where practical and where supported by the local city;

WHEREAS, the City of Bellflower has taken the lead in advancing this concept with the planning of a greenway within its boundaries that would include extensive landscaping, a bike trail and other improvements, thus putting the publicly-owned right-of-way to productive use to the benefit of residents and transportation users;

WHEREAS, the Authority has been cooperating with the City of Bellflower to develop a design concept for the greenway that achieves the transportation purposes of the railroad right of way, while enabling the proposed landscaping, bike trail and other improvements to be implemented as well;

WHEREAS, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy are supporting the Cities of Paramount, Artesia and Cerritos in conducting similar planning efforts to extend the greenway within their city boundaries, providing a bike trail that would connect to similar trails along the Los Angeles River, Coyote Creek and eventually the Santa Ana River;

WHEREAS, LACMTA Board-adopted policy guidelines restrict the development of a greenway along the Pacific-Electric corridor and thus conflict with Authority goals and with the interests of the Authority’s member cities;

WHEREAS, landscape improvements as proposed by Bellflower are consistent with Authority goals for creating an environment that will attract Orangeline users, as well as for attracting future investments in corridor development projects, thus benefiting all Authority member cities;

THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Authority supports the full development of the Bellflower Westbranch Greenway Project, as proposed to accommodate the Orangeline maglev system.

Section 2. The Authority supports the development of similar interim and permanent improvements proposed by other member cities along the former
Resolution 2004-____
Support of Bellflower Greenway

Pacific-Electric railroad corridor that accommodate the Orangeline maglev system.

Section 3. The Authority encourages all its member cities to pass similar resolutions in support of the proposed greenway improvements in the City of Bellflower and in other Authority member cities.

Section 4. The Authority urges the Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to approve the Westbranch Greenway project as proposed by the City of Bellflower, and that it approve similar improvements along the Pacific Electric railroad right-of-way in the Authority’s other member cities.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this __10th___ day of November, 2004

AYES: Board Members:
NOES: Board Members:
ABSTAIN: Board Members:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Art Gallucci
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Yvette M. Abich
Orangeline Development Authority
Assistant General Counsel