RESOLUTION NO. 2006-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF THE AREA BY BOARD MEMBERS, KEY MEMBERS OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO INSPECT THE SHANGHAI MAGLEV SYTEM

WHEREAS, the Orangeline Development Authority is undertaking detailed Phase 1 Planning and Preliminary Engineering for the Orangeline Corridor Development Project;

WHEREAS, it is important that Board members be able to make informed decisions as the Orangeline project proceeds through the current Preliminary Engineering development phase, and that each member of the Board have a thorough background and understanding of the issues in order to make the best possible decisions affecting the success of the project;

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced that could offer an important benefit to the Project, and which will be considered by the Legislature during the current session;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Board members and key members of the Legislature experience an operational maglev system and have an opportunity to meet with the people who have already gone through the process of implementing and operating a maglev system;

WHEREAS, the Shanghai Maglev is the only high speed ground transportation system with commercial operating experience at over 200 mph, and the same technology used in the Shanghai Maglev is being considered for application in the Orangeline Maglev;

WHEREAS, by visiting and inspecting the Shanghai Maglev in early April a delegation of Authority Board members and key members of the Legislature would gain first hand experience riding the Shanghai Maglev, hold meetings with government and project officials who will describe the planning and construction of the system, as well as its operation, be able to see how the Shanghai Maglev interconnects with air travel at Pudong Airport and how it relates to land uses and local transit services at the Longyang Station in Shanghai, and how such a system may facilitate the movement of freight;

WHEREAS, the movement of freight in the region is a great concern of many people and could become an important component of the transportation market to be served by the Orangeline Maglev;

WHEREAS, by visiting and inspecting the Port of Shanghai, the delegation would gain insight into the challenges and opportunities for carrying freight, including cargo containers, aboard the Orangeline Maglev;
THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY DOES HEREBY FIND, RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Designated Board Directors, or Alternate Directors substituting in a Board Member's place, and the Executive Director are authorized to travel out of the area as members of a delegation to conduct an inspection of the Shanghai Maglev.

Section 2. Designated members of the State Legislature are invited to participate as members of the Authority delegation.

Section 3. Reimbursement of ordinary and approved travel expenses incurred by the delegation members is approved in an amount not to exceed $2000 per individual traveler, and shall be funded from Authority funds budgeted for such purposes.

Section 3. A video log will be produced to enable the public to view the Authority experiences encountered during inspection of the Shanghai Maglev and the meetings that were held.

Section 4. Representatives of the Authority's development partner, ARCADIS, from each member agency, from prospective member agencies, and from other stakeholder groups are invited to accompany the Board members on this inspection trip.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March 2006.

AYES: Scott A. Larsen, Jose Hernandez, John Crawley, Frank Gurule, Kirk Cartozian, Elba Guerrero, Fred Freeman, Gene Daniels, Steve Hofbauer, Bill DeWitt, Mike McCormick
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Scott Larsen, Chairman

ATTEST:

, Secretary