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# **South Gate and OLDA Receive Caltrans Funding**

## ***Study to Assess Southern Portion of Transit Corridor to Downtown Los Angeles***

**PARAMOUNT, CA**—The City of South Gate and its co-recipient, the Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA), will receive funding from the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to assess a new transit corridor between the southern portion of the OLDA rail corridor with Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

“We’re working with OLDA to conduct an environmental justice planning study to assess community impacts and address environmental justice goals and objectives related to the development of this transit system,” said South Gate Vice Mayor Maria Davila who serves on the OLDA board as the Secretary. “We’re looking forward to the results of this study that will eventually lead to a greatly needed transit system that will also create excellent development and investment opportunities for our communities.”

South Gate and OLDA will receive \$213,840 through the Caltrans Environmental Justice Planning Grant program for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. Funds will be used to help the communities around the proposed stations in South Gate and Huntington Park to participate in the planning process. Funds will become available contingent upon a state budget being passed and signed by the governor.

“This grant provides the funding necessary to ensure that our residents will have a say in the design of the stations that will be located in our communities,” said Andy Molina, member of the Huntington Park City Council and OLDA board member.

The cities of South Gate and Huntington Park are members of OLDA, a joint powers authority of 13 cities and the Burbank Airport Authority, charged with planning, financing and building a high speed, grade separated transit system to the Southern California region.

For more information about OLDA, visit [www.olda.org](http://www.olda.org) or call (562) 663-6850.

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