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City of Bell Gardens joins OLDA

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Paramount, California - Orangeline Chairman Frank Quintero is pleased to announce the addition of the City of Bell Gardens as a new member to the Orangeline Development Authority (OLDA). The addition of the City brings the number of governmental organizations that belong to the Authority to fifteen.

"Joining OLDA is a way for Bell Gardens to improve and expand public transit services in the future for those who choose to ride, as well as those who have no other alternative," Mayor Aceituno explained.

The community of Bell Gardens, a municipality of 44,000, is located southeast Los Angeles County. Its strategic location along the proposed Orangeline route underscores its growing importance as a center of economic and transit activity within the region.

"We recognize the importance of public transportation as a crucial part of the solution to the area's future economic, energy, and environmental challenges," said Bell Gardens Mayor Pedro Aceituno.

"In addition to saving the cost of operating a personal vehicle and reducing traffic congestion, public transportation provides our community with personal mobility, while at the same time, working toward a cleaner environment," Mayor Aceituno said.

"The addition of the City of Bell Gardens allows us to broaden the base of cities we serve. As a growing and vibrant organization, the Authority continues to gain momentum as an important catalyst for transportation improvement and economic development within the Orangeline Corridor. We are very excited that Bell Gardens has decided to join us," Chairman Frank Quintero said.

OLDA is a joint powers authority (JPA) that is charged with planning, financing and construction of the proposed Orangeline. The proposed project will use existing right-of-way and extends from Cerritos North to Santa Clarita. Its purpose is to develop a high speed, environmentally friendly, grade separated transit system designed to link cities, foster sustainable land-use development, reduce traffic and alleviate air pollution.

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City of Bell

City of Bell Gardens

City of Bellflower

City of Cerritos

City of Cudahy

City of Downey

City of Glendale

City of Huntington Park

City of Maywood

City of Paramount

City of Santa Clarita

City of South Gate

City of Vernon

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OLDA now has fifteen members, consisting of fourteen Southern California cities and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority (Bob Hope Airport), located in the City of Burbank.

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