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- City of Artesia
- City of Bell
- City of Bell Gardens
- City of Bellflower
- City of Cudahy
- City of Downey
- City of Glendale
- City of Huntington Park
- City of Maywood
- City of Paramount
- City of South Gate
- City of Vernon
- Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority

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Maria Davila
Council Member
City of South Gate

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City of Glendale

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City of Cudahy

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Mayor
City of Vernon

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Ali Sajjad Taj
Council Member
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Michael R. Kodama

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Three New Eco-Rapid Transit Board Officers - **South Gate, California**

New Officers Fill Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Treasurer Slots

The Eco Rapid Transit Board has elected three new officers who will conduct their first Board Meeting on Wednesday August 12th at 6:30 p.m. and hosted by the award winning Azalea Regional Shopping Center in South Gate.

Assuming the role of Board Chair is Councilmember Maria Davila of City of South Gate. The Board also elected City of Glendale Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan as Vice-Chair and City of Cudahy Mayor, Cristian Markovich as Secretary-Treasurer. The Board reelected City of Vernon Mayor Michael McCormick as Board Treasurer and City of Artesia Councilmember Ali Sajjad Taj as Internal Auditor.

Outgoing Board Chair, Downey Mayor Luis H. Marquez commented "I'm proud of the many accomplishments during my two-year term as Chair and I congratulate and support the new Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary as we build upon our achievements and fulfill our commitment to providing needed transportation services to our local communities.

Since 2013 Councilmember Maria Davila has served as the Vice Chair and has been a member of the Board since 2004. Elected to the South Gate City Council in 2003 she has served as Mayor and Vice Mayor on several occasions. Upon assuming her new position, Chair Davila stated "it has been a pleasure to serve as the Vice Chair and my commitment to the Board and our mission will be even greater as your new Chair."

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The proposed West Santa Ana Branch project (Artesia to Union Station) is completing a Technical Refinement Study. In the North, Eco-Rapid Transit has been working to improve the corridor from Downtown Los Angeles to Bob Hope Airport. This includes the airport's new ground access plan, a new Metrolink station and pedestrian bridge. It also includes advocating for operational improvements and new transit service in the corridor.

For more information, about Eco-Rapid Transit, please visit www.eco-rapid.org