

Eco-Rapid Transit, formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority, is a joint powers authority (JPA) created to pursue development of a transit system that moves as rapidly as possible, uses grade separation as appropriate, and is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options for riders of this region utilizing safe, advanced transit technology to expand economic growth that maximizes ridership in Southern California. The Authority is composed of the following public agencies:

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- City of Huntington Park
- City of Maywood
- City of Paramount
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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

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Glendale Councilmember Zareh Sinanyan Elected as New Chair of Eco-Rapid Transit. New Eco-Rapid Transit Board Officers also selected for Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer & Internal Auditor Slots

Paramount, California - The Eco-Rapid Transit Board has elected new officers who will lead the Authority in the upcoming year. The next Board Meeting is on Wednesday August 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments in Paramount.

Assuming the role of Board Chair is the Honorable Zareh Sinanyan, Councilmember of the City of Glendale and Vice President of the Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority. The Board also elected City of Bell Gardens Councilmember Pedro Aceituno as Vice-Chair, City of Huntington Park Councilmember Karina Macias as Board Secretary, City of Artesia Mayor Ali Sajjad Taj as Treasurer and City of Cudahy Councilmember Cristian Markovich as Internal Auditor respectively.



Since 2015, Councilmember Sinanyan has served as the Vice Chair of Eco-Rapid Transit and has been a member of the Board since 2014. Elected to the Glendale City Council in 2013, he also serves as Vice President of the Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority. He received his B.A. from UCLA and his JD from the USC Law School. Upon assuming his new position, Chair Sinanyan 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. I look forward to working with everyone to take us to the next level."

Outgoing Board Chair, South Gate Mayor Maria Davila commented "I want to thank the Board Members for two years of support. It is all about our team. We accomplished many of our goals and objectives to move the project forward. I want to congratulate and pledge my support for the new Chair, Vice Chair and Eco-Rapid Transit as we continue to work together to provide much needed transportation services for our local communities."

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Eco-Rapid Transit is committed to working with local, regional, state and federal agencies to connect our communities, create jobs and generate economic opportunities along the entire corridor from Artesia to Downtown Los Angeles and from Downtown Los Angeles to Hollywood Burbank Airport.

The proposed West Santa Ana Branch project (Artesia to Union Station) is undergoing its Environmental Review phase that will allow for construction to begin as early as 2020 or 2021. Studies are underway to improve existing rail transit service from Downtown Los Angeles to Hollywood Burbank Airport.

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

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