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City of Cudahy

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City of Huntington Park

City of Maywood

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City of South Gate

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Airport Authority

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ECO-RAPID TRANSIT TO HOST REGIONAL TRANSIT SUMMIT ON OCTOBER 25 & 26

Building Sustainable Communities with Transit is the theme of the Upcoming Transportation Summit, October 25 and 26, 2018 at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza in Lakewood, CA. More than 300 transportation and government officials, and private sector development experts will gather to discuss community driven transit-oriented development and the creation of healthy neighborhoods in Los Angeles County's Gateway Cities region. The communities are working together demonstrating how to create more than a train.

Paramount, Calif. -- Building a sustainable and economically viable future through public transit will be the focus of more than 100 transportation and government officials at the 2nd Eco-Rapid Transit Transportation Summit on October 25 & 26, 2018 to be held in the City of Lakewood.

Officials from local, regional, and federal elected offices and agencies, along with private sector development experts, will be on-hand to discuss opportunities for creating healthy communities, strategies for transportation financing, and generating synergies between transit development and sustainable infrastructure. This transportation summit will be a catalyst for transit-oriented development and the creation of sustainable infrastructure from Artesia to Downtown Los Angeles to Glendale and Hollywood Burbank Airport.

"The cities in this corridor are working together to create investment and economic development opportunities in all of our communities," said Zareh Sinanyan, Chair of Eco-Rapid Transit, Mayor of the City of Glendale and President of the Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority.

Vice Chairman Pedro Aceituno, Councilmember from Bell Gardens, echoes this sentiment, adding, "We are all working together with our transportation partners to bring regional rail transit to our residents and businesses and address equity and quality of life issues."

The Eco-Rapid Transit Transportation Summit will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, October 25th & 26th, 2018 at the Centre at Sycamore Plaza in the City of Lakewood, California.

ABOUT ECO-RAPID TRANSIT

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The JPA consists of two projects. In the south, the vision of the 11 southeast Los Angeles cities revolves around working with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to build the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor (WSAB). The WSAB has the potential to carry more than 80,000 riders per day on a 20 mile light rail line stretching from Artesia to LA's Union Station with stops along the way. This \$5 billion project is funded as part of Measure R, Measure M and SB1. It is currently in the environmental process with plans to become a public private partnership project that will result in project acceleration to be completed in time for the 2028 Olympics.

The second project is in the north and includes a corridor from Downtown Los Angeles to Glendale and Hollywood Burbank Airport. This includes the airport's new Metrolink Station on the Antelope Valley line as well as studies for regional rail, connecting to Downtown Glendale and other operational improvements and new transit service in the corridor.