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City of Cerritos

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Eco-Rapid Transit Executive Director Recruitment: Application Deadline Extended to August 15, 2022

Eco-Rapid Transit is extending the deadline to August 15, 2022 for applications for its next Executive Director. Eco-Rapid Transit (formally the Orangeline Development Authority) is a Joint Powers Agency working in partnership with its 12 member cities and agencies, the Gateway Cities COG, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and other local, regional, state and federal agencies towards development of a transit corridor that runs from Artesia to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

The first segment is the West Santa Ana Branch, a \$6.6 billion light rail line along the Gateway Cities corridor from the City of Artesia to Union Station. The West Santa Ana Branch is a critical infrastructure and community and economic development improvement that will transform the lives of the 1.1 million residents and 500,000 workers in the Gateway Cities region, bringing new opportunities for transit and, through related transit-oriented development and station area planning, housing and economic development in the industrial and manufacturing heart of Los Angeles County.

The area has some of the highest density in Los Angeles County, with many communities along the line having densities that rival Manhattan. It is plagued by congestion with a low median income level and a very young population. It consists of some of the most impacted environmental justice communities in California and has suffered from job loss and high unemployment. Eco-Rapid Transit is working, together with its partners, to develop plans and programs to ensure the transit line's success and to build on it to create sustainable economic and inclusive community development that promotes a strong local economy and social equity along the entire corridor. Scheduled to be completed in 2028, WSAB became real through a collaborative effort with Gateway Cities COG, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and other local, regional, state and federal agencies.

Eco-Rapid Transit is searching for a new Executive Director to lead the Joint Powers Authority – to both deliver success through the West Santa Ana Branch transit corridor development and to lead the next chapter – Eco-Rapid Transit North. Eco-Rapid Transit North is a 14-mile corridor from Burbank Airport to Glendale and Downtown Los Angeles. This includes existing and proposed rail transit service in the corridor with a focus on high-speed rail, Metrolink and LOSSAN improvements.

The successful Executive Director candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree in a related field. An advanced degree in a related field, such as transportation, economic development, public administration, management, business, or other related fields is desirable or comparable experience. They should demonstrate an ability to work with multiple jurisdictions to solve complex transportation, land use planning, and economic and community development issues.



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A history of successful collaboration resulting in the delivery of community and economic development and transit projects with multiple agencies, including their elected officials, and with one or more of Eco-Rapid Transit's existing key partners, Metro, the Gateway Cities COG, and SCAG, will help a candidate stand out. The successful candidate should be able to support the activities of the Board of Directors, work collaboratively with internal and external partners, and provide effective leadership in the corridor.

The Board of Director's Recruitment subcommittee extended the application deadline to ensure sufficient opportunity for all qualified applicants to submit their applications, mindful of the summer holidays. Eco-Rapid Transit is an equal opportunity employer.

Applications are now due by August 15, 2022. More information can be found on Eco-Rapid Transit's website at: <http://www.eco-rapid.org/Project/excecutive-director-search.shtml>

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