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## ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/ECO-RAPID TRANSIT PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING SUB COMMITTEE MEETING

June 14, 2017

5:00 PM Meeting

### AGENDA

Public comments on items on the agenda will be taken at the time the item is called and are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and Introduction of Attendees
4. Consent Calendar

The items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Board member or the General Public so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

- a. Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2017

End of Consent Calendar

5. Public Comments  
Those presenting public comments on items not on the agenda will be heard at this time
6. Update and/or Action Regarding Planning, Programming and Funding Sub-Committee Meeting
7. Communication Items to the Committee
8. Communication Items from the Committee
9. Adjournment

### **UPCOMING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Legislative July 12, 2017 (Gateway Cities COG) Construction Mitigation August 9, 2017 (Gateway Cities COG) Planning, Programming & Funding September 12, 2017 (Gateway Cities COG)**

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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING**  
**SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF**  
**THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY/ECO-RAPID TRANSIT**  
**May 10, 2017**  
**City of Paramount**

**CALL TO ORDER**

City of Glendale Council Member and Board Vice Chair, Zareh Sinanayan called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, City of Paramount

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

Authority Board Subcommittee Members:

Maria Davila, Board Chair, Mayor, City of South Gate  
Zareh Sinanyan, Board Vice Chairman, Council Member City of Glendale  
Cristian Markovich, Board Secretary, Council Member City of Cudahy  
Pedro Aceituno, Board Treasurer, Councilmember, City of Bell Gardens  
Frank Quintero, Commissioner, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority  
Karina Macias, Commissioner, Councilmember City of Huntington Park

Others:

Michael R. Kodama, Executive Director, Eco-Rapid Transit  
Karen Heit, Deputy Executive Director  
Robert Garcia, Mayor City of Long Beach  
Luke Klipp, Metro Board Deputy, City of Beach  
Julia Brown, Community Relations Manager, Metro  
Norman Emerson, Emerson Associates  
Allyn Rifkin, Transportation Planner/Engineer, Eco-Rapid Transit  
Lillian Burkenheim, Community Planning and Development Director, Eco-Rapid Transit

**ITEM 4 – CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2017

**MOTION:** Burbank Glendale Pasadena Airport Authority Commissioner Frank Quintero moved to approve the consent calendar. Mayor, Maria Davila seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**ITEM 5 – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were given and the public comments portion of the meeting was closed.

## **ITEM 6 – PRESENTATION BY HONORABLE ROBERT GARCIA, METRO BOARD DIRECTOR AND MAYOR, CITY OF LONG BEACH**

Chair Maria Davila, on behalf of the Eco-Rapid Transit Board welcomed Mayor Garcia and thanked him for attending the sub-committee meeting. Each Board member present at the sub-committee introduced themselves and summarized their respective hopes and expectations for the Eco-Rapid Transit Corridor.

Executive Director Michael Kodama summarized the current status of the light rail project currently funded under Metro Measure R and Measure M as the West Santa Ana Branch (WSAB) project. Mr. Kodama highlighted the project history, starting with the SCAG Alternatives Analysis, the subsequent Metro Technical Refinement Study and the current initiation of a project EIR. It is generally understood that the WSAB light rail line, with a projected ridership of 70,000 riders per day, would be one of the highest performing light rail line in Metro's system, rivalling the existing Long Beach Blue Line. Mr. Kodama highlighted the up-coming activities to initiate community meetings with the member cities to make this a project that the community will support and gain economic benefits.

Mayor Garcia thanked the members for inviting him to the sub-committee. In his role as newly appointed Metro Board Director, he indicated he had some knowledge of the project. As part of this meeting he wanted to listen to the member cities and to support staff in making this project happen. He expressed his opinion that the WSAB project was the most important transportation project in the Gateway Cities region.

Another exciting aspect of the project is that it can be accelerated as a major demonstration of the benefits possible as a Public Private Partnership (PPP) for future transportation infrastructure and he feels encouraged that there is big potential for PPP in this southeast portion of the County. With three recent PPP projects completed in Long Beach, Mayor Garcia offered the City of Long Beach experience as assistance to the Eco-Rapid Transit Board.

Mayor Garcia expressed interest in the possible connection of the WSAB line to the existing Blue Line. If it works physically, it could potentially reduce the travel time from Long Beach to Los Angeles by more than 20 minutes. An important benefit. Even if that alternative alignment were not to be selected, Mayor Garcia hoped there would be synergistic support for infrastructure improvements to the ageing Blue Line along with the construction of the WSAB line.

Glendale Council Member Zareh Sinanyan spoke to the Mayor about hopes and expectations for extending the Eco-Rapid Transit Corridor from Downtown Los Angeles, through Glendale and ultimately to the Hollywood Burbank Airport. He highlighted rail planning projects and studies recently initiated to accomplish that goal and urged Mayor Garcia in his role as Metro Board President to continue to support those efforts as well.

Mayor Garcia concluded his presentation with a pledge to continue his strong support for Eco-Rapid Transit.

## **ITEM 7 – UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

Maria Davila is the Chair. Sean Ashton and Pedro Aceituno have been appointed as committee members. The next meeting will be in June 2017. This item was discussed as part of Item 6.

**ITEM 8 – UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING ECO-RAPID TRANSIT  
LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

Frank Quintero is the Chair. Ali Taj and Cristian Markovich have been appointed as committee members. The next meeting will be in July 2017. This item was discussed as part of the discussion on Item 6.

**ITEM 9 – UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION MITIGATION  
SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

Scott Larsen is the Chair. Gene Daniels and Karina Macias have been appointed as committee members. The next meeting will be in August 2017. This item was discussed as part of the discussion on Item 6.

**ITEM 10 – COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE COMMITTEE**

There were no communication items to the board.

**ITEM 11 – COMMUNICATION ITEMS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

There were no communication items from the board.

**ITEM 12 – ADJOURNMENT**

Sub Committee joint meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm

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Chair

Approved:

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## AGENDA REPORT

TO: Members of Eco-Rapid Transit

FROM: Michael Kodama, Executive Director

DATE: June 14, 2017

SUBJECT: **UPDATE AND/OR ACTION REGARDING PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND FUNDING SUB-COMMITTEE**

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### ISSUE

Eco-Rapid Transit Staff will provide an update and also seeks guidance from the sub-committee regarding planning, programming and funding issues that impact the Joint Powers Authority.

### BACKGROUND

The Eco-Rapid Transit Board of Directors selected Maria Davila as Planning, Programming and Funding Chair, with Sean Ashton and Pedro Aceituno serving as sub-committee members. Last month, the three sub-committees held a joint meeting with Metro Board Director and Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Discuss the information presented and offer action items; and/or
2. Receive and file the item.