

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

A RESOLUTION OF ECO-RAPID TRANSIT, ALSO KNOWN AS THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, REQUESTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (METRO) TO FUND ECO-RAPID TRANSIT AND ITS MEMBERS FOR PREDEVELOPMENT TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

WHEREAS the Orangeline Development Authority, doing business as Eco-Rapid Transit whose mission is to pursue the development of an environmentally friendly and energy efficient transit system, and

WHEREAS the system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options and expand economic growth; and

WHEREAS each member is dedicated to the improved quality of life of its residents, and

WHEREAS The State's EnviroScreen administered by CalEPA has designated the Corridor cities as "Disadvantaged Communities" in response to state legislation: SB 535 (De Leon, Chapter 830, Statutes of 2012), and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is undertaking environmental studies in preparation for their development of the West Santa Ana Branch transit project, and

WHEREAS, the development and operations of transit affects and encompasses all land within a two-mile radius of the transit corridor, and

WHEREAS, predevelopment planning for this corridor needs to be undertaken to adopt broadly supported comprehensive plans that can reduce risk, mobilize diverse stakeholder support, and ensure a project ready transit corridor that will more likely serve multiple economic, environmental and social equity interests; and

WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit has a positive track record of working with the cities, Southern California Association of Governments and Metro to complete studies with community engagement, and

WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit has established a City Working Group composed of Planning and Public Works Directors as well as City Managers to work with Eco-Rapid Transit Staff on the development of Transit Corridor Guidelines and West Santa Ana Branch Refinement Study, and

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WHEREAS The West Santa Ana Branch Transit Corridor has been identified as a high priority transit project by the Gateway Cities COG Strategic Transportation Plan (STP), and


WHEREAS, Eco-Rapid Transit is dedicated to and demonstrated the support of the cities and the involvement of private sector partners in planning of the transit corridors;

NOW, THEREFORE; we request that Metro provide \$18 million to Eco-Rapid Transit with its member cities, to undertake predevelopment planning activities along the transit corridor in co-ordination with Metro's environmental studies and predevelopment activities.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 13th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:


Maria Davila
Chair


Cristian Markovich
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Teresa L. Highsmith
General Counsel