

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. The project would link economic development and transportation in a 40 mile corridor from Bob Hope Airport to Downtown Los Angeles to Artesia. It supports the creation of more jobs and connects over 4 million residents to the regional transportation system. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options for riders of our region utilizing safe, advanced transit technology to expand economic growth that and maximize ridership throughout Southern California. Eco-Rapid Transit is one of twelve Measure R transit projects with \$240 earmarked for the project.

Recent efforts have concentrated on developing the first phase of the project known as the West Santa Ana Branch Corridor. Currently, the thirty-four mile corridor is the undergoing an alternatives analysis to study station siting and possible routes.


The Eco-Rapid Transit project is operated by a JPA whose current members are Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, Cudahy, Downey, Glendale, Huntington Park, Maywood, Paramount, South gate, and Vernon. The JPA is seeking to expand its membership to include representation for Los Angeles and Orange Counties, the City of Los Angeles, and others. Under the proposed amendment to the JPA Agreement, City Council and Mayor are allowed to participate and appoint one or more Alternates.

Given the importance of the Eco-Rapid Transit to the City of Los Angeles, it is important the the City become a member of this JPA to shape the development of the project. The West Santa Ana Branch Corridor alternatives are located with Council District 14. It is critical that Councilmembers representing those impacted neighborhoods have a seat on the Authority. Once Phase I is completed, the Council may replace the appointment with Councilmembers representing communities impacted by subsequent phases.

I THERFORE MOVE that the Council approve the City of Los Angeles' membership in the Eco-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority (formerly known as the Orangeline Development Authority) and authorize the President of the City Council to execute the necessary amendment to the Orangeline Development Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council appoint the Councilmember of the 14th District to represent the City on the Eco-Rapid Transit Joint Powers Authority.

PRESENTED BY:   
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SECONDED BY: 



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