



staff report

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

ATTENTION: Jeffrey L. Stewart, City Manager

FROM: Jim DellaLonga, Director of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 16-XX – A Resolution requesting Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to fund Eco-Rapid Transit and its members to engage in predevelopment transit infrastructure planning.

DATE: February 22, 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Resolution requests the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to fund \$15 million to Eco-Rapid Transit and its members to engage in predevelopment transit infrastructure planning for the West Santa Ana Branch transit project. The purpose of the predevelopment transit infrastructure planning is to adopt broadly supported comprehensive plans to ensure a project ready transit corridor that will more likely serve multiple economic, environmental, and social equity interests. Bellflower is one of many cities along the transit corridor.

RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 16-XX; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

Metro is initiating the environmental studies required to construct the West Santa Ana Branch Transit Line. As part of the planning efforts, Eco-Rapid Transit is looking to work with the communities along the corridor to develop a consistent set of development standards, practices, and sustainability objectives to encourage and incentivize new transit oriented developments throughout the West Santa Ana Branch transit corridor. This work will improve the ability of corridor jurisdictions to attract other funding to carry out identified public infrastructure improvements.

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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, uses grade separation as appropriate, and is environmentally friendly and energy efficient. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options for riders of this region utilizing safe, advanced transit technology to expand economic growth that maximizes ridership in Southern California. The Authority is comprised of several public agencies, including the City of Bellflower.

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CITY OF BELLFLOWER

RESOLUTION NO. 16-XX

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO FUND ECO-RAPID TRANSIT AND ITS MEMBERS TO ENGAGE IN PREDEVELOPMENT TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council finds and declares as follows:

- A. The City is a member of 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.
- B. The system is designed to enhance and increase transportation options and expand economic growth.
- C. The City is dedicated to the improved quality of life of its residents.
- D. The State's EnviroScreen administered by CalEPA has designated the Corridor cities as "Disadvantaged Communities" in response to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Health and Safety Code §§ 39711, 39713, 39715, 39721, and 39723).
- E. 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.
- F. The development and operations of transit affects and encompasses all land within a two-mile radius of the transit corridor.
- G. The 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.

- J. The West Santa Branch Transit Corridor has been identified as a high priority transit project by the Gateway Cities COG Strategic Transportation Plan (STP).
- K. 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.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby requests that the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) provide \$15 million to Eco-Rapid Transit with its member cities to undertake predevelopment planning activities along the transit corridor in coordination with Metro's environmental studies and predevelopment activities.

SECTION 3. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized to take reasonable action needed to implement the purpose of this Resolution including, without limitation, executing documents related to the predevelopment planning activities identified in this Resolution.

SECTION 4. The Mayor, or presiding officer, is authorized to sign this Resolution signifying its adoption by the City Council of the City of Bellflower and the City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, may attest thereto.

SECTION 5. This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLFLOWER THIS _____ OF _____ 2016.

Scott A. Larsen, Mayor

Attest:

Mayra Ochiqui, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Karl H. Berger, Interim City Attorney