

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA REQUESTING LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO FUND ECO-RAPID TRANSIT AND ITS MEMBERS TO ENGAGE IN PREDEVELOPMENT TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

WHEREAS, as a member of the Orange Line 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 Cal EPA 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 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 Community Development 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

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 committed to providing funds to the cities for their involvement on pre planning of the transit line; 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, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL DOES HEREBY:

Section 1. Request that 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 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 9th day of March, 2016.



Ali Saleh, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM



David Aleshire, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Angela Bustamante, Interim City of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 9th day of March, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gallardo, Quintana, Valencia, Vice Mayor Romero and Mayor Saleh

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None



Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk