



ORANGELINE HIGH SPEED MAGLEV

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Orangeline Development Authority Announces City of Glendale signs on as 15th Member City

PARAMOUNT - The Orangeline Development Authority today announced that the City of Glendale has signed an agreement to join the high-speed maglev Orangeline Development Authority. The Glendale City Council voted to join the authority on April 15 and the signing of this agreement was the next required step to give the City of Glendale representation on the authority's board.

The Orangeline Development Authority is a coordinated effort to create transit-oriented housing and other improvements that are connected by a privately funded, high speed "maglev" transit system serving residents and businesses. "It is just as much about economic development as it is about transportation," said Kirk Cartozian, Chair, Orangeline Development Authority, who also serves as a Councilmember in the City of Downey.

The Authority marked the occasion by hosting its monthly meeting last night (Wednesday June 9th) in the City of Glendale's Historic Fire Station 21. Glendale is the 15th city to officially become a member.

"Glendale's participation is important because it represents a significant increase in local city support and commitment to this project," said Cartozian. "Glendale is a very essential link between downtown Los Angeles and the north county member cities of Santa Clarita and Palmdale. It was a very notable couple of weeks for Glendale to unveil the Americana at Brand and to join the Orangeline Authority at the same time." The Orangeline High Speed Maglev is a proposed 19 billion dollar transit system that uses clean electromagnetic levitation to lift and propel trains along an elevated monorail. Its technology can attain a top speed greater than 250 miles per hour. It is proposed to connect Los Angeles and Orange counties, two of the most densely populated counties in the country.

“The Orangeline is important to the vision of Glendale and the future of the people who live or work in our city,” said Glendale Mayor John Drayman. “We are working to help develop alternative forms of transportation. We need to find new ways of moving people, not just ways of moving cars.”

The Orangeline Development Authority is a city-based organization that depends on the voluntary willingness of all the cities along the corridor to share the vision and to be active partners in turning high-speed Maglev into a reality.

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