



## ORANGELINE HIGH SPEED MAGLEV

### ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

16401 Paramount Boulevard  
Paramount, CA 90723

Buffet Dinner – 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

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City of Downey  
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City of Los Alamitos  
City of Maywood  
City of Palmdale  
City of Paramount  
City of Santa Ana\*  
City of Santa Clarita  
City of South Gate  
City of Vernon

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### A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call and Introduction of Attendees
4. Public Comments
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2007
6. CLOSED SESSION
  - a. Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiation of Litigation (Government Code sec. 54956.9(c)): One (1) Case
7. Results of Southern California Association of Governments Public Hearing on the Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Program Environmental Impact Report
8. Status report and possible action on the March 26, 2008 Investment and Development Conference in Sacramento
9. Approval of Warrant Register
10. Communication Items to the Authority Board
11. Communication Items from the Authority Board
12. Adjournment – Next meeting April 9, 2008

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

City of Downey Councilman and Board Chair Kirk Cartozian called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

City of South Gate Councilmember Maria Davila led the assembly in the salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES**

Board Members:

- Kirk Cartozian – Authority Chair, Councilmember, City of Downey
- Troy Edgar – Authority Vice Chair, Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos
- Dean Grose – Councilmember, City of Los Alamitos
- W. Michael McCormick – Councilmember, City of Vernon
- Tony Lima – Councilmember, City of Artesia (arrived 6:50 p.m.)
- Scott Larsen – Mayor, City of Bellflower (arrived 6:40 p.m.)
- Maria Davila – Councilmember, City of South Gate
- Bruce Barrows – Councilmember, City of Cerritos (arrived 6:45 p.m. – departed 7:00 p.m.)
- Ana Rosa Rizo – Mayor, City of Maywood
- Marsha McLean – Mayor, City of Santa Clarita

Others:

- Sharad Mulchand – Transportation Planning Manager, MTA
- Eduardo Vega – City of Cerritos
- Chung Chan – Gonzalez Goodale Architects
- Daniel Frank – Gonzalez Goodale Architects
- Barry Sedlik – Titan Group
- Jerry Andrews – City of Downey
- Maria Shafer – Minute Secretary
- Albert Perdon – Executive Director, Orangeline Development Authority

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

City of Downey Councilman and Board Chair Kirk Cartozian opened public comments for those in the audience who wished to address the Authority on other than agenda items. There was no response and the public comments section of the meeting was closed.

**ITEM 5 - APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2007**

Executive Director Al Perdon requested the item be continued to the next regular meeting of the Board.

**ITEM 6 - RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THOMAS MARTIN AND SERGIO CALDERON FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE AUTHORITY**

Executive Director Al Perdon reported that City Councilmembers Thomas Martin and Sergio Calderon are no longer representing the City of Maywood on the Authority Board, as the City

Council has appointed new representatives to the Authority. He recommended that the Authority Board give recognition to Board Member Martin and Alternate Board Member Calderon for their support and presented resolutions for the Authority Board's consideration.

**MOTION:** City of South Gate Councilmember Maria Davila moved to approve and adopt Resolutions 08-01 and 08-02, recognizing Thomas Martin and Sergio Calderon for their service to the Authority. City of Vernon Councilmember Mike McCormick seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**ITEM 7 - STATION AREA TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION BY THE TITAN GROUP AND GONZALEZ/GOODALE ARCHITECTS**

Mr. Perdon introduced the item, summarizing the importance of station area transit-oriented development as an integral part of the Orangeline High Speed Maglev development program. He introduced Barry Sedlik of the Titan Group and Chung Chan of Gonzalez/Goodale Architects and deferred to them for a presentation on a transit-oriented development project they are working on.

City of Bellflower Mayor Scott Larsen arrived at this juncture (6:40 p.m.).

Mr. Sedlik presented details of the City of El Monte Transit Village. He addressed lack of infrastructure investment during the last decade, background, changes within the City of El Monte and difficulty over time to upgrade facilities.

City of Cerritos Councilman Bruce Barrows arrived at this juncture (6:45 p.m.).

City of Artesia Councilman Tony Lima arrived at this juncture (6:50 p.m.).

Mr. Sedlik reported that transportation investment will focus on improvements that will decrease congestion 20% below today's levels and improve mobility. He referenced the SCAG Compass Study and reported that transit goals can be achieved once density reaches critical mass. He addressed details of the El Monte Transit Village noting it encompasses the El Monte bus hub and nearby Metro Link system.

In addition, Mr. Sedlick reported it is appealing to many to use the bus instead of driving and presented attributes of the village including city-wide connectivity and project status. He stated that this is a model project and noted they are still trying to get financing for the project.

City of Cerritos Councilman Bruce Barrows left at this juncture (7:00 p.m.).

Mr. Chan, Project Designer, presented additional details of the project including the master plan and specific elements.

**ITEM 8 - APPROVE INPUT TO THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT 2008 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEB 18TH CUTOFF DATE)**

Mr. Perdon provided background to the item and summarized key issues needing to share with SCAG. He reported that the concept of the Orangeline High Speed MAGLEV would not work unless there are supporting policies that will support the plan. He added that there are

other high-speed systems competing for space with other types of transportation and stressed the importance of responding to the Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Program Environmental Impact Report.

City of South Gate Councilmember Davila opined the letter seemed too aggressive. Discussion followed regarding the need to be sensitive and specific relative to the language suggested. It was felt that the content should not call other projects into question.

Mr. Perdon suggested working with some of the Board Members to better state the suggested comments and revise the language in the response.

City of Bellflower Mayor Larsen suggested receiving input from Member City staff.

City of South Gate Councilmember Davila volunteered the South Gate City Manager to help develop appropriate comments.

It was suggested that each section of interest should be reviewed, referenced and specifically responded to.

City of Los Alamitos Councilmember Edgar suggested stressing the Orangeline High Speed MAGLEV project as neutral and referenced a letter from the Orange County Transportation Authority to SCAG stating they will not receive funds "at this time". He noted that language was not used in paraphrasing the letter but was reflected in the meeting minutes. He added the item needs clarification and that the difference between the action, the minutes and what the letter stated should be communicated in a separate letter.

City of South Gate Davila requested that a copy of the letter be distributed to all Board Members to review.

City of Los Alamitos Councilman Edgar offered to head up a subcommittee that will communicate by email, addressing differences in the language.

**MOTION:** City of Bellflower Mayor Scott Larsen moved to give direction to a subcommittee to review comments and submit specific comments in response to the OCTA actions by close of business, Thursday, February 14, 2008. City of South Gate Councilmember Maria Davila seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

**ITEM 9 - STATUS REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE MARCH 26, 2008 INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE IN SACRAMENTO**

Mr. Perdon introduced Maryann Maloney of Maryann Maloney and Associates, who has been engaged by the Authority to assist in attracting private sector interest in the Orangeline High Speed Maglev Corridor Development Project, specifically the interest of investors and infrastructure and real estate developers. Ms. Maloney provided information regarding an Orangeline High Speed Maglev Investor and Developer Conference planned for March 26, 2008 in Sacramento, California.

Ms. Maloney reported that conference information will be placed on the Project website and interested parties will be able to register online for the conference, which is targeting private investment bankers and infrastructure and real estate developers.

City of Santa Clarita Mayor Marsha McLean expressed concern about charging for the conference when the goal is to seek investors.

Mr. Perdon noted this is an opportunity to bring together a targeted group that will be invited to participate and that charging for attendance is not unusual and is necessary due to the Authority's limited budget resources. The conference will aid the Authority in assessing the advisability of and potential response to a formal request for proposals for investment and project development partners.

Authority Chair Cartozian stated that the event must be marketed properly and that Board Members need to assist in spreading the word. He added that the event will aid potential private investors and development partners in making an assessment of the investment opportunity and its potential risks, and that the objective is to create interest, increase "buzz" and establish credibility, especially since the Orangeline High Speed Maglev has sparked the interest of the Governor's office.

City of Los Alamitos Councilmember Dean Grose reported it is not uncommon to hold "pre-bid" conferences.

Discussion followed regarding programming, setting the stage that the project is needed, guest speakers, giving credibility to the project and providing attendees the opportunity to participate in the RFP development process, should the Authority decide to issue a formal request for proposal, and to receive information. In addition, it was noted attendees will be presented with the Project financial plan, and that the conference will target investors, and real estate and infrastructure developers.

Mr. Perdon encouraged all Board Members to attend and that they encourage all Member Cities to enable appropriate staff to attend and participate in the dialogue with the conference attendees. He added that the Authority will cover Member travel costs if individual cities are not able to cover the costs.

**ITEM 10 - ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MARYANN MALONEY & ASSOCIATES, INC.**

Mr. Perdon presented the item for consideration by the Authority Board.

**MOTION:** City of Bellflower Mayor Scott Larsen moved to adopt a resolution as presented in the Agenda Report dated February 13, 2008. City of Vernon Councilmember Michael McCormick seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

**ITEM 11 - ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGELINE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO APPROVE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LUCY OKUMU**

Mr. Perdon reported the Orangeline High Speed Maglev is getting a lot of attention and serious consideration by the City of Los Angeles. He noted the need to gain the support of the City of Los Angeles, and specifically the need for additional resources to enable follow-up to meetings that have been held. One Los Angeles City Council office has agreed to consider bringing in a motion for the City to join the Authority. Meetings have been held with other City Council offices, but not all have been contacted recently. Meetings need to be arranged and efforts need to be undertaken to secure the support of the City of Los Angeles. To that

aim, Mr. Perdon recommended that the Authority Board approve a professional services agreement with Lucy Okumu who has the expertise the Authority needs and who is available and willing to assist the Authority. He reviewed her resume and background.

Ms. Okumu presented her qualifications noting she will focus on strategy rather than tactics to assist the Authority achieve its objectives for securing additional support for the Project.

**MOTION:** City of Vernon Mike McCormick moved to adopt a resolution approving the professional services agreement with Lucy Okumu. City of South Gate Councilmember Maria Davila seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

**ITEM 12 - APPROVAL OF WARRANTS**

**MOTION:** City of Bellflower Mayor Scott Larsen moved to approve the Warrant Register as prepared and recommended for approval by the Treasurer, for the periods December 12, 2007 through January 9, 2008 and January 10, 2008 through February 13, 2008. City of Los Alamitos Councilmember Troy Edgar seconded the motion, which carried, unanimously.

**ITEM 13 - MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW**

Mr. Perdon introduced the item and distributed Year-to-Date budget information for review by the Board.

Discussion followed regarding status of the Congresswoman Sanchez grant.

Board Chair Cartozian suggested a calling a meeting of the Budget Subcommittee on Sunday, February 24, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. The Chair will email the appropriate parties accordingly.

**ITEM 14 - REMINDER TO AUTHORITY BOARD TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ANNUAL FORM 700S TO THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION**

Mr. Perdon reminded Board Members to submit Annual Form 700 as soon as possible.

**ITEM 15 - COMMUNICATION ITEMS TO THE AUTHORITY BOARD**

City of Los Alamitos Councilmember Dean Grose gave a brief report on a transportation conference he recently attended.

**ITEM 16 - COMMUNICATION ITEMS FROM THE AUTHORITY BOARD**

In response to an inquiry from City of Santa Clarita Mayor Marsha McLean, Mr. Perdon reported on the viability of Orange County cities joining the Authority. He mentioned that the City of Santa Ana City Council had approved a motion for the City to join the Authority and that follow-up meetings with other cities are going to be scheduled. He encouraged Board members to communicate with their colleagues from Orange County cities and to help secure their support for the project and membership in the Authority.

Chair Cartozian addressed upcoming events important for Board Members to attend.

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City of Santa Clarita Mayor McLean encouraged Members to comment on the SCAG Long Range Transportation Plan. She indicated she will email relative information to Members of the Authority.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Orangeline Development Authority, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m. in memory of Jose de la Torre, Congressman Hector de la Torre's grandfather.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Attest:

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W. Michael McCormick, Secretary

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Kirk Cartozian, Chair



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TO: Members of the Orangeline Development Authority
FROM: Kirk Cartozian, Chairman
DATE: March 12, 2008
SUBJECT: Status of Southern California Association of Governments Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Adoption; consider possible action

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority Board considers the oral report to be presented at the meeting and considers possible action.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide an oral report to update the Authority Board on the status of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Special Meeting of the SCAG Transportation and Communications Committee scheduled for March 19, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. at which public input will be considered and actions may be taken to alter the content of the Draft 2008 RTP.

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FROM: Kirk Cartozian, Chairman
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SUBJECT: Status Report and Possible Action on the March 26, 2008 Investor and Developer Conference in Sacramento

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority Board considers the oral report to be presented at the meeting and considers possible action.

DISCUSSION

Staff will provide an oral report to update the Authority Board on the status of the Investor and Developer Conference scheduled for March 26, 2008 in Sacramento.

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**TO:** Members of the Orangeline Development Authority  
**FROM:** Albert Perdon, Executive Director  
**DATE:** March 12, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** **Approval of Warrant Register**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Authority Board approves the Warrant Register, as prepared and recommended for approval by the Treasurer, for the period February 14, 2008 through March 11, 2008.

**ATTACHMENT:**

1. Warrant Registers for February 14, 2008 through March 11, 2008

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**To be provided.**

