

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew J. Fertal
From: William E. Murray
Dept: City Manager
Dept.: Public Works
Subject: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SANTA ANA-GARDEN GROVE FIXED GUIDEWAY PROJECT
Date: January 28, 2014

OBJECTIVE

For City Council to adopt a Resolution supporting the interagency partnership for the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

In 2006 the Cities of Garden Grove and Santa Ana partnered in a Go Local Project to study the feasibility of a transit system to extend the reach of Metrolink. The proposed Fixed Guideway project would include an at-grade rail system from the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center to the northeast corner of Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue. The alignment would be approximately 4.1 miles traversing through the Santa Ana Civic Center area, and going up the Pacific Electric Right of Way to reach the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Westminster Avenue.

The entire project cost is estimated at \$250 million dollars. The project is anticipated to be funded through local grants, federal grants, and developer contributions. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2016 and in operation by 2018.

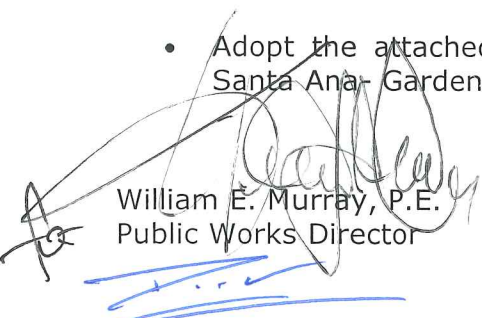
FINANCIAL IMPACT

The adoption of this Resolution has no financial impact to the General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

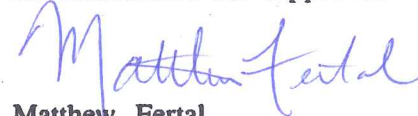
- Adopt the attached Resolution supporting the interagency partnership for the Santa Ana- Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project.


William E. Murray, P.E.
Public Works Director

By: Dai C. Vu, P.E.
Associate Engineer

Attachment: Resolution

Recommended for Approval



**Matthew Fertal
City Manager**

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
SUPPORTING THE INTERAGENCY PARTNERSHIP FOR THE SANTA ANA-GARDEN
GROVE FIXED GUIDEWAY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove (the "City") has been engaged as a partner with the City of Santa Ana and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) to study the feasibility and implementation of a fixed-route transit system to extend the reach of Metrolink into Santa Ana and Garden Grove;

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana has prepared an analysis of possible transit options and selected three feasible alternatives to review in detail that include a modern streetcar transit route from Santa Ana to Garden Grove (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that better connections are needed between Metrolink and Amtrak rail services, and that there are limited transportation options that effectively meet the transportation needs of those who live, work, and play in the region;

WHEREAS, the Project has an opportunity to enrich the community by providing an alternative to traveling by automobile and fill the current gap that exists in public transit;

WHEREAS, the system would provide transit service for commuters traveling from the train stations to employment and activity centers in the heart of Orange County and to residents and visitors wanting to circulate throughout the area;

WHEREAS, the system would provide a safe, convenient, and reliable public transportation option for all users and enhances community livability;

WHEREAS, the Project could spur economic development and create jobs in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the development of a cohesive and connected regional network between the City of Garden Grove and the City of Santa Ana and the entire Orange County region.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Garden Grove does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1. To be a supporting partner in the Santa Ana-Garden Grove Fixed Guideway Project with the City of Santa Ana and OCTA and underlines its interest to participate in the Project as approval and funding is secured.