

Motion by Directors Molina, Villaraigosa, and Huizar

The planning and construction of the Eastside Gold Line Extension is based on a long and robust relationship with community stakeholders in the City and County of Los Angeles. This relationship was initiated during the planning stages of the Eastside Gold Line Extension due in large part to a devoted group of local leaders and stakeholders known as the Eastside Review Advisory Committee (RAC). Community participation for this project was achieved through the group's hard work and 15 years of devotion and participation in hundreds of community public meetings.

The Metro Eastside Gold Line development has achieved all major milestones on schedule and under budget despite many complex and critical issues. All issues that arose were eventually resolved and much of the credit for this should go to the Eastside RAC members who have provided a consistent and effective advisory role during all phases of this project. The Eastside RAC has also gained a great amount of respect from area residents, stakeholders and elected officials who have been able to recognize the group's hard work and dedication.

All Metro rail and fixed guideway projects incorporate into their design significant recognition of cultural and artistic expressions highlighting different community elements. During the time it took to plan, design and build the Eastside Gold Line Extension, five members of the Eastside RAC have passed away and should be recognized.

We, therefore, move that the Board direct the CEO to create and implement a program to recognize the following deceased Eastside Review Advisory Committee members: Dorothy Harthshorn, Joel Bloom, Ross Valencia, Louis Martinez and Al Taira.

