

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Meeting**  
**Construction Authority Offices, Conference Room**  
**406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202**  
**Monrovia, CA 91016**  
**July 21, 2010**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Vice Chair called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 PM. [Vice Chair Tessitor chaired the meeting as Chairman Hanks participated via telephone.]

**2. Roll Call:**

Member	Appointing Entity	Present	Absent
<b><i>Voting Members</i></b>			
Keith Hanks, <i>Chair*</i>	City of South Pasadena	X	
Doug Tessitor, <i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair</i>	City of Pasadena	X	
Ed Reyes, <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair</i>	City of Los Angeles		X
John Fasana	LACMTA		X
Sam Pedroza	SGVCOG	X	
<b><i>Non-Voting Members</i></b>			
Lara Larramendi	Governor of California	X	
Bill Bogaard	City of Pasadena		X
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena	X	
<b><i>Alternate Members</i></b>			
Michael Cacciotti	City of South Pasadena	—	—
Gerry Miller	City of Los Angeles	—	—
Mary Ann Lutz	SGVCOG	—	—

\* Via telephone

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Doug Tessitor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda**

Vice Chair Tessitor requested any public comments on or off the Agenda.

None.

**5. CEO's Monthly Report**

Mr. Balian presented the report. Mr. Balian updated the Board on recent activities of the Construction Authority including the execution of the Master Cooperative and Funding Transfer Agreements with Metro and the Design-Build Contract for the IFS

with Skanska. Mr. Balian also indicated that work was underway on the Phase 2A RFP, M&O planning and environmental work as well as Phase 2B planning. Mr. Balian relayed that one outstanding item is the BNSF Agreement. Mr. Balian presented a video to the Board which highlighted the Groundbreaking ceremonies held on June 26<sup>th</sup> that was attending by over 700 people.

**6. Consent Calendar:**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting held June 14, 2010**
- b. Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting held June 18, 2010**
- c. Financial Quarterly Update**
- d. Consideration of Cost of Living Adjustment**
- e. Adopt the Overall Annual Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal of Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2010/2012**

Vice Chair Tessitor requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Pedroza made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Hanks seconded the motion. (Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Hanks, Tessitor & Pedroza – No: none)

**7. General Board Items:**

**a. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Peer Review**

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner, Chief Project Officer who provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that the Peer Review was conducted as part of a “Best Practice” for large projects by a diverse and experienced group with involvement in transit projects, including claims prevention, civil engineering, systems, construction, project management, and safety. Mr. Burner reviewed the recommendations from the Peer Review panel which completing various third party agreements, consider advancing design work on the San Gabriel River Bridge, design and construction parameters for the shared corridor need to be finalized with SCRRA and BNSF, consider an additional staff position for third-party coordination, consider decoupling M&O facility from the alignment contract, consider funding dedicated on-site design-makers from third parties, such as Caltrans and that the project schedule is aggressive.

Vice Chair inquired if there was a risk in delay to the schedule with regard to property acquisition. Mr. Burner indicated that there was but efforts were being made to minimize the risk. Mr. Balian indicated that the real estate acquisition plan would be brought to the Board in September.

Board Member Pedroza inquired if all of the recommendations made by Peer Review were “doable” under the current budget. Mr. Burner indicated that they were.

Vice Chair Tessitor indicated that he attended the Peer Review debriefing and found it a fascinating exercised to hear comments and opinions for experts in

the field.

Board Member Larramendi indicated that it was very helpful and useful to have Metro staff on the Peer Review panel.

Chair Hanks indicated he appreciated being able to attend the Peer Review meeting and that the aggressive schedule was not created by the Authority but by Measure R.

Item received and filed.

**b. Discussion of Project Drawings**

Mr. Balian indicated that that advanced conceptual drawings have been developed over the past 3 years and are the foundation for what will be given to the Design Build contractor to provide a bid for the Phase 2A alignment. Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner, Chief Project Officer who provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that the purpose of project drawings is to provide clarity and direction with regard to the general scope and cost of the project. Mr. Burner further indicated that for organizational purposes, Authority staff divided the drawings into eleven sections which are Alignment; Right of Way; Grade Crossings; Existing Utilities; Cross Sections; Station Site; Drainage; Landscaping; Bridge Structures; Track-work and Systems. Mr. Burner presented a review each type of project drawings. Mr. Burner indicated that the Design-Build-Finance contractor will develop the final engineering drawings as part of their scope of work. Mr. Burner indicated that currently staff has approximately 500 drawings and by the end of the project, the drawings will number in the several thousands.

Chairman Hanks indicated that he felt it was important that the Construction Authority Board have a general understanding of the drawings.

Item received and filed.

**c. Discussion of Bus, Rail, Pedestrian and Bike Interface Plan**

Mr. Balian introduced Tanya Patsaouras, Station Environments Coordinator who provided the report. Ms. Patsaouras indicated that staff was currently conducting a Bus Interface Study which will identifying strategies to improve bus, pedestrian, and bicycle connections to the planned Gold Line Stations. Ms. Patsaouras indicated that the study will address coordination with Foothill Transit and Metro for improving rail-bus interface, coordination with cities regarding station pedestrian and bicycle access, and rail - local transit service interface as well as performing a survey at the end of summer with bus riders, light-rail riders, local cyclists, and SGV residents. Ms. Patsaouras indicated that some of the initial findings of the study are that a continuous east-west bikeway using the ROW is not possible for the following reasons due to ROW and Physical Constrains safety concerns; cost for implementation and the

Authority's focus is on determining ways to better connect the existing and planned regional bikeway network with the Foothill Extension stations to encourage passengers to bike-and-ride. Ms. Patsouras indicated that the study should be completed by early 2011.

Board Member Larramendi indicated that many cities along the alignment are making a significant efforts to improve and expand bikeways.

Board Member Pedroza indicated that a possible alternative avenue for communication with stakeholders would be through social networking and media.

Item received and filed.

**d. Legislative Update**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that the Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Federal Government Relations was underway and that RFPs were due on July 26<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation would be made to the Board in August. Mr. Balian also indicated that a trip to Washington, DC was being planned for early October to discuss possible federal funding sources for Phase 2B.

Item received and filed.

**e. Monthly Project Status Update**

Mr. Balian indicated that the update was provided in previous reports from the Agenda to the Board.

Item received and filed.

**8. General Counsel Report**

None.

**9. Board Member Comments**

Chair Hanks thanked everyone that was involved in getting the Master Cooperative Agreement and Funding Transfer Agreements signed.

**10. Closed Session**

Closed Session

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - G.C. 54956.8

Property: (1) 8513-012-911; 8513-012-912; (2) 8513-012-909;  
(3) 8513-012-908; (4) 8513-012-910

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian  
Negotiating Parties: Monrovia Redevelopment Agency  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

The Board established an Ad Hoc Committee of Chairman Keith Hanks and Vice Chairman Doug Tessitor authorized to advise staff on the negotiation and acquisition of property from the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency.

**11. Adjournment**

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 PM.