

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Meeting
Construction Authority Offices, Conference Room
406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202
Monrovia, CA 91016
September 22, 2010
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Hanks called the meeting to order at approximately 7:08 PM.

2. Roll Call:

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Lara Larramendi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda

Chairman Hanks requested any public comments on or off the Agenda.

None.

5. CEO's Monthly Report

Mr. Balian presented the report. Mr. Balian reported on various milestones on the project including the Request for Proposals for the Phase 2A Alignment which was released in late August, upcoming Phase 2B Open Houses as well as the relocation of the Construction Authority Offices.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held August 25, 2010**
- b. Authorize CEO to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Richards, Watson & Gershon Contract No. C1115 for Legal Services**
- c. Overview of Phase 2A City Comments**
- d. Overview of Real Estate Acquisition Plan**
- e. Consideration of Project Management of PMP Revisions**
- f. Authorize CEO to Execute Memorandum of Understandings with Utility Companies along the Phase 2A Alignment**
- g. Request for Approval to Attend Trenchless Technology and Geopolymer Research Centers in Ruston Louisiana– October 2010**

Chairman Hanks requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Tessitor made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Pedroza seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously. Board Member Fasana abstained from approval of the Minutes.

7. General Board Items:

- a. Receive and File Report on Tree Replacement Guidelines**

Mr. Balian introduced Tanya Patsaouras, Station Coordinator, who presented the report. Ms. Patsaouras indicated that the Tree Policy was adopted by the Board in October 2009 as a commitment to environmental sustainability. Ms. Patsaouras related that trees and shrubs within 20 feet of the nearest track on the right-of-way would be removed and trees and shrubs beyond the 20 feet on the right-of-way would be pruned if practical or removed. Ms. Patsaouras also indicated that the Phase 2A Alignment design-build contractor will conduct a survey of the vegetation along the right-of-way which will be a component of the landscape plans. Ms. Patsaouras indicated that replacement of trees would vary from a ratio of 2 to 1 to 4 to 1 depending on the trunk diameter. Ms. Patsaouras also indicated that replacement of shrubs or screening would vary from a ratio of 6 to 1 to 15 to 1 depending on the diameter.

Board Member Reyes inquired if the cities along the alignment had specific requirement of ordinance with respect to vegetation. Ms. Patsaouras indicated that staff was working with each of the cities regarding vegetation requirements but were using the City of Los Angeles ordinance as a baseline.

Chairman Hanks requested a motion to Receive and File the Report on Tree Replacement Guidelines. Board Member Reyes made a motion to Receive and File the Report. Board Member Tessitor seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.

b. Discussion of Phase 2B Environmental Process

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that staff had recently meet with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to discuss the progress of the Environmental Process on Phase 2B. Mr. Balian indicated that the FTA had requested that the Phase 2B environmental document be stand-alone EIR instead of a supplemental EIR to the previously adopted EIR. Mr. Balian indicated that with this change, there would be enhanced technical analysis and additional public meetings. Mr. Balian indicated that according to the current schedule the Final EIS/SEIR will be completed in October/November 2011 and the Record of Decision (ROD) is anticipated in December 2011.

Board Member Pedroza inquired if there was an adequate schedule to complete the work given the request by the FTA. Mr. Balian indicated that the schedule was "tight" but staff believes achievable.

Board Member Reyes inquired what financial impact the change would have. Mr. Balian indicated that an additional \$200,000 would be required to complete the work.

Chairman Hanks requested a motion to Adopt the Revised Scheduled of the Phase 2A Environmental Process as presented in the PowerPoint presentation. Board Member Fasana made a motion to Adopt the Revised Schedule. Board Member Pedroza seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.

c. Consideration of LA Metro "30/10 Plan" Petition

Mr. Balian presented the item. Mr. Balian indicated that petition included in the Board report was drafted by the organization MoveLA and various groups and agencies had been requested to adopt the petition in support of the 30/10 Plan. Mr. Balian indicated that the petition had been reviewed by the Joint Powers Authority Board and the Technical Advisory Board which requested some additional language to include the Montclair as the terminus of the Foothill Extension.

Board Member Tessitor indicated that he felt it was appropriate to support the 30/10 Plan, but requested that Item 3 on Page 2 of the petition be removed.

Board Member Pedroza indicated that the San Gabriel Council of Governments is in support of the petition but have also requested language regarding the terminus of Phase 2B. Board Member Pedroza also indicated that the Los Angeles Division of the California League have indicated their support as well as 6 other regional Council of Governments.

Board Member Fasana indicated that the Construction Authority should support of the petition as a regional team-player.

Board Member Reyes indicated that the Construction Authority should support the petition to continue the momentum of the project.

Board Member Larramendi indicated that she was in support of the petition and agreed with Board Member Tessitor regarding the removal of certain language.

Board Member Pedroza inquired if Metro considers Phase 2B part of the 30/10 Plan. Board Member Fasana indicated that Metro considers Phase 2A of the 30/10 Plan.

Board Member Tessitor relayed that the 30/10 Plan supports the Measure R projects and that the Foothill Extension is defined as being from Pasadena to Claremont.

Chairman Hanks indicated his support of the petition for the 30/10 Plan with the modification of the language mentioned by Board Member Tessitor.

Chairman Hanks requested a motion to Adopt the Petition in Support of the "30/10 Plan". Board Member Fasana made a motion to Adopt the Petition with the removal of Item 3 on Page 2 of the Petition. Board Member Pedroza seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.

d. Receive and File Metro's proposed "Unified Cost Increase Process and Policy for Measure R Transit Projects included in the 30/10 Initiative

Board Member Fasana indicated that Metro has delayed considering this item at its upcoming Board meeting and requested that the item be held until it is placed on the Metro Agenda.

Chairman Hanks requested a motion to hold the until the a Revised Policy is presented to the Metro Board. Board Member Fasana made a motion to approve the request. Board Member Tessitor seconded the motion which was then approved unanimously.

e. Legislative Update

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that Construction Authority had retained Jan Powell of Baker Donnelson who was instrumental in assisting the Construction Authority in co-hosting Congressman Mica, the ranking member of the House Transportation Committee on a tour of Phase 2B of the project. Mr. Balian also indicated that several members of the Board would be traveling to Washington DC in early October to meet with various federal officials and representatives.

Item received and filed.

f. Monthly Project Status Update

Mr. Burner provided the report. Mr. Burner summarized the various activities of the Construction Authority staff which included work on the Phase 2A Alignment Project RFP, issuance of the Notice to Proceed on the IFS Contract, various station and parking issues for Phase 2A cities, examination of possible property acquisitions along the right-of-way, continued work on the M&O environmental project. Mr. Burner indicated that the Phase 2B Environmental NEPA/CEQA clearance was continuing and that staff continues in its efforts to securing funding for the Phase 2C Alternative Analysis study.

Board Member Tessitor requested that detailed report of ongoing activities be prepared for the Board members.

Board Member Fasana indicated that the City of Hope was had worked with the Army Corps of Engineers in the past and may have some recommendations on the relationship.

Board member Reyes indicated that he was happy to assist in any possible way.

Item received and filed.

General Counsel Report

None.

9. Board Member Comments

Board Member Fasana congratulated Board Member Bogaard on his election as 2nd Vice President of the League of California Cities.

Board Member Tessitor also congratulated Board Member Bogaard and thanked the Construction Authority Staff and Jan Powell for the hosting of Congressman Mica.

Board Member Hanks indicated that the Foothill Extension is the 5th largest construction project in Los Angeles County.

10. Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

11. Closed Session

Closed Session
CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR - G.C. 54956.8

(1) Property: 5773-006-015

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.
Negotiating Parties: Miriam C. Spaulding Properties
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

(2) Property: 5773-006-037

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.
Negotiating Parties: Virgil E. Anderson
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

(3) Property: 5773-006-054

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.
Negotiating Parties: Recreational Equipment, Inc.
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

(4) 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

No reportable action.