

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Meeting
Construction Authority Offices
406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202
Maria Dalton Community Room
Monrovia, California 91016**

**February 26, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Tessitor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Member	Appointing Entity	Present	Absent
<i>Voting Members</i>			
Doug Tessitor, <i>Chair</i>	City of Pasadena	X	
Sam Pedroza, <i>Vice Chair</i>	SGVCOG	X	
Vacant	City of Los Angeles	—	—
Paul Leon	City of South Pasadena	X	
John Fasana	LACMTA		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	
Alan Wapner	SANBAG	X	
<i>Alternate Members</i>			
Marisol Salguero	City of Los Angeles	X	
Mary Ann Lutz	SGVCOG	—	—
Deborah Robertson	SANBAG	—	—

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Paul Leon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there were any members of the public who wish to provide comment on items on or off the Agenda. Chairman Tessitor recognized Mr. Wesley Reutimann of Day One Inc. and Golden Streets. Mr. Reutimann indicated that he was seeking support for Golden Streets proposal which would be an open streets event linking the South Pasadena station with Phase 2A stations. Mr. Reutimann indicated that the group is seeking funds via a grant proposal to Metro and would like to have the Construction Authority's support. Mr. Reutimann indicated that Metro was making \$2 million dollars available for Open Street events. Mr. Reutimann indicated that the event may take place a few weeks after the opening of the Gold Line.

Chairman Tessitor recognized South Pasadena Councilman Michael Cacciotti. Councilman Cacciotti indicated that he was seeking support from the Board for the Open Streets event that would be San Gabriel Valley event. Councilman Cacciotti indicated that several cities and organizations are proving support and hopeful of being awarded the funds from Metro.

Mr. Balian indicated that staff was working to prepare a letter of support for the organization. Mr. Balian indicated that the timing of the event has yet to be finalized.

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there were any other members of the public who wish to provide comment on items on or off the Agenda, hearing and seeing none, Chairman Tessitor closed public comment.

5. CEO's Monthly Report

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule which indicated the completion of 1st and Santa Clara crossing in March 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that the Foothill bridge, Huntington Dr. bridge and Myrtle Ave crossing is scheduled to be completed by May 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that work on the Virginia crossing would be from April to June 2014 and that the Magnolia crossing would be from May to July 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that the light rail track would be completed by September 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that work on the Mountain Ave. crossing would be from May to October 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that the first powered train test would occur in October 2014.

Mr. Balian presented a video which highlighted ongoing work on the alignment. Mr. Balian highlighted that work on the Phase 2A portion of the alignment surpassed 50% completion in February. Mr. Balian highlighted work at various location along the alignment showing progress at stations, parking facilities, the Maintenance and Operations Campus and other work in Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa. Mr. Balian indicated that 70% of utility work along the 11.5 mile alignment is finished; the 24 acre, \$265 million Operations Campus is now 40% complete; 8 of the 14 at-grade street crossings are complete; 15 of the 24 bridge structures are completed including the five-time award winning Gold Line bridge. Mr. Balian indicated that a total of 600,000 work hours have been completed and zero hour lost to injury. Mr. Balian indicated that the project is on-budget and on-time.

Mr. Balian reviewed various other project accomplishments including completion of design; freight relocation substantially complete; mainline light rail track installation started. Mr. Balian highlighted progress on various construction items including site-clearing and demolition at 85%; grading at 80%; drainage at 65%; retaining walls at 65%; sound walls at 35%; OCS foundations at 55%; utilities at 70%; systems at 40% and the operations campus at 40%. Mr. Balian indicated that of the 14 grade crossings, 8 are complete and 3 are currently under construction. Mr. Balian indicated that of the 24 total bridges which require construction or modification, 15 are complete and 8 are currently under construction. Mr. Balian indicated that all known encroachments have been resolved and the of the 77 total property acquisitions, 62 have been acquired and 15 remain.

Mr. Balian highlighted the project budget, indicated that of the \$22 million allocated for the DB2 Alignment Contract; \$7.3 has been committed; of the \$21 million allocated for property acquisitions, \$14 million has been committed and of the \$40 million budgets for project management by Hill International, \$31 million had been committed.

Mr. Balian indicated that the remaining project risk areas at this stage of construction are (1) Submittals/RFIs which has very little risk; (2) Grade crossings which has little risk; (3) Hazardous Materials/Archeological/Paleontological findings have very little risk; (4) Safety contains some risk, but job has been safe so far and (5) Utilities which has very little risk.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held January 22, 2014**
- b. Receive and File Financial Quarterly Update**

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Pedroza made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Member Leon and approved unanimously.

7. General Board Items

- a. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Systems**

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner who provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that the systems elements to be provided on the Foothill Extension project will transform the track, stations and other facilities into a safe and effective operating railroad. Mr. Burner indicated that the elements include the traction electrification system, rail signaling system, an array of communications systems, fare collection system and equipment for remote supervision of the line at the Metro's Rail Operations Control (ROC) center. Mr. Burner indicated that the project will also provide new rail signaling equipment for the re-aligned BNSF freight rail tracks.

Mr. Burner indicated that the traction electrification system will transform utility power to that required for Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) propulsion, and then distribute that power to the LRVs via the overhead wires. Mr. Burner indicated that Metro will purchase the traction power substations, which provide the equipment to perform the power transformation.

Mr. Burner indicated that the signaling system for the Foothill Extension will employ train control for main line operations, which provides Automatic Train Protection (ATP) and automatic speed enforcement of the trains operating on the light rail line. Mr. Burner indicated that additional components of the signaling system will be provided for the grade crossing warning installations, including the gates and visual indications, and control thereof. Mr. Burner indicated that that

signaling for the BNSF freight tracks will essentially be replaced in-kind with the most modern equipment.

Mr. Burner indicated that Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), public address, visual message signs, telephones, radio, intrusion detection, fire detection and fiber optic media between facilities comprise the communications systems that will be provided on the Foothill Extension for passenger safety, equipment and facilities security, and operations enhancements. Mr. Burner indicated that these systems require a high level of integration with Metro's existing installations, which is being coordinated on a regular basis with the appropriate Metro personnel.

Mr. Burner indicated that the fare collection system will employ ticket vending machines and TAP card readers currently used throughout Metro's transportation network as part of its Universal Fare System (UFS).

Mr. Burner indicated that Metro's existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, a computer system resident at the ROC facility, will be utilized by the Foothill Extension to provide Metro Operations personnel the ability to remotely monitor and control key elements of the light rail line, and quickly respond to emergencies and incidents.

Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the status of the Systems Elements – Traction Electrification Systems that the TPSS has been installed in Duarte; Metro is late in delivering all remaining TPSS; OCS poles and components have been delivered; OCS pole installation has begun at the Maintenance and Operations Campus. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the status of the Systems Elements – Signaling that approximately half of the Train Control and Signaling cases and bungalows for the project have been tested and that the remaining Train Control and Signaling components have been delivered. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the status of the Systems Elements – Communications Systems that the CTS modules have been successfully tested by the vendor. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the status of the Systems Elements – Fare Collection System that the proposal with Metro is under review in the auditing department. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the status of the Systems Elements – Central Control that Metro is proceeding with design of the ROC expansion.

Item received and filed.

b. Discussion of Funding Options for Montclair Segment Phase 2B Advanced Conceptual Engineering (*Oral Report*)

Mr. Balian indicated that staff has been in discussion with the City of Montclair regarding funding for the Advanced Conceptual Engineering for Phase 2B and the portion which the City of Montclair would be responsible for. Mr. Balian indicated that a draft document was prepared and exchanged between the parties. Mr. Balian indicated that the City of Montclair provided the Construction

Authority with a MOU signed by the City of Montclair and requesting signature by the Construction Authority. Mr. Balian indicated that he would like to seek the Board approval to do so to keep the momentum. Mr. Balian indicated that in order to do that, the MOU would need to be added to the Agenda. Mr. Balian indicated that General Counsel Estrada would speak to the Board regarding that process.

General Counsel Estrada indicated to the Chairman that if the Board would like to add the Approval of the MOU to Agenda, a two-thirds vote would be required by the Board. General Counsel Estrada that in order to conduct the vote, two conditions need to meet – (1) the need to act arose after the Agenda was posted and (2) the item needs to act upon prior to the next schedule Board Meeting. General Counsel Estrada indicated that both conditions have been satisfied in that the item was received on Monday, February 26 – the Agenda was posted on Friday, February 21st and that in order to keep progress moving forward on the item and procurement, the document could be signed if approved by the Board.

Chairman Tessitor recognized Board Member Wapner. Board Member Wapner, indicated that he had a discussion with SANBAG President Ray Wolff and that Mr. Wolff indicated that the MOU being presented tonight was not consistent with the MOU presented to SANBAG by Montclair. Mr. Wapner indicated that Mr. Wolff indicated that the MOU in its present form may cause an issue for reimbursement from SANBAG to the City of Montclair and that the item should be continued.

General Counsel Estrada requested that the Board consider adding the item to the Agenda before continuing discussions.

Chairman Tessitor requested a Motion to add the Agenda Item Motion to Add _____. Board Member Pedroza made a motion to add the item to the Agenda which was seconded by Board Member Leon.

Mr. Balian indicated that MOU being presented tonight is between the City of Montclair and the Construction Authority. Mr. Balian indicated that the MOU allows for Montclair to reimburse the Construction Authority for work related to the Advanced Conceptual Engineering for Phase 2B. Mr. Balian indicated that separately there will be an MOU between SANBAG and the City of Montclair to seek reimbursement from SANBAG to Montclair of the ACE expense. Mr. Balian indicated that the agreement before the Board is a separate stand-alone agreement that is not contingent upon the Agreement between Montclair and SANBAG.

Board Member Leon inquired if the Board could approve the MOU with the understanding SANBAG and Montclair would agree on and MOU as well. Chairman Tessitor indicated that the MOU to be consider tonight is a stand along agreement and the Board should not add a caveat to an Agreement which is not under their purview. Mr. Balian indicated that SANBAG and Montclair will be

discussing, drafting and negotiating their agreement over the next several weeks or months. Board Member Leon indicated that he was concerned that the City of Montclair may be let "holding the bag" for funds SANBAG initially indicated that would be willing to reimburse Montclair for. Chairman Tessitor indicated that if indeed an issue arose that needed to be addressed, the City of Montclair could propose an Amendment to the MOU which the Board would be considered.

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the MOU between the City of Montclair and the Construction Authority. Board Member Pedroza made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Salguero. Chairman Tessitor requested a roll call vote. The Clerk conducted a roll call vote: Yea's – 4; No's – 0; and 1 absent.

c. Receive and File Monthly Update

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner to provide the report. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to work progress on the Phase 2A alignment that the first TPSS in Duarte (Business Center) has been installed; work continues at Duarte, Monrovia, Arcadia, Azusa-Downtown and Azusa-Citrus stations; work commenced at Irwindale station; construction of grade crossings continues at San Gabriel, Myrtle and 1st & Santa Clara; bridge work continues at Foothill and Huntington; Michillinda and Baldwin bridges have been completed; and installation of sound walls in Duarte have been completed. Mr. Burner indicated that also with regard to work progress on the Phase 2A alignment that installation of underdrain and sub-ballast continues throughout project; light rail mainline track placement continues; OCS foundation installation continues; OCS pole installation started at Gold Line Operations Campus (Campus); car cleaning platform deck pours at the Campus completed; trackwork at the Campus completed; and structural steel work continues at the Main Shop Building in the Campus.

Mr. Burner reviewed the project schedule in detail.

Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to work progress on the Phase 2A parking facilities and TPSS that construction of the Arcadia and Monrovia structures continue with installation footings & column reinforcements and concrete placement. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to work at Michillinda and Soldano TPSS sites, that duck back installation, encasement and slurry backfilled has been completed. Mr. Burner indicated that roadway reconstruction at Arboleda has been completed. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the Soldano site, that the TPSS slab is completed and construction of concrete sidewalk, gutter, approach driveway and gutter have been completed.

Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to future activities over the next 3 to 4 months; that trackwork at the Operations Campus will be completed construction at Foothill, Kincaid, Huntington and Rosemead bridges will be completed; crossings at 1st & Santa Clara, San Gabriel and Myrtle will be completed and work will begin at Virginia, Magnolia and Mountain crossings. Mr. Burner

indicated that construction of all stations will be completed (except for architectural elements). Mr. Burner indicated that all OCS foundations will be completed. Mr. Burner indicated the design for the first three parking facilities will be finalized. Mr. Burner indicated that the mainline LRT trackwork construction will be completed.

Mr. Balian indicated that staff has sent an email to the Phase 2A cities regarding the possible large rain-event that may occur. Mr. Balian indicated that the contractor is prepared for the event.

Item received and filed.

8. General Counsel's Report

None.

9. Board Member Comments

Board Member Evans indicated that he attending the Myrtle Ave. flea market the past weekend. Board Member Evans indicated that it was his sense that the businesses were general pleased that the Gold Line had reached out to work with the local business to sponsor the event.

10. Closed Session

General Counsel Estrada reviewed the various items that would be considered in Closed Session and indicated that since the Agenda was posted an additional item needs to be added. General Counsel indicated that under Pending Litigation, correspondence in the matter of Construction Authority v REI, Case No. BC537073 was received on February 25 and needs to be addressed prior to the next Board Meeting. General Counsel Estrada indicated that a two-thirds vote was need to add the item. Chairman Tessitor requested a motion. Board Member Salguero made a motion to add the item which was seconded by Board Member Pedroza and subsequently approved unanimously. General Counsel Estrada indicated that there would be no reportable action after Closed Session. Chairman Pedroza recessed the Board into Closed Session at approximately 8:05 pm.

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:..... G.C. 54956.9(a)
Pending Litigation

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v. Julie C. Bowden, Trustee of the Austin Bowden Credit Shelter Trust dated September 19, 1996, et al
Case No. BC529731

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:.....G.C. 54956.9(d)(2)
Anticipated Litigation

Significant Exposure to litigation based on a letter received from Der-Parseghian Law Group dated February 6, 2014, asserting a claim and threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in Board Secretary's office).

11. Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:27 pm.