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## **FOOTHILL GOLD LINE RELEASES NEW VIDEO “BUILDING THE LIGHT RAIL TRACK SYSTEM”**

***The step-by-step overview of the light rail track installation process is released in time for this week’s milestone celebration of the light rail track completion for the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa***

**MONROVIA, CA** – The Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa today released a new and informative video, “Building the Light Rail Track: A Step-by-Step Overview,” on its website and YouTube channels. This new video provides a five-step overview of the process involved in installing the light rail track system for the 11.5-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Pasadena to Azusa. The video release kicks off a week of celebration, as the first Measure R-funded rail project to break ground four years ago now hits a major milestone with all 28-miles of light rail track needed for the project in place.

“On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating with our community the completion of all light rail track installation for the project,” stated Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib F. Balian. “This is an important milestone for the project, which allows us to begin testing the system later this year and continues our progress on time and on budget for a turn over to Metro in September 2015.”

More than 300 project stakeholders, community members, and elected officials are expected to participate at the Track Completion Ceremony the morning of October 18, 2014. During the Track Completion Ceremony, the final rail clip will be driven into place, marking the permanent connection between the cities of Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa, via this new light rail line.

“Our communities are eager to finally see the train arrive,” added Balian. “Although they understand that we are still a year away from construction completion, they are ready to celebrate this milestone in the life of this nearly \$1 billion project and what it means to the future of their cities and our region.”

The new “***Building the Light Rail Track: A Step-by-Step Overview***” video is available via the following link:

<http://www.foothillgoldline.org/news/videos/building-the-track-system-a-step-by-step-overview/>

To learn about the Track Completion Ceremony, visit: [www.foothillgoldline.org](http://www.foothillgoldline.org)

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**About the Foothill Gold Line** - The Foothill Gold Line is a nearly \$2 billion, 12-station extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail system, being overseen by the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1998 by the California State Legislature. The project is planned in two segments – Pasadena to Azusa and Azusa to Montclair. The Pasadena to Azusa segment is fully funded by Los Angeles County’s Measure R and is on budget and on schedule to be completed in September 2015 when it will be turned over to Metro for testing and pre-revenue service. Metro will determine when passenger service begins on the line. The Azusa to Montclair segment is currently undergoing advanced conceptual engineering, which will be shovel ready in 2017. The Construction Authority is currently seeking \$1 billion needed to construct the Azusa to Montclair segment.