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## PRESS RELEASE

### ALL 14 AT-GRADE RAIL CROSSINGS NOW COMPLETE FOR FOOTHILL GOLD LINE

*Significant Milestone Achieved Ahead of Schedule*

**MONROVIA, CA** – On the heels of last week’s completion of all light rail track installation for the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) announced today that the agency has achieved another major milestone for the project – completion of all 14 at-grade (or street-level) crossings for the 11.5-mile light rail extension. The final grade crossing work, at Mountain Ave, was completed this week – three months ahead of schedule.

Work began on the grade crossings in February 2013, and required long-term closures of each street. Each grade crossing received upgrades to underground utilities, the roadway, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, in addition to installation of light rail track, signals, and communications and safety equipment.

“Completing the at-grade crossings is an important milestone for the project, keeping us on time and on budget,” stated Construction Authority CEO Habib F. Balian. “We are now less than a year from turning the project over to Metro, and having the crossings complete means that most of the risk on the project is behind us.”

Construction took place at the following at-grade crossings:

- First Ave and Santa Clara St, Arcadia
- Mayflower Ave, Monrovia
- Magnolia Ave, Monrovia
- Myrtle Ave, Monrovia
- California Ave, Monrovia
- Mountain Ave, Monrovia/Duarte
- Buena Vista Ave, Duarte
- Highland Ave, Duarte
- Virginia Ave, Azusa
- San Gabriel Ave, Azusa
- Azusa Ave, Azusa
- Alameda Ave, Azusa
- Dalton Ave, Azusa
- Pasadena Ave, Azusa

The Construction Authority implemented targeted public outreach campaigns for each crossing that included door-to-door walks, text message noticing, e-alerts, interactive construction map updates, online and print advertisements in regional news publications; public banners and signs; and presentations to schools and community groups. To assist residents and businesses, the Construction Authority also sponsored shuttle service when pedestrian access was unavailable, advertisements for local businesses, among other measures.

“We appreciate the community’s patience, as well as the cooperation of the corridor cities and their staffs, as we built these crossings out,” added Balian. “This work was certainly very impactful on the community, and everyone was very understanding.”

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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 late-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, and will be shovel-ready in 2017. The Construction Authority is currently seeking \$1 billion to construct the Azusa to Montclair segment.