

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

**December 17, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Tessitor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 pm.

**2. Roll Call:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Appointing Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Voting Members</i></b>			
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	
<b><i>Non-Voting Members</i></b>			
Carrie Bowen	Governor of California	X	
Bill Bogaard	City of Pasadena		X
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena	X	
Alan Wapner	SANBAG	X	
<b><i>Alternate Members</i></b>			
Marisol Rodriguez	City of Los Angeles		X
Mary Ann Lutz	SGVCOG	—	—
Deborah Robertson	SANBAG	—	—

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Sam Pedroza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Tessitor opened the Public Comment portion of the meeting and requested if anyone wished to address the Board on items on or off the Agenda. Chairman Tessitor indicated that a speaker card had been submitted by Andrew Jarett on Agenda Item 8.c. and inquired if he wished to speak now or at the time of the item. Mr. Jarett indicated that he would like to speak at the time of the item. Chairman Tessitor inquired if there was anyone else who wished to provide public comment – hearing and seeing none, Chairman Tessitor closed the public comment period.

## **5. Nomination and Election of Officers**

Chairman Tessitor requested nominations for Chair and Vice Chair which are currently Doug Tessitor and Sam Pedroza respectively. Board Member Pedroza nominated Doug Tessitor for Chair, which was seconded by Board member Fasana and was approved unanimously. Board Member Leon nominated Sam Pedroza as Vice Chair, which was seconded by Board Member Fasana and was approved unanimously.

Board Member Bogaard congratulated both Board Members.

Chairman Tessitor thanked the Board members for their continued confidence.

## **6. CEO's Monthly Report**

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule which indicated the start of Systems Integration Testing; the first powered train test; expected completion of OCS by February 2015; completion of Train Control by April 2015; completion of Communications by May 2015; completion of Parking Structures in June 2015; completion of Systems Integration Testing by September 2015 and Substantial Completion by September 2015.

Mr. Balian presented a video update of the project which highlighted work in the City of Azusa which included final TPSS installation at Soldano Ave. and platform art tile installation at APU/Citrus College Station. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Irwindale which included soil nail wall construction at Irwindale Station parking site. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Duarte which included wire pulling near Duarte/City of Hope Station. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Monrovia which included installation of roof at Monrovia Station; installation of cantilevers as part of the Overhead Catenary System and crossing system testing at Magnolia Ave. Mr. Balian highlighted work at the Gold Line Operations Campus in the City of Monrovia which included exterior and interior construction and finishing of the main building and installation of track underdrain. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Arcadia which included installation of elevator system at the parking structure. Mr. Balian highlighted an interview with Sergio Hernandez who works for Kiewit and provided additional background and information on thermite welding on the light rail. Mr. Balian highlighted the initial train testing and live-wire testing on the track on Phase 2A.

Mr. Balian, with regard to the Phase 2B (Azusa to Montclair) portion of the project, highlighted a tour of the Station Design Art Review (SDAR) Committee members on Phase 1 and Phase 2A of the project. Mr. Balian highlighted the Phase 2B Fire Life Safety Committee meeting.

**7. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held November 12, 2014**
- b. Approval of Revisions to the Project Management Plan (PMP)**
- c. Authorize the CEO to Execute a Change Order to the Phase 2A Alignment Contract (C1135) with Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC) to perform rail profile grinding in an amount not-to-exceed \$550,000**
- d. Authorize the CEO to Execute an Addendum to the Public Improvements Funding Agreement with the City of Monrovia and the Monrovia Redevelopment Agency**

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

**8. General Board Items**

**a. Receive and File Project Update: Risk Assessment**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian review the remaining few items with regard to the Project that could be a concern. Mr. Balian indicated that with regard to Project Submittals or RFIs – there is very little risk; submittals/RFIs have been responded to in a timely fashion since beginning of project. Mr. Blain indicated that with regard to Grade crossings there is very little risk and that Authority has been coordinating with CPUC since planning phase and crossing construction is complete. Mr. Balian indicated that with regard to Hazardous Materials, Archeological and or Paleontological findings there is very little risk; mass quantities of dirt have already been moved. Mr. Balian indicated that with regard to Utilities there is very little risk - utility relocation work is complete and the new services progressing well. Mr. Balian indicated that with regard to Safety on the Project there is moderate risk and that there has been 13 recordable safety incidents thus far on the project. Mr. Balian indicated that during this portion of train testing on the Project, communities need to be aware of what is occurring and that staff and Metro are working to make sure information is being provided to all stakeholders.

Board Member Evans inquired if there have been any serious injuries on the project. Mr. Balian indicated that there has not been any serious injuries, just minor injuries such as an ankle sprain.

Board Member Pedroza inquired if there is information regarding the horns that will be used on the train that could be made available for the cities along the alignment. Mr. Balian indicated that staff will be meeting with City Councils in the new year to discuss the Project and the horns and bells will be part of the presentation and materials will be available.

Item receive and filed.

**b. Receive and File Project Update: TPSS Update**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian present the schedule and indicated that all TPPS units have been put in place and delivered.

<b>TPSS Name</b>	<b>Original Dates</b>	<b>Metro Recovery Schedule</b>
Business Center	December 2013	<b>February 13, 2014 (A)</b>
Virginia	November 2013	<b>March 13, 2014 (A)</b>
Citrus	February 2014	<b>July 21, 2014 (A)</b>
Operations Campus	February 2014	<b>August <del>18</del>-20, 2014 (A)</b>
Irwindale	March 2014	<b>August <del>11</del> 25, 2014 (A)</b>
Los Robles	May 2014	<b>September <del>19</del> 18, 2014 (A)</b>
Michillinda	May 2014	<b>September 26, 2014 (A)</b>
Joseph	June 2014	<b>October 16, 2014 (A)</b>
Baldwin	July 2014	<b><del>October 24</del> November 6, 2014 (A)</b>
Soldano	September 2014	<b><del>October 31</del> November 18, 2014 (A)</b>

\* (A) = actual

Mr. Balian indicated that the TPSS units are now undergoing Commissioning. Mr. Balian indicated that the TPSS' at Business Center and Operations Campus (Yard) substations have been commissioned and energized and that the remaining eight substations are in varying stages of commissioning.

Item receive and filed.

**c. Consideration of a Resolution No. 2014-R-07 Approving Certain Refinements to the Azusa to Montclair Segment and Adopting an Addendum to the Certified Azusa to Montclair Final EIR**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that after discussions with SANBAG regarding Phase 2B of the Project, SANBAG indicated that the \$55 million dollars necessary for the Claremont to Montclair portion of the project located in San Bernardino County may not be available until sometime past 2025 or 2027. Mr. Balian indicated that currently Phase 2B is schedule to break ground in 2017, if funds become available from the proposed Los Angeles County sales tax measure being discussed for the 2016 ballot. Mr. Balian indicated that in order to address the possible lag in timing due to the delay in funds from SANBAG and phase timing approached an option was developed which would allow the Project to stay on schedule up to Claremont and would then continue when funds become available from SANBAG for the San Bernardino portion of the Project.

Mr. Balian indicated that Rob Hertz from AECOM was available to answer any questions regarding the Addendum.

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there were any questions for the public or the Board.

Board Member Pedroza inquired what if SANBAG was able to provide the funds earlier than 2025 or 2027. Mr. Balian indicated that if the funds from SANBAG become available prior to the 2017 ground breaking that the project would be built from Azusa to Montclair as one project and not phased. Mr. Balian indicated that in order to maintain the schedule, SANBAG would need to provide the commitment of the funds by mid to late 2016.

Board Member Fasana inquired as to what would be the incremental costs due to the "phased" approach instead of all at once. Mr. Balian indicated that it is estimated to be twice the currently estimated amount of \$55 million. Mr. Balian indicated that the staff and the project would need to be remobilized.

Board Member Fasana inquired if there were any mitigation costs related to the "phased" approach by stopping in Claremont. Mr. Balian indicated that very limited modifications would be necessary and that there would be no additional budget impacts. Mr. Balian indicated that the downside to the phased approach is that people in Montclair would not travel to the Claremont station to ride the train.

Chairman Tessitor requested Andrew Jarrett to provide public comment. Mr. Jarrett indicated that he was present on behalf of the City of Pomona and wanted to thank the staff in working together to address the concerns of the City of Pomona that may cause an impact to the Project and the City. Mr. Jarrett indicated that the City of Pomona is in favor of the Addendum and the Project.

Chairman Tessitor indicated that Mayor Rothman indicated the week prior that the City of Pomona had some issues with the Project and Addendum and that possible litigation may result. Mr. Balian indicated that since those comments the Authority had received support letters from the Cities of Pomona and Claremont. Mr. Balian indicated that at the time of his comments, discussions were ongoing and the Mayor had not been updated.

Mr. Balian indicated that initial Board Resolution had some incorrect language which was corrected and re-posted and made available to the public and provided to the Board.

Chairman Tessitor inquired as to what the impacts are to the City of Claremont if it becomes the temporary terminus for the Project. Mr. Balian requested Rob Wolf of AECOM to address the inquiry. Mr. Wolf indicated that with the temporary terminus change along with proposed mitigations that there will be minimal impact to the level of service on the surrounding street system and the

possible additional number parking spaces could be accommodated in the current proposed parking structure in Claremont.

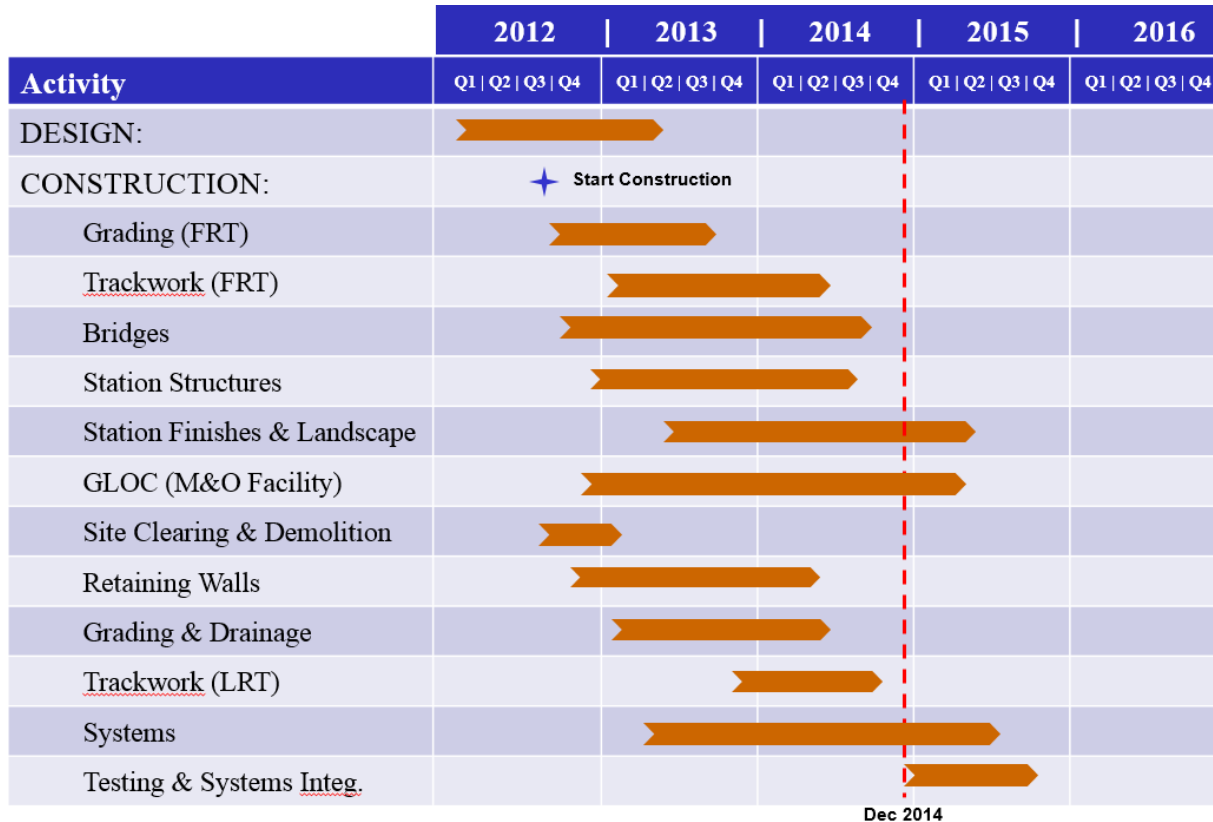
Board Member Wapner confirmed that what is be presented this evening is dependent on funding from Metro. Mr. Balian indicated that he was correct and that the additional funding is dependent on the possible LA County sales tax in 2016. Board Member Pedroza indicated that this work was necessary to make sure that the Project is ready to go as soon as funds become available. Mr. Balian indicated that currently there is advanced conceptual engineering is ongoing to Montclair.

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there were any additional questions or comments; seeing and hearing none he requested a motion and second to approved the Addendum to the EIR and approve Resolution 2014-R-07. Board Member Pedroza mad a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Leon. Chairman Tessitor requested the Clerk of the Board to conduct a roll-call vote. The Clerk of the Board conducted a roll-call vote and the item passed unanimously (four affirmative and 1 absent (Rodriguez)).

**d. Receive and File Monthly Report**

Mr. Burner, Chief Project Officer, provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the Pasadena to Azusa portion of the Project that the following were occurring: Systems Integration Testing; powered train tests; installation of station art and architectural elements; installation of train control cases/bungalows and associated equipment; continued track distressing throughout the alignment; final traction power substation (TPSS) delivered (Soldano); began energization of traction power substations; continued mainline OCS pole installation throughout alignment (80% complete) and at Campus (55% complete) and continued OCS wire runs in Segments 1, 3 and 4.

Mr. Burner provided a detail overview of the current schedule.



Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the Parking Facilities that the following was occurring: at Arcadia there is continued installation of elevators in the structure (currently working on elevator framing); at Monrovia there is continued on-site utility construction and driveway and sidewalk work has begun; at Irwindale there is continued construction of MSE and soil nail retaining wall; and at Azusa-Citrus there is continued concrete placement structure and construction of columns and deck.

Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to Future Activities over the next 3 to 4 Months the following was occurring: complete construction of art and architectural elements at stations; complete OCS installation; complete train control installation and complete installation of communications system.

Mr. Burner indicated with regard to the Azusa to Montclair portion of the Project that Authority staff performing the following tasks: continuing advancement of plan and profile drawings; continued right-of-way survey and drawings; gave AECOM direction to proceed for geotechnical work; developing AECOM's scope of work for parking facilities; developing AECOM's scope of work for Phase I and II ESAs; attending coordination meetings with corridor City staff to discuss project and finalize MCAs and held initial Station Design Art Program (SDAR) meeting with each city and toured Phase 1.

**Item Received and Filed.**

**9. General Counsel's Report**

General Counsel Smith wished everyone Happy Holidays.

**10. Board Member Comments**

Board Member Fasana indicated that it was great news to see the progress on the Project and how the risks associated with the Project had been managed and mitigated.

Chairman Tessitor expressed his appreciation for the effectiveness and professionalism on the Project for the Authority staff to all the contractors.

Board Member Fasana indicated that Metro had filed a petition with CPUC to increase the speed at Avenue 25 from 25 mph to 40 mph and inquired if the staff had any knowledge or comment. Mr. Balian indicated that they had not heard of the request.

Board Member Fasana wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Board Member Pedroza thanked everyone for their hard work and indicated his pleasure on serving on the Board and representing the Project.

Board Member Bogaard wished everyone Happy Holiday and is looking forward to a very important year for the Project.

**11. Closed Session**

General Counsel Smith reviewed the item that would be considered in Closed Session and indicated that there would be no reportable action after Closed Session. Chairman Tessitor recessed the Board into Closed Session at approximately 7:42 pm.

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

(i) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v.  
223 North First Street I, LLC, et al.  
Case No. BC531266

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

Significant Exposure to litigation based on a letter received from the Lagerlof Senecal Gosney & Kruse law firm dated November 26, 2014, asserting claim(s) and threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in Board Secretary's office).

**12. Adjournment**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:54 pm.