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Foothill Gold Line Board Unanimous on 2015 Leadership

Glendora City Councilman Doug Tessitor and Claremont City Councilman Sam Pedroza will remain Board Chairman and Vice Chairman as Foothill Gold Line enters last year of construction

MONROVIA, Calif. – At their December meeting, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) Board of Directors voted unanimously to re-elect Glendora City Councilman Doug Tessitor as Chairman, and Claremont City Councilman Sam Pedroza as Vice Chairman, of the nine-member Foothill Gold Line board of directors.

“This is a labor of love for Sam and I,” commented Chairman Tessitor after the board’s unanimous vote and Pasadena Mayor Bill Bogaard thanked the two board members for their leadership and continued dedication to the project.

Vice Chairman Pedroza added, “This is a beloved project in the San Gabriel Valley and in my city of Claremont and a very exciting project for an elected official to work on.”

The continued leadership of Chairman Tessitor and Vice Chairman Pedroza comes at a time when the Construction Authority is completing construction on the next 11.5-mile segment of the project from Pasadena to Azusa. The six station extension broke ground in June 2010 and is on schedule to be completed in late-September 2015, when it will be turned over to Metro for pre-revenue service.

The Construction Authority is also overseeing the final planning and design for the next 12.3-mile segment of the line, from Azusa to Montclair. The agency is currently undergoing advanced engineering for the six station extension, and is preparing the project for ground breaking in 2017. Construction funding for this segment of the light rail line is being sought at this time.

The Foothill Gold Line board is made up of elected and appointed representatives from throughout the project corridor, including representatives from the cities of Los Angeles, Pasadena, Duarte, Glendora, Claremont and Ontario. Representatives of the Governor and the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) also sit on the board as non-voting members.

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About the Foothill Gold Line – Planning, design and construction of the Foothill Gold Line light rail system is 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 agency completed the first segment of the line – Los Angeles to Pasadena – in 2003 on time and under budget. The second phase of 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 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 approximately \$1 billion to construct the Azusa to Montclair segment.