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## Media Advisory

### **Construction Authority to Unveil Water Conservation/Sustainability Features of \$265 million, State-of-the-Art Light Rail Operations Campus Press Conference this Friday, April 10, 2015 - 9:00 AM**

**WHEN: Friday, April 10, 2015**

- 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. – Remarks by Construction Authority CEO Habib F. Balian, chief architect Roland Genick, and solar installation and storm water collection and filtration system experts
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. – Interview opportunities with site sustainability experts; photo opportunities (see below)

**WHERE: Gold Line Operations Campus, Monrovia**

The campus is located just south of the I-210 Freeway, in the city of Monrovia. The site is bounded by Evergreen Ave. (North); Duarte Rd. (South); California Ave. (West) and Shamrock Ave. (East). See map with directions and parking information below.

**WHO:** Habib F. Balian, Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority CEO, will be joined by the Chief Architect for Rail & Transit Systems from Parsons, Roland Genick. Experts from Hot Purple Energy and CONTECH Engineered Solutions will be available to highlight the benefits of the on-site solar array and storm water collection and filtration system.

***All representatives will be available for interviews following brief opening remarks.***

**WHAT:** The \$265 million, 24-acre Gold Line Operations Campus, built as part of the Foothill Gold Line light rail project to house and service up to 84 light rail vehicles, is one of the only of its kind to be designed and built to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold certification requirements. The campus will reduce water usage by 35% and energy consumption by 32.5%, and features:

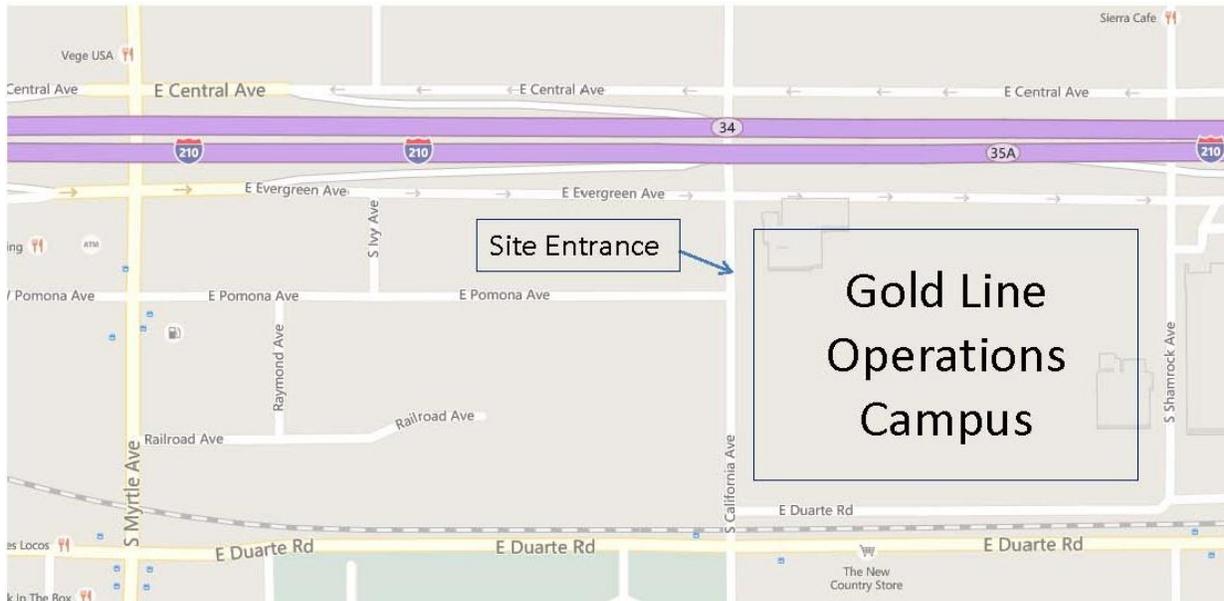
- A comprehensive storm water collection and filtration system designed to capture and treat the first 112,000 gallons of rainfall
- An on-site 178.5-kilowatt solar panel array that will generate an average of 22,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each month
- Drought tolerant landscaping and smart technology irrigation that will reduce water consumption in the landscaped areas by 50%
- A car wash facility that will utilize only recycled, reclaimed water
- Locally sourced and recycled materials
- Energy and water saving features throughout the 132,000 square foot Main Shop Building

As part of Earth Month 2015, we invite the media to learn more about this state-of-the-art, sustainable facility and talk one-on-one with site experts. The campus is nearing completion and will be turned over to Metro in early June 2015.

**APRIL 10 PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Photos with Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority officials and experts, including CEO Habib F. Balian
- Photos of the nearly complete operations campus, a state-of-the-art facility complete with solar panel array and storm water collection and filtration system
- A working model of the storm water collection and filtration system
- Samples of the solar panels installed on the Maintenance of Way Canopy

**DIRECTIONS/PARKING INFORMATION:**



**Directions:**

- From Eastbound I-210 Freeway - Exit at Myrtle Ave. Stay on frontage road (Evergreen Ave) eastbound. At California Ave, make a right turn. Campus will be on your left.
- From Westbound I-210 Freeway - Exit at Mountain Ave. Stay on frontage road (Central Ave) westbound. At California, make a left turn. Campus will be on your left after you go under the I-210 Freeway and pass Evergreen Ave.

Parking: Use California Ave entrance (just south of Evergreen Ave); parking will be provided on-site.

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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. The 24-acre Gold Line Operations Campus is being built as part of the Pasadena to Azusa project and will be turned over four months ahead of the overall project. Construction of the Gold Line Operations Campus is on budget and is being completed several months ahead of schedule.