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Construction Authority Releases Audio Tour and Commemorative Book of Foothill Gold Line Art for New Foothill Gold Line Extension

In conjunction with this past weekend's historic opening day of the Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa, the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority has released an on-line audio tour of the art of the project – art-tour.foothillgoldline.org.

The tour is meant to provide riders an easy way to learn about the wonderful artwork installed along the light rail line by the project's nine talented artists. As riders reach each station, they can click on an audio link to hear about the artwork at that station, or get more details about the artwork and artist on the webpage devoted to each station and/or project element:

- Arcadia Station Michael Davis Arcadian Zephyr
- Monrovia Station Cha-Rie Tang *River of Time*
- Duarte / City of Hope Station Andrea Myklebust & Stanton Gray Sears Spirit of the San Gabriel River
- Irwindale Station Robin Brailsford Pioneros de la Rivera de San Gabriel
- Azusa Downtown Station José Antonio Aguirre A Passage Through Memory
- APU / Citrus College Station Lynn Goodpasture Azusa Horticultural Paradise
- Operations Campus Christie Beniston Field of Poppies and California Gold
- Gold Line Bridge Andrew Leicester Gateway to the San Gabriel Valley

The audio tour is a condensed version of a commemorative book published by the Construction Authority for the grand opening of the line, entitled <u>Art of the Journey, the Foothill Gold Line</u>. The book was designed by Jim Cokas of Jim Cokas Design and edited by Meg Linton, and is available on line.

The <u>E-book</u>, and links to the audio tour (<u>art-tour.foothillgoldline.org</u>) - are available on-line on the Construction Authority's website – <u>foothillgoldline.org</u>, the Construction Authority blog – <u>iwillride.org</u>, <u>Facebook.com/iwillride</u> and Twitter <u>@iwillride</u>.

Quote from Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority CEO, Habib F. Balian: "Each of the artists was asked to create art that is reflective of the individual corridor communities. Through their work, the six Foothill Gold Line stations look and feel unique, and all offer a glimpse into the rich history, and distinct natural and cultural resources of the area."

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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 Foothill Gold Line 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 Glendora to Montclair. The Pasadena to Azusa segment is fully funded by Los Angeles County's Measure R and began passenger service on Saturday, March 5, 2016. Measure R is also funding the majority of the cost associated with the advanced conceptual engineering work currently underway for the Glendora to Montclair segment, which will ready the project for a design-build procurement in 2017. The Construction Authority is currently seeking the \$1.2 billion needed to construct the Glendora to Montclair segment.