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MEDIA ADVISORY

**Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Dedicates Light Rail
Operations Campus Ahead of Schedule & On-Budget**

*Dedication of \$265 million state-of-the-art operations and maintenance campus marks crucial
milestone in completion of Foothill Gold Line light rail extension from Pasadena to Azusa; public
provided unique opportunity to tour campus*

WHEN:

Saturday, May 23, 2015

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Press conference; Dedication ceremony, including ceremonial key handover from Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority to Metro
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Community open house; tour of facility; interview and photo opportunities

WHERE:

Foothill Gold Line Operations Campus, Monrovia

The 24-acre 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.

CONFIRMED:

U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano, 32nd Congressional District
U.S. Representative Norma Torres, 35th Congressional District
Senate Minority Leader Robert S. Huff, 29th Senatorial District
Senate Member Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D., 22nd Senatorial District
Assembly Majority Floor Leader Chris R. Holden, 41st Assembly District
Assembly Member Ed Chau, 49th Assembly District
Assembly Member Mike Gatto, 43rd Assembly District
Michael D. Antonovich, Metro Board Director and Los Angeles County Supervisor
Hilda Solis, Metro Board Director and Los Angeles County Supervisor
Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board of Directors
Foothill Gold Line CEO, Habib F. Balian
Metro CEO, Phillip A. Washington
Local elected officials representing Foothill Gold Line cities
Roland Genick, Campus Lead Architect, Parsons
Christie Beniston, Campus Artist

All representatives will be available for interviews following dedication ceremony.

WHAT:

The dedication of the 24-acre Foothill Gold Line Operations Campus is ahead of schedule and on-budget, a crucial milestone which will facilitate completion of the 11.5-mile Foothill Gold Line light rail extension from Pasadena to Azusa. Reporters will be able to tour the \$265-million campus, which was designed and built to house and service up to 84 light rail vehicles from the county’s growing light rail fleet, along with 200 employees over several shifts – the facility operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Operations Campus, which is designed with U.S. Green Building Council’s LEED Gold standards, features:

- A state-of-the-art, 132,000-square-foot Main Shop Building, designed to achieve a 35 percent reduction in water use and 32.5 percent reduction in electricity use;
- The “Paint Room,” designed to ensure timely and thorough train beautification;
- A car wash, which utilizes only recycled, reclaimed water and has the ability to wash an entire train at once;
- The Shops, Foothill Gold Line’s maintenance area, complete with unique zones for each individual service, ensuring top-of-the-line care for the county’s growing light rail fleet;
- A \$3 million tool used to smooth the wheels on vehicles for a more comfortable and enjoyable passenger experience;
- 178.5 kilowatt solar panel array and a large-scale storm water collection and filtration system; and
- Design and architectural enhancements, including a large-scale mosaic in the Main Shop Building lobby and a decorative fence boasting a California poppy motif at the public viewing corner.

UPDATED DIRECTIONS/PARKING INFORMATION:



DIRECTIONS:

- From Eastbound I-210 Freeway – Exit at Myrtle Ave. Stay on frontage road (Evergreen Ave) eastbound. Go through soft closure at California Ave. At Shamrock Avenue, make a right turn. Follow signs to Elected Official and Media Parking.
- From Westbound I-210 Freeway- Exit at Mountain Ave. Stay on frontage road (Central Ave) westbound. At Shamrock Ave make a left turn. Pass under freeway and pass Evergreen Ave. Continue south on Shamrock Ave to Elected Official and Media Parking.

MEDIA AND ELECTED OFFICIAL PARKING: Use Shamrock Ave entrance (south of Evergreen Ave); parking will be provided on-site.

RSVP REQUESTED:

Credentialed press who would like to attend should email DAkeyson@FionaHuttonAssoc.com to RSVP with your name, cell or email info, and media affiliation by Friday, May 22 at 12 p.m.

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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 Foothill Gold Line 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 Foothill 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 Foothill Gold Line Operations Campus is on budget and is being completed several months ahead of schedule.