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## **SITE FOR LIGHT RAIL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS FACILITY APPROVED**

### ***Approval is Critical Milestone for the Foothill Extension Pasadena to Azusa***

**MONROVIA, CA** – Last night, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) Board of Directors certified the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Foothill Extension Pasadena to Azusa. The Supplemental EIR augments the Final EIR approved in 2007 for the project, and evaluates a number of project modifications that have arisen since the original document was certified. Approval of the Supplemental EIR environmentally clears those project updates, and prepares the project for final design and construction to begin later this year.

Project modifications evaluated in the Supplemental EIR include a 25-acre Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Facility site in the city of Monrovia, new parking locations at the Irwindale and Monrovia stations, reconfiguration of the intersection of Mountain Avenue and Duarte Road and replacement of two existing bridges along the 11.5-mile alignment. The site for the M&O Facility is in the city of Monrovia, and bounded by Evergreen Avenue on the north, Shamrock Avenue on the east, California Avenue on the west and Duarte Road on the south.

“Approval of the SEIR is an important step in our process to ready the Foothill Extension Pasadena to Azusa for final design and construction” said Habib F. Balian, CEO of the Construction Authority. “It is especially important that we identified and environmentally cleared a site for the M&O Facility, a critical path item in the funding agreement between the Construction Authority and Metro.”

These project updates will now be made part of the final project and integrated into an addendum to the Request for Proposals being sent to the three short-listed teams competing for the \$450 million Design-Build contract. Proposals are due January 27, and a contract award is anticipated in April 2011. Final design will take approximately 8-9 months, and construction of the project will begin. Completion of the Foothill Extension Pasadena to Azusa is anticipated in late 2014, adding six new stations to the Metro Gold Line light rail line.

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#### **About the Construction Authority**

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority is an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1999 by the California state legislature. Its purpose is to plan, design and construct the Metro Gold Line light rail line from Union Station to the San Bernardino County Line. The first phase completed by the Construction Authority on time and under budget, opened in 2003 and connected downtown Los Angeles and Pasadena.

Los Angeles County’s Measure R half-cent sales tax increase will fully fund the Foothill Extension Pasadena and Azusa. Additional funding is needed to complete the line’s future planned extensions to Montclair and LA/Ontario International Airport (both extensions are currently under study).

Learn more about the Foothill Extension, Construction Authority and current procurements at [foothillextension.org](http://foothillextension.org).