



July 22, 2011

Lisa Levy Buch
Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension
Construction Authority
626.305.7004/909.267.0161
llevybuch@foothillextension.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Recommends Kiewit-Parsons Joint Venture as Selected Contractor for 11.5-mile Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa

Board of Directors to consider recommendation and award of contract on July 27

MONROVIA - Today, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority published the agenda and staff reports for the July 27 special board meeting. On the agenda is consideration of the contract award for the Phase 2A Alignment Design-Build Contract which will result in final design and construction of the 11.5-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail line from Pasadena to Azusa. The staff report includes the formal staff recommendation by Construction Authority CEO Habib F. Balian. Mr. Balian has recommended Foothill Transit Constructors – A Kiewit-Parsons Joint Venture as the contractor for this significant design-build project.

“The Kiewit-Parsons Joint Venture scored highest technically and had the lowest bid, providing the best value” said Mr. Balian. “They were a strong team from the beginning, listened to our feedback, and continued to improve their proposal throughout the process.”

The recommendation was the culmination of more than six months of evaluation and interaction with each of the three short-listed teams. Foothill Transit Constructors – A Kiewit-Parsons Joint Venture produced the highest rankings in all technical evaluation categories, as well as an overall financial proposal of \$485.8 million - \$78.2 million and \$123 million below their competitors.

“We were impressed by the technical approach Kiewit-Parsons brought to the table” said Mr. Balian. “Every revised proposal provided a level of understanding of the project and how best to build it that truly separated them from a pool of seasoned, successful teams. The fact that they also came in nearly \$80 million below the next highest bidder solidified their standing as the strongest team.”

Kiewit was the lead team member on Phase 1 of the line from Los Angeles to Pasadena (with Parsons as the lead design subcontractor), which was completed in 2003 on time and under budget. Additionally, this recommendation comes on the heels of Kiewit’s recent success on the demolition of the Mulholland Bridge (part of the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project). Coined by the media as “Carmageddon” for its potential impacts to Los Angeles’ heavily congested traffic corridor, the demolition was completed by Kiewit Pacific 17 hours ahead of schedule.

The Construction Authority board will consider awarding the design-build contract at their July 27 board meeting being held at 9:30 a.m. at the Arcadia City Hall – Council Chambers, 240 W. Huntington Dr. Arcadia, CA 91007. The contract award will be considered during the second section of the meetings, which will start after 10:30 a.m.

###