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## **I-210 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION ENJOYS FLAWLESS SAFETY RECORD**

***No recordable incidents with nearly 30,000 “man-hours” logged***

**Monrovia, CA** – The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) announced today that with nearly 30,000 “man-hours” completed on the I-210 Gold Line Bridge construction project, the project has an injury-free safety record. Construction by Skanska USA and its subcontractors on the \$18.6 million bridge has been on-going since April 2011.

“The success of our safety program is the result of careful pre-construction planning and diligent oversight on behalf of Skanska USA and the Construction Authority,” said Construction Authority Director of Construction, Gary Baker. “Skanska has created a culture of safety on the project – everyone on the job site is responsible for making sure the site is safe, with a unified goal of zero workplace incidents.”

The bridge project is now nearly 60% complete, and is on schedule to be finished this coming summer. During the last several months, foundation, abutment and column work has been completed, and work has now begun on the superstructure.

“The risks posed around any major construction project are real and significant,” said Baker. “With this project they are intensified because of the uniquely confined site, which sits adjacent to an active and heavily used freeway.”

Over the next several weeks, construction on the I-210 Gold Line Bridge will focus on the erection of falsework, which will temporarily support the concrete and reinforcement of the superstructure (and provide a safe work space for crews to perform their tasks). The falsework will span the eastbound lanes of the freeway, requiring up to 20 full closures of the eastbound I-210 Freeway in February and early March for this work. The full eastbound closures will take place between Baldwin and Santa Anita Avenues, and occur between Midnight and 5:00 a.m. On nights of full closures, eastbound on-ramps at Rosemead Blvd., Michillinda Ave. and Baldwin Ave. will close at approximately 9:00 p.m., lane closures will begin at approximately 10:00 p.m. and all lanes will re-open by 6:00 a.m. the following day.

Completion of the Gold Line Bridge is scheduled for late Summer 2012, and the entire Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa is on schedule to be completed in late 2015.

**About the Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa** - The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa is a \$735 million project fully funded by Los Angeles County’s Measure R. The light rail extension is being overseen by the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority and is currently undergoing final design and construction. Construction of the 11.5-mile light rail extension is on schedule to be completed in 2015, adding six new stations along the Gold Line in the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa. The first element of the project to move from design to construction is the \$18.6 million I-210 Gold Line Bridge, which will span the Eastbound I-210 Freeway between Baldwin and Santa Anita Avenues, allowing connection between the existing Sierra Madre Villa Station in Pasadena and the future Arcadia Station. The project is estimated to generate nearly 7,000 jobs and \$1 billion in economic output for the region during construction.

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