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**ANNOUNCEMENT:
CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY BOARD ENDORSES MEASURE J**

MONROVIA— The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) Board of Directors voted last night to endorse Measure J, the proposed 30-year extension of LA County’s ½-cent sales tax for transportation improvements. After a discussion of the pros and cons of taking a position on the measure, which does not provide additional funding to complete the Construction Authority’s projects, the board unanimously voted to support the measure in November.

“We want to continue our successful partnership with Metro that has been built up over the last several years,” stated Construction Authority Board Chair and Glendora Councilmember Doug Tessitor. “Although we believe that the Foothill Extension to Claremont should have been part of the measure going to voters in November, our board agreed that even without it, the region will benefit from the list of projects being accelerated.”

The board unanimously agreed that the measure would provide necessary funding to accelerate other needed projects throughout the county that are worthwhile and important. Concern was raised about the ramifications of the measure not passing the two-thirds threshold in November, leaving the county with few options other than requesting funds from the federal government to complete projects county-wide.

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 extend the Metro Gold Line from Union Station to Montclair, along the foothills of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. The Construction Authority built the first segment from LA to Pasadena, and is underway on the Foothill Extension. The Foothill Extension is a \$1.6 billion extension that will connect Pasadena to Montclair in two construction segments. The Pasadena to Azusa segment is fully funded by Los Angeles County’s Measure R and will be completed in 2015. The Azusa to Montclair segment is unfunded and is currently undergoing environmental review.