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New Director Joins Gold Line Construction Authority Board *Ontario Mayor Paul Leon attends his first meeting following appointment*

MONROVIA, Calif. – Tonight, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) Board of Directors welcomes its newest member – Ontario Mayor Paul Leon. Appointed by the city of South Pasadena for a four-year term, Mayor Leon joins the nine-member board as its newest member at tonight’s monthly board meeting.

“We are very excited to have Mayor Leon on our board,” said Construction Authority Board Chairman and Glendora Councilman Doug Tessitor. “We are on schedule for construction completion to Azusa in September 2015, and we are now focused on progressing future segments. Mayor Leon has been involved with the project for the last few years and will be able to start on the board with a solid understanding during this very busy period.”

The Construction Authority is overseeing planning, design and construction of the \$1.7 billion Foothill Extension light rail project, which will extend the Metro Gold Line light rail line from its current terminus in Pasadena, 24 miles to Montclair and be designed and built in two segments (a subsequent extension to Ontario International Airport has also been studied). The Construction Authority is currently under construction on the first segment of the project, the 11.5-mile Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa. The segment is on schedule to be completed in September 2015, when it will be turned over the Metro for testing and pre-revenue service. In March, the Construction Authority board certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the second segment from Azusa to Montclair, and anticipates starting Advanced Conceptual Engineering and environmental review under the National Environmental Quality Act later this year.

“This is the right time for me to be joining the Construction Authority board and I am honored that the city of South Pasadena chose to appoint me,” stated Mayor Leon. “I have been a strong supporter of the Foothill Extension project over the years, and I look forward to playing a key role in leading the agency as we complete construction on the first segment, and continue planning for future segments. I won’t stop until the line reaches Ontario.”

About the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority)

The 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 light rail line from Union Station to Montclair, along the foothills of the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys. The Construction Authority built the initial segment from Union Station to Pasadena and is underway on the Gold Line Foothill Extension.

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