

Notice of Preparation

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To: State Clearinghouse

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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (is is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Lisa Levy Buch, Chief Communications Officer at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B – Supplemental EIR

Project Applicant, if any: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Date 11/29/2018

Signature 

Title Chief Executive Officer

Telephone 626-471-9050

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: _____

Project Title: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B - Supplemental EIR

Lead Agency: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Contact Name: Lisa Levy Buch, Chief Communications Officer

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Project Location: Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont, Montclair Los Angeles, San Bernardino
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Phase 2B of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension (Project) is a 12.3-mile extension of the existing Metro Gold Line Light Rail Transit line from its current terminus in the City of Azusa, located in Los Angeles County, to the Montclair Transcenter, located in San Bernardino County. See map of project location in Exhibit NOP-1. In 2013, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority ("Authority") certified a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") and approved the Project. A detailed description of the Project is included in the FEIR and four addenda thereto adopted by the Authority (State Clearinghouse No. 2010121069).

The Authority proposes to modify the Project to allow for the potential to construct and operate the Project in four phases (instead of two phases, as previously approved). In addition, the Authority is proposing a change to the parking facility at the Pomona North Station to relocate the parking from the north side of the station to the south side of the station as shown on Figure NOP-2. In response to these proposed changes, the Authority will be initiating the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to evaluate the potential for significant impacts that may result from the different potential construction and operation phasing options under review, including: Phase 1 – to the La Verne/Pomona Fairplex Station; Phase 2 – to the Pomona North Station; Phase 3 – to the Claremont Station; and Phase 4 – to the Montclair Station; and the changes to the location of the Pomona North Station parking. The proposed possible construction and operation phasing is necessary to match with both existing funding and pending/future funding and provides the Authority the flexibility to build the phases as funding becomes available. The purpose of this NOP is to solicit input on potential issues to be considered and addressed, as applicable, in the SEIR.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The probable environmental effects of the proposed Project modifications include: traffic/transportation, air quality, energy, land use and cumulative effects. The proposed modification to allow for possible construction and operation of the Project in four phases may change the duration of construction impacts and may result in additional or different traffic and transportation effects at the three Phase 1 stations and pending the construction completion of Phases 2, 3 and 4.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Not applicable.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Lead Agency/Project
Proponent) Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Southern California Regional Rail Authority
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
California Department of Fish and Wildlife**

Figure NOP-1: Project Corridor Proposed Possible Construction and Operation Phasing

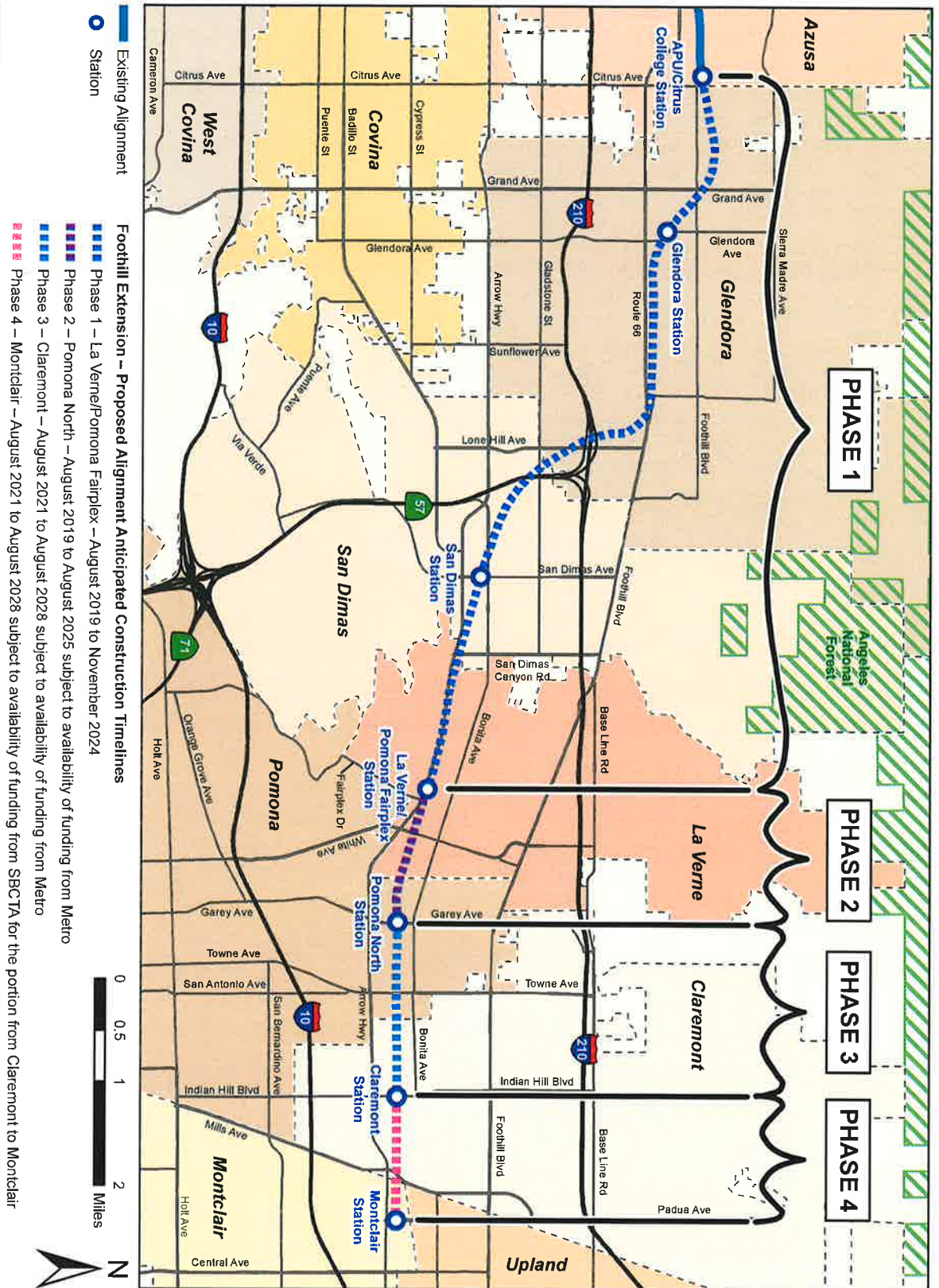


Figure NOP-2: Proposed Alternative Gold Line Pomona North Station Parking Location

