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Metro Board Commits to Fund Estimated Shortfall to Build the Gold Line to Pomona

Estimated shortfall is the result of initial bids coming in hundreds of millions of dollars above secured funding

Today, the Metro board of directors unanimously agreed to finalize negotiations with the Construction Authority and ensure sufficient funding to be able to build to the Pomona Station as part of the base contract for the Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair. This commitment by Metro closes the recently identified shortfall to extend the project to Pomona, while the Construction Authority and Metro continue to seek the estimated \$360 million needed to be able to build to Montclair. The final cost of the project will be known when revised bids are received this coming May.

In December 2018, the Construction Authority initiated the preparation of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to evaluate the environmental impacts that may result from potentially phasing the construction and operation of the Glendora to Montclair project. The SEIR will evaluate potential impacts associated with the La Verne Station and/or Pomona Station becoming a possible temporary terminus, in the event full funding is not secured in time to allow the winning bidder to build to Montclair as part of the currently ongoing procurement.

Later this month, the Construction Authority will request new bids from the design-build teams competing for the project. With this commitment, the base project within the contract will now include the Pomona Station. The contract will also include an option to have the winning team complete the entire project to Montclair if sufficient funds are secured within the first two years following the issuance of the notice to proceed. The Construction Authority anticipates awarding the contract this July.

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About the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority – The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority is an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1998 by the California State Legislature to plan, design and build the Metro Gold Line light rail system from Union Station to Montclair, along the Foothills of the San Gabriel Valley. The agency completed the first segment from Union Station to Pasadena in 2003 and the Pasadena to Azusa segment in 2015; both on time and under budget. The agency began work on the Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair in 2003. The Glendora to Montclair project was environmentally cleared in March 2013 under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and completed advanced conceptual engineering in 2016. When completed, the extension will add new light rail stations in the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

The project is being built in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The Los Angeles County portion will be funded mostly by Measure M, with residual funds from Measure R not used to complete the Pasadena to Azusa segment. San Bernardino County is responsible to fund their portion of the project to Montclair (in San Bernardino County). The State of California is also providing funding for the project through a TIRCP grant awarded in 2018.