

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

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Foothill Gold Line Phase 2B Project Modifications - Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Final SEIR)

This Notice of Availability is hereby provided to inform affected agencies and members of the public that the Final SEIR has been prepared and will be considered for certification and adoption by the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board ("Authority Board") on July 10, 2019. Notice is also provided that the Authority Board at its July 10, 2019 meeting will also consider whether to adopt the Project Modifications described in the Final SEIR.

Copies of the Final SEIR are available for review on the Construction Authority's project website (<u>www.foothillgoldline.org</u>) and in hard copy format at the Construction Authority's offices, which are located at the following address:

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The Construction Authority prepared the Final SEIR following opportunities for input from affected agencies and members of the public. In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, a notice of preparation ("NOP") was prepared and distributed to responsible and affected agencies and other interested parties for public review. The NOP was filed with the State Clearinghouse on December 7, 2018. Consistent with the NOP's 30-day timeline, all comments were due to the Construction Authority by January 4, 2019. A summary of the scoping meeting is provided in Appendix H of the Final SEIR.

The Construction Authority filed a Notice of Completion of the Draft SEIR with the State Clearinghouse, the Los Angeles County Clerk and the San Bernardino County Clerk, and also published the Notice of Availability for the Draft SEIR in local newspapers along the Project corridor on March 22, 2019. The Draft SEIR was available for a 45-day review and comment period ending on May 6, 2019.

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The Construction Authority held a public hearing on the Draft SEIR on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 from 5:30-8:30 PM at the La Verne Community Center located at 3680 D Street La Verne, California. Sixty-five comments on the Draft SEIR were received, along with comments received and transcribed during the public hearing. Revisions to the Draft SEIR have been incorporated in the Final SEIR. In response to comments received, the Construction Authority has revised the traffic mitigation measure proposed in the Draft SEIR from the widening of a portion of White Avenue in La Verne to restriping a portion of White Avenue in La Verne. The Construction Authority has eliminated the proposed change to the location of the Pomona Station parking facility.

Responses to comments received were prepared and are included in Appendix A of the Final SEIR. The Construction Authority also received two untimely comment letters, for which written responses were also prepared and included in Appendix A. The Final SEIR was prepared and consists of the full text of the Draft SEIR, with changes indicated by underline for new text and strikeout for deleted text, and written responses to the verbal comments made at the public hearing and the written comments provided during the public review period. Additional facts concerning public and agency involvement are described in the Summary, Section 2, and Section 3 of the Final SEIR.