Project Overview

The Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair is a 12.3-mile extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail system. The project will add new Gold Line stations in the cities of Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair - and may be built in phases.

The project broke ground in December 2017 and has completed two of four contracts. In August 2019, the Construction Authority Board of Directors awarded the main design-build contract to Kiewit-Parsons, a Joint Venture. Major construction will begin in 2020 and take five years to complete to Pomona (eight years to Montclair if additional funds are secured by October 2021).

The project is being funded by Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties and the State of California. The portion of the project within Los Angeles County is being funded mostly by LA Metro's sales tax measures (Measure M and R); San Bernardino County is funding the majority of the portion in their county. The project also received a nearly $300 million greenhouse gas reduction grant from the State of California to be used in both counties.

Possible Construction Phasing:
The design-build contract awarded to Kiewit-Parsons includes a base scope for the first nine miles of the project from Glendora to Pomona, with a contract option to complete the full 12.3-mile project to Montclair if $450 million of additional funding is secured within the first two years. If the additional funding is not secured in time, the project will need to be constructed in two phases.

The project is overseen by the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority), an independent transportation planning, design and construction agency.

PROJECT FAST FACTS

Two Construction Phases:
9.1 miles (Glendora to Pomona); 4 stations
3.2 miles (Pomona to Montclair); 2 stations

Major Construction Begins: 2020

Anticipated Completion Year:
2025 to Pomona
2028 to Montclair


Capacity: 200 passengers per light rail car; two- to three-car trains.

Speed: 55 mph (maximum)

Train Power Source: Electricity

Parking: Parking is planned at all six stations (including EV charging stations, bicycle parking and an area for buses and passenger drop off).

At-Grade (street level)
Crossings: 26

New and Renovated Bridges: 24

Travel Time: Once the line is in service, a trip from Pomona to Pasadena will take approximately 33 minutes and further to downtown Los Angeles will take approximately 62 minutes.
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During construction, the community can expect temporary impacts (such as short-term lane closures, extended street closures at street crossings, noise mostly from construction vehicles during limited construction hours, and other construction-related activities). Permanent changes will also occur due to the project, including safety enhancements at all street crossings (raised medians, red curbing and turn restrictions within 100 feet of the rail corridor at all street crossings), relocation of the freight track to the northern half of the rail corridor, new fencing and walls along the entire rail corridor, and new overhead lines to power the more than 200 Gold Line trains anticipated to run daily. Additionally, the California Public Utilities Commission has required changes to the Pomona North Metrolink Station access from Fulton Road; restricting turns to right-in and right-out in the future.

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Construction - What to Expect

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Pomona Station Art Plan

Pomona Station Artist: Stephen Farley

Who inspired you? For whom are you grateful? Who changed your life? Other cities have a hall of fame - the Pomona Station will be a hall of gratitude. This is the station art plan by the city-selected artist for the Pomona Station, Stephen Farley. The Pomonans to be honored at the station’s hall of gratitude will be selected from a group gathered by a public call to all Pomona residents via a public website, public meetings, and media outreach. Text showing the power of these people will be exhibited alongside images of these Pomonans. Examples could be: “Gabe showed me the power of courage,” and “Janelle showed me the power of love.” The artwork will be fabricated on 2’x2’ arrays of 6” glazed ceramic tile, using the Tilography process. Approximately 48 people (or statement pairs) can be included within the station area. Additionally, tile strips portraying more power sentences gathered from the outreach project will be placed on the risers of the staircase that will lead from the station to the parking structure. This project is designed to connect us to our past and our future, generating a renewable source of people power for positive transformation of the entire community.

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