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 October 2019, the Construction Authority initiated the main design-build contract with Kiewit-Parsons, a Joint Venture (KPJV). Major construction is starting late this summer and is expected to take five years to complete to Pomona (eight years to Montclair if additional funds are secured by October 2021).

The project to Pomona is fully funded. Los Angeles County’s sales tax measure (Measure M) is funding the majority of the project, along with residual Measure R dollars not used during the last phase of the project. The State of California is also providing a greenhouse gas reduction grant.

Possible Construction Phasing: The design-build contract awarded to KPJV 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 by October 2021. If the additional funding is not secured in time, the project will be constructed in phases.

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

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:
21 to Pomona (26 total to Montclair)

New and Renovated Bridges:
19 to Pomona (24 total to Montclair)

Travel Time: Once the line is in service, a trip from Glendora to Pasadena will take approximately 22 minutes and further to downtown Los Angeles will take approximately 51 minutes.
Since awarding the contract to KPJV, the project team has been busy coordinating and conducting pre-construction activities, developing schedules, opening a new construction office in Glendora and preparing for major construction to start in August 2020.

For efficiency of cost and scheduling, the project will be built in layers by the design-builder (underground utilities, drainage, communication/systems, street crossings, bridge construction, ballast installation, track installation, etc.), with specialty crews moving from one place to another completing their layer. This process - which includes tens of thousands of work activities - allows the design-builder maximum flexibility to schedule crews and equipment, as well as arrange for needed materials. In Glendora, major construction is expected to begin at the Barranca Avenue and Glendora Avenue crossings. Before construction begins, the community will be notified primarily by email of the upcoming construction activities, detours, duration and the nature of the work.

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 southern 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. New light rail bridges will be built over the Foothill Boulevard/Grand Avenue intersection, at Lone Hill Avenue and at Route 66 for Gold Line trains only. A traffic signal will be installed at the intersection of Elwood Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. West Ada and Glenwood Avenues will be permanently closed at the railroad corridor, as required by the California Public Utilities Commission to improve safety along the corridor, and made into cul-de-sacs.

The Glendora Station and associated parking facility (with charging stations for EVs, bicycle parking, and bus and drop-off areas) will be located just south of the city's historic downtown, east of Vermont Avenue and west of Glendora Avenue. The station will be a center platform station, with light rail tracks on either side (one for westbound and one for eastbound trains). Once completed, three tracks will run through the City of Glendora within one shared corridor – with two light rail tracks on the north side for the Gold Line and one track for freight on the south. While they will share the rail corridor, light rail trains and freight trains do not share tracks.

Glendora Station Art Plan

The city-selected artist is Michael Hillman. Michael's plan for the station art is derived from the rich history of the town in which he lives and works: Glendora. “Glendora Home: A Slice of Sunshine” is the title of Michael’s theme for the station and refers to a brand of citrus that was grown and packed in Glendora and the company’s slogan: “A Slice of Sunshine.” The title also reflects the artist’s feelings about Glendora.

Michael draws from the history, culture and landscape of the city to develop the art for the Glendora Station that he hopes will encourage passengers, especially those from the area, to reminisce. Michael’s design will interpret local themes in a contemporary way while engaging various senses. To do this, he has designed station landmarks, which are large, oval columns embellished using dazzling glass tesserae tiles in brilliant colors to evoke imagery (including citrus, the foothills, bougainvillea, the brodiaea filifolia flower and water). These sculptural columns will be placed in the station area.

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Construction – What to Expect

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