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 Pomona to Pasadena will take approximately 33 minutes and further to downtown Los Angeles will take approximately 62 minutes.
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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. Before construction begins, the community will be notified primarily by email of the upcoming construction activities, detours, duration and the nature of the work.

Once completed, four and five tracks will run through the city of Pomona (depending on the location in the city). Tracks will run in two separate rail corridors – one on the north for the Gold Line and freight, and one on the south for Metrolink and freight. While Gold Line trains and freight trains share the northern corridor, they will not share tracks. Therefore, the freight tracks that currently run in the middle of the north corridor will be relocated to the northern half of that corridor, to make room for the Gold Line tracks to be built in the southern half. The Metrolink/freight corridor on the south will remain as it is today and is not part of the Gold Line project.

*The location of the Pomona station parking facility is not yet finalized.

Construction - What to Expect

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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. New light rail bridges (for the Gold Line only) will be built over Garey and Towne Avenues once funding is secured to build to Montclair.

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