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STATEMENT

Construction Authority Announces New Plan to Deliver Pomona to Montclair Project

Revised model puts dollars to their best use and prioritizes efficient construction of the final segment of the Foothill Gold Line

Monrovia, Calif. – On March 19, Kiewit delivered its final offer to design-build the 3.2-mile, two-station Foothill Gold Line light rail project from Pomona to Montclair. Despite numerous efforts by the Construction Authority to collaborate, including making dozens of contract changes requested by Kiewit to reduce costs, Kiewit’s final bid remained hundreds of millions of dollars above expert estimates and available funding. As a result, it’s both impossible and inappropriate to move forward with their bid.

After careful consideration, the Construction Authority board of directors today directed staff to cancel the ongoing design-build procurement (C3001) and pursue a new plan to deliver the project using the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) delivery method. The board directed staff to come back in April with more details on the new plan, including a timeline for expediting project delivery with a Request for Proposals for project design to be issued in June. The board believes this is the best approach to put available dollars to their best use and prioritize efficient construction.

The Construction Authority is proud of our 25-year track record of delivering three project segments on time and on budget. Together with our partners, we are committed to completing this final project and achieving our collective goal of expanded transit and improved quality of life for the region.

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About the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority – The 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 (now part of the Metro A Line system). Over the last 25 years, the agency has successfully completed more than 34 miles of light rail and 23 stations over three construction segments - Union Station to Pasadena in 2003, Pasadena to Azusa segment in 2015, and Glendora to Pomona in 2025 - all on time and on budget. The agency is preparing the final two-station project segment from Pomona to Montclair for construction, which will include stations in the cities of Claremont and Montclair.