

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Special Board Meeting
 Construction Authority Offices
 406 E. Huntington Drives, Suite 202
 Monrovia, California 91016
 January 15, 2012
 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Tessitor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:07 PM.

2. Roll Call:

Member	Appointing Entity	Present	Absent
<i>Voting Members</i>			
Doug Tessitor, <i>Chair</i>	City of Pasadena	X	
Sam Pedroza, <i>1st Vice Chair</i>	SGVCOG	X	
Ed Reyes	City of Los Angeles	X	
Keith Hanks (via telephone)	City of South Pasadena	X	
John Fasana	LACMTA	X	
<i>Non-Voting Members</i>			
Lara Larramendi	Governor of California	X	
Bill Bogaard	City of Pasadena	X	
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena		X
<i>Alternate Members</i>			
Gerry Miller	City of Los Angeles	—	—

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Doug Tessitor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda

Chairman Tessitor indicated that he had one public comment card and called Christopher Sutton to provide public comment.

Mr. Robert Silverstein addressed the Board. Mr. Silverstein introduced himself as counsel for Robert and Diana Brokate and Excalibur properties. Mr. Silverstein indicated his comments were with respect to Agenda Item 6.c. Mr. Silverstein indicated that he previously submitted a letter outlining his objections to Agenda Item 6.c. regarding proposed legislation to extend Phase 2B to Montclair. Mr. Silverstein provided a summary of his objections.

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there was anyone else who wished to provide public comment, seeing and hearing none, Chairman Tessitor closed public comment.

Board Member Hanks indicated that he had posted the Agenda at his remote location

and that there were no members from the public present who may wish to make public comment.

5. CEO's Monthly Report

Mr. Balian presented a video to the Board which highlighted recent activities of the Construction Authority including construction activities at the IFS. Mr. Balian also presented a rendering of the superstructure falsework. Mr. Balian indicated that utility identification work is ongoing in various Phase 2A cities. Mr. Balian indicated that a kick-off partnering meeting had taken place with Kiewit to discuss goals and responsibilities between the Construction Authority and Kiewit.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held January 11, 2011**
- b. Termination of Ad Hoc Committee on Incompatible Offices Legislation**
- c. Approval of Sponsorship of Proposed Legislation Authorizing the Extension of Phase 2B to Montclair**

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Reyes made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Member Fasana. Since Board Member Hanks was participating via telephone a roll call vote was conducted and the item was approved unanimously.

7. General Board Items

- a. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Iconic Freeway Structure**

Mr. Balian introduced Gary Baker, Director of Construction, to provide the report. Mr. Baker indicated that Skanska has made significant progress advancing construction of the bridge substructure. Mr. Baker indicated that the three architectural columns and the first of two abutments have been completed with the second abutment scheduled to be completed by February 3rd. Mr. Baker indicated that these items would complete the substructure construction in preparation for erection of the falsework supports across the freeway and the subsequent bridge construction. Mr. Baker indicated that the design and erection of the falsework system is complex and that the contractor has invested a significant effort to optimize the design and assuring that it complies with Caltrans' requirements and that public safety is maintained. Mr. Baker indicated that the foundations for the falsework supports have been prepared and preassembly of support structures has begun. Mr. Baker indicated that the erection of the falsework system is scheduled to take two months to complete and will require approximately 20 closures of the I-210 east bound traffic lanes between the hours of 12:00 to 5:00 am. Mr. Baker indicated that all freeway closures are being coordinated closely with Caltrans and the City of Arcadia and that a significant public outreach effort has been underway by both the Contractor and the Construction Authority. MR. Baker indicated that the Contractor and Construction Authority continue to work together to complete the design of the architectural basket elements which is scheduled to be completed by mid April.

Board Member Reyes inquired about how the coordination with various agencies such as the City of Arcadia and Caltrans was proceeding with regard to the freeway closures. Mr. Baker indicated that so far the City of Arcadia has been very helpful by providing a police presence at areas of congestion and possible increased vehicle speeds. Mr. Baker indicated the efforts have been underway with Caltrans to provide additional signage to remind traffic to maintain a safe speed.

Item received and filed.

**b. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Phase 2A Alignment
Community Outreach**

Mr. Balian introduced Lisa Levy Buch, Director of Public Affairs, to provide the report. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that the Public Affairs team is responsible for overseeing the design-builder's communications program for the Phase 2A Alignment project. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that over the past several months' discussion with Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture's outreach has led to development of an appropriate and comprehensive communications plan which addresses the unique needs of different stakeholder groups affected by the project's construction. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that the communications plan addresses the need to reach a broad group of stakeholders, from local homeowners and business owners to general residents and workers living along the corridor, to future Gold Line riders who want to stay informed about the project's progress. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that the plan addresses a variety of approaches to reach stakeholders, keep them updated, and when necessary address their concerns and issues. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that the plan is integrated into the Authority's overall communications program and will be seamless to the community. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that information presented to the public will be found on the Authority's website, blog and Facebook page; sent through Authority tweets; and disseminated from Authority media advisories. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that the communications effort will be conducted jointly, with Authority staff participating directly with the Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture team as they implement the program in the community. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Kiewit Parsons Joint Venture will be responsible for funding and staffing the program to meet the goals set forth in the design-build contract. Ms. Levy Buch presented various slides which provided additional information and detail regarding the outreach efforts.

Board Member Pedroza inquired if there were any "learned-lessons" from Phase 1 of the Project. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that efforts were being made to make sure that enough staff and personnel would be available for "boots-on-the-ground" resources, which was not an early emphasis in Phase 1.

Board Member Fasana indicated possible concerns in making sure that SBE and DBE businesses are engaged by the contractors to reach the aspirational goals for the project. Board Member Fasana also requested that staff provide a copy of the final outreach plan once it has been finalized.

Board Member Reyes recalled efforts made during Phase 1 of the projects where

community stakeholders were engaged such as outreach to high schools and colleges. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that outreach would be conducted to local schools about the projects and any possible impacts.

Item received and filed.

c. Consideration of Project Refinements for Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) and Final Supplemental Impact Report No. 2 completed for the proposed Project Refinements

Mr. Balian indicated that a small number of refinements were being proposed to Phase 2A, which would not result in any significant environmental impacts. Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner, Chief Project Officer, to provide the report.

Mr. Burner indicated that five refinements were being proposed. Mr. Burner indicated that two additional traction power supply substations (TPSS) were being proposed due to a change in Metro's design criteria. Mr. Burner indicated that the third refinement was the elimination of approximately 330 feet of sound barrier in the City of Duarte. Mr. Burner indicated that this determination was made after a final sound study analysis was conducted and concluded that the sound barrier was not necessary. Mr. Burner indicated that an alternate parking location in the City of Duarte was being proposed. Mr. Burner indicated that the current location of the Duarte parking location is to the west of the station and to better improve circulation and safety, a parking location closer to the station at the intersection of Highland and Business Center drive was proposed. Mr. Burner indicated that the final refinement is to include options to mitigate vibration at a single family residence in Azusa. Mr. Burner indicated that residence was approximately 15 feet from the track location and based upon vibration analysis it was determined that the vibration levels exceed the acceptable levels. Mr. Burner indicated that the proposed refinement would allow for a vibration easement with the property owner or purchase of the property and relocation of the resident.

Mr. Burner introduced Robb Fishman, Environmental Program Manager, to provide additional information regarding the environmental study. Mr. Fishman provided additional detail with respect to the environmental analysis of the 5 proposed refinements, which included looking at alternative locations when appropriate; discussion with appropriate agencies and stakeholders; and completion of various studies, analysis and investigation. Mr. Fishman indicated that the documentation for the proposed refinements is contained in the reports that were provided to the Board, and that no significant impacts would result from the proposed refinements.

Board Member Hanks inquired if the City of Duarte was in agreement with the proposed relocation of the parking location. Board Member Fasana indicated that the City of Duarte has seen the proposed revision and prefers the proposed location as compared to the prior location, although the Authority and the City would work out minor design and layout issues.

Board Member Hanks inquired if staff had communicated with the City of Azusa

regarding the proposed TPSS location and the residence which is the subject of the vibration study. Mr. Burner indicated that staff has communicated with City.

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to adopt a resolution certifying the Final Supplemental Impact Report No. 2 for Project Refinements to Phase 2A and approving the Phase 2A project refinements. Board Member Pedroza made a motion to adopt the resolution which was seconded by Board Member Fasana. After a roll call vote the item was passed unanimously.

d. Monthly Project Status Report

Chris Burner, Chief Project Officer, provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that all remaining public grade crossings have been approved by CPUC; IBI Group continued development of advanced conceptual engineering of parking facilities; staff has received several submittals from the DB2 contractor; and continued work on the continued construction work on IFS bridge. Mr. Burner indicated that over the next three to four months that IFS falsework will be installed; continued management of the alignment contract, and complete acquisition of properties necessary to provide to the contractor as required in the DB2 contract; complete advanced conceptual engineering of parking facilities. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to Phase 2B, PB continues to prepare technical reports necessary for NEPA/CEQA document – approximately 85% complete; Environmental team anticipates release of draft environmental documents for public comment early next year; future work involves refining concept plans, and finalizing the Purpose and Need document, Project Description Report, technical studies, and Draft EIR for public release and staff is working with Metro to seek funding following completion of the environmental review.

Item received and filed.

8. General Counsel’s Report

None.

9. Board Member Comments

None.

10. Closed Session

General Counsel Estrada reviewed the various items that would be considered in Closed Session and indicated that there would be no reportable action. Chairman Tessitor recessed the meeting into Closed Session at approximately 8:03 pm.

A. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR G.C. 54956.8

- (i) Property: (1) 8513-012-804; (2) 8513-012-805; (3) 8513-012-806;
(4) 8513-012-908; (5) 8513-012-909; (6) 8513-012-910

(7) 8513-012-911; (8) 8513-012-912; (9) 8513-012-913

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Wes Beverlin, Esq.
Negotiating Parties: City of Monrovia and Monrovia Redevelopment Agency
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

- (ii) Property: (1) 8513-012-032; (2) 8513-012-033;
(3) 8513-012-034; (4) 8513-012-035;
(5) 8513-012-036

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.
Negotiating Parties: Excalibur Holdings
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:G.C. 54956.9(a)
Pending Litigation**

- (i) Excalibur Property Holdings, LLC and George Brokate v.
Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority
Case No. BS130732
- (ii) Excalibur Property Holdings, LLC and George Brokate v.
City of Monrovia et. al.
Case No. BS129985
- (iii) Excalibur Property Holdings, LLC and George Brokate v.
Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority et. al.
Case No. BS133977
- (iv) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v.
Excalibur Property Holdings, LLC and George Brokate
Case No. BC466342
- (v) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v.
City of Monrovia, Monrovia Redevelopment Agency, et. al.
Case No. BC47600

11. Adjournment

The Board entered Closed Session at approximately 8:03 PM and was adjourned at approximately 9:17 pm.