

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

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Connecting Los Angeles, the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire

The Foothill Extension will continue the Metro Gold Line light rail line from its current terminus in East Pasadena through the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont and Montclair.

The Foothill Extension is planned in two phases – Pasadena to Azusa and Azusa to Montclair. Additionally, a possible extension to LA/Ontario International Airport is under study.

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) is underway on construction of the Pasadena to Azusa phase and has completed considerable work on Azusa to Montclair. The agency completed the necessary planning studies and conceptual engineering for both phases between 2004-2007. In 2007, Pasadena to Azusa received final environmental clearance, and in 2010 received full funding through Measure R. Azusa to Montclair must still be environmentally cleared, and environmental studies are now underway.

Although not formally part of the Foothill Extension, the Construction Authority completed a study to understand the feasibility of extending the line from Montclair to LA/Ontario International Airport. The initial study concluded that the extension is feasible and provided a number of potential route options.



Once completed, a trip from Montclair to downtown Pasadena will take just over 40 minutes and further to Los Angeles will take approximately 75 minutes.

Construction Authority Background

The Construction Authority is an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1998 by the California State Legislature through SB 1847. It was created to resume design, contracting and construction of the Los Angeles to Pasadena segment of the Metro Gold Line after the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) suspended work on the project that same year. The newly formed construction authority completed the 13.9-mile segment in 2003, on time and under budget.

The same legislation that created the Construction Authority also dictated its role to plan, design and construct any extensions of the line east to the county line. Once construction is completed, the Construction Authority's job is done. Metro takes ownership of the project, and operates and maintains the line thereafter.



Project Funding

Completion of the Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Montclair is estimated to cost \$1.2 billion (not including the airport extension). The majority of the funding is anticipated to come

from Los Angeles County's Measure R sales tax, which went into effect in July 2009.

In 2010, the Boards of Directors for Metro and the Construction Authority approved the Funding and Master Cooperative Agreements between the two agencies. This was a significant milestone for the project - laying out the framework and mechanisms for \$810 million to be allocated to the project between 2010 and 2019, and also formalizing the roles and responsibilities of both agencies during design and construction of the project. The majority of these funds will be used to complete the Pasadena to Azusa phase. Additional funding will be needed to complete the line to Montclair.



Computer Rendering of Final Design World-renowned artist Andrew Leicester is the concept designer for the I-210 Gold Line Bridge currently under construction

Pasadena to Azusa Quick Facts

- The Foothill Extension from Pasadena to Azusa is fully funded through Measure R and broke ground on June 26, 2010
- The 11.5-mile extension includes stations in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa
- Construction is underway on the first major component to move from design to construction the \$18.6 million, I-210 Gold Line Bridge (pictured left)
- Construction on the Alignment will begin in late 2012 and is anticipated to be completed in 2015
- During construction, the project will create 7,000 jobs and \$1 billion in economic output
- The right-of-way was purchased for the line in the early 1990s

Questions?

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