

**Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Meeting  
Construction Authority Offices  
406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202  
Maria Dalton Conference Room  
Monrovia, California 91016**

**October 10, 2012  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Tessitor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:13 PM.

**2. Roll Call:**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Appointing Entity</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b><i>Voting Members</i></b>			
Doug Tessitor, <i>Chair</i>	City of Pasadena	X	
Sam Pedroza, <i>1<sup>st</sup> 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	
<b><i>Non-Voting Members</i></b>			
Lara Larramendi	Governor of California	X	
Bill Bogaard	City of Pasadena	X	
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena	X	
<b><i>Alternate Members</i></b>			
Gerry Miller	City of Los Angeles	—	—
Denis Bertone	SGVCOG	—	—

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Keith Hanks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda**

Chair Tessitor inquired if there was anyone who wished to provide public comment on items on or off the Agenda, hearing and seeing none, Chair Tessitor closed public comment.

**5. CEO's Monthly Report**

Mr. Balian presented a video to the Board which highlighted recent activities of the Construction Authority among which were various construction activities at the Gold Line bridge site including installation of the "baskets" on the support columns of the structure and construction of retaining walls at each end of the bridge. Mr. Balian indicated that FTC continues work on track removal. Mr. Balian indicated that

demolition of properties at M&O facility. Mr. Balian indicated that the Authority hosted a group of Cal Poly Pomona engineering students to provide an overview of the project.

Mr. Balian reviewed various items on the critical path schedule including the start of alignment construction in September 2012; M&O property remediation in October 2012; start construction of Palm and Citrus freight and LRT bridges in November 2012; transfer of the Gold Line bridge project to the DB2 contractor in December 2012 and start of construction for the San Gabriel River bridge in March 2013.

Mr. Balian indicated that the Draft EIR for Phase 2B comment period has closed and responses are currently being reviewed and addressed. Mr. Balian indicated that the Final EIR would be presented to the Board for consideration later this year.

## **6. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held September 26, 2012**
- b. Receive and file a report on the pending Change Order to Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC) for various station changes**
- c. Authorization to join Amicus Brief in *Neighbors for Smart Rail v. Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority***

Chair 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 Pedroza and then passed unanimously.

## OUT OF ORDER

Chair Tessitor moved the Board into Closed Session at 7:21 pm to address:

10. Closed Session
  - C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:..... G.C. 54956.9(c)  
Initiation of Litigation
    - (i) One Case

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 8:32 and General Counsel Estrada indicated that there was no reportable action.

## **7. General Board Items**

- a. Consideration of adoption of a resolution of necessity for the acquisition by eminent domain of certain real property interests located at 809 North Azusa Avenue in the City of Azusa, and further identified as Los Angeles county tax assessor's parcel number 8608-024-012, for public purposes, namely for public transit purposes.**

**Consideration of adoption of a resolution of necessity for the acquisition by eminent domain of certain real property interests located at 905 Pasadena Avenue in the City of Azusa, and further identified as Los Angeles county tax assessor's parcel number 8608-017-013, for public purposes, namely for public transit purposes.**

**Consideration of adoption of a resolution of necessity for the acquisition by eminent domain of certain real property interests located at 1560 Flower Avenue in the City of Duarte, and further identified as Los Angeles county tax assessor's parcel number 8528-015-047, for public purposes, namely for public transit purposes.**

Ms. Regina Danner provided the report. Ms. Danner reviewed the report in detail which provided the rationale and reasons for the recommendation from staff. Ms. Danner indicated that the proposed properties were needed for public transit purposes for the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension. [A transcript of this report is available.]

Chair Tessitor inquired if any of the Board Members had any questions for Ms. Danner.

Board Member Hanks inquired what public interests were being served with regard to Pasadena Ave. Ms. Danner indicated that the City of Azusa is requiring a traffic signal at that location. Board Member Hanks inquired if electronic mechanism controlling the traffic signal would be at-grade or below-grade. Mr. Burner, Chief Project Officer, indicated that the equipment would be above-grade. Board Member Hanks inquired if the equipment is to be placed on the property owner's location or in the street right-of-way. Ms. Danner indicated that it would be within the street right-of-way. Ms. Danner indicated that the equipment would not impact the property owner's fence or parking lot. Board Member Hanks inquired about the protection of the equipment for vehicular traffic. Mr. Burner indicated that he would follow-up with the city and pass along the information. Board Member Hanks inquired if the design had been approved by the City. Mr. Burner indicated that they have reviewed and approved the design and construction since it lies within the City's right-of-way.

Chair Tessitor inquired if there were any other questions from the Board – there were none. Chair Tessitor inquired if there was anyone else who wished to provide public comment on items on or off the Agenda, hearing and seeing none, Chair Tessitor closed public comment.

Chair Tessitor requested a Motion for Resolution 2012-R-07. Board Member Hanks made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-07 and Board Member Pedroza seconded the Motion. Chair Tessitor requested that the Clerk of the Board read the motion for each Resolution of Necessity and conduct a roll call vote for each property.

Board Member Hanks has made a motion and was seconded by Board Member Pedroza that Resolution No. 2012-R-07, a Resolution of Necessity of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, declaring certain real property interests identified as a portion of 809 North Azusa Avenue, located in the City of Azusa, and further identified as a portion of Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's parcel number 8608-024-012, necessary for public purposes and authorizing the acquisition thereof, for public transit purposes, be adopted. The Clerk of the Board conducted a roll call vote for the record – the item passed unanimously 5 votes (Tessitor, Pedroza, Reyes, Fasana and Hanks) to none.

Chair Tessitor requested a Motion for Resolution 2012-R-08. Board Member Reyes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-08 and Board Member Fasana seconded the Motion. Chair Tessitor requested that the Clerk of the Board read the motion for each Resolution of Necessity and conduct a roll call vote for each property.

Board Member Reyes has made a motion and was seconded by Board Member Fasana that Resolution No. 2012-R-08, a Resolution of Necessity of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, declaring certain real property interests identified as a portion of 905 Pasadena Avenue, located in the City of Azusa, and further identified as a portion of Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's parcel no. 8608-017-013, necessary for public purposes and authorizing the acquisition thereof, for public transit purposes, be adopted. The Clerk of the Board conducted a roll call vote for the record – the item passed unanimously 5 votes (Tessitor, Pedroza, Reyes, Fasana and Hanks) to none.

Chair Tessitor requested a Motion for Resolution 2012-R-09. Board Member Pedroza made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-R-09 and Board Member Fasana seconded the Motion. Chair Tessitor requested that the Clerk of the Board read the motion for each Resolution of Necessity and conduct a roll call vote for each property.

Board Member Pedroza has made a motion and was seconded by Board Member Fasana that Resolution No. 2012-R-09 is a Resolution of Necessity of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, declaring certain real property interests identified as an easement over a portion of 1560 Flower Avenue, located in the City of Duarte, and further identified as Los Angeles County Tax Assessor's Parcel No. 8528-015-047, necessary for public purposes and authorizing the acquisition thereof, for public transit purposes, be adopted. The Clerk of the Board conducted a roll call vote for the record – the item passed unanimously 5 votes (Tessitor, Pedroza, Reyes, Fasana and Hanks) to none.

**b. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Systems**

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner who provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that the systems elements to be provided on the Foothill Extension

project will transform the track, stations and other facilities into a safe and effective operating railroad. Mr. Burner indicated that the elements include the traction electrification system, rail signaling system, an array of communications systems, fare collection system and equipment for remote supervision of the line at the Metro's Rail Operations Control (ROC) center. Mr. Burner indicated that the project will also provide new rail signaling equipment for the re-aligned BNSF freight rail tracks.

Mr. Burner indicated that the traction electrification system will transform utility power to that required for Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) propulsion, and then distribute that power to the LRVs via the overhead wires. Mr. Burner indicated that Metro will purchase the traction power substations, which provide the equipment to perform the power transformation.

Mr. Burner indicated that the signaling system for the Foothill Extension will employ train control for main line operations, which provides Automatic Train Protection (ATP) and automatic speed enforcement of the trains operating on the light rail line. Mr. Burner indicated that additional components of the signaling system will be provided for the grade crossing warning installations, including the gates and visual indications, and control thereof. Mr. Burner indicated that that signaling for the BNSF freight tracks will essentially be replaced in-kind with the most modern equipment.

Mr. Burner indicated that Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), public address, visual message signs, telephones, radio, intrusion detection, fire detection and fiber optic media between facilities comprise the communications systems that will be provided on the Foothill Extension for passenger safety, equipment and facilities security, and operations enhancements. Mr. Burner indicated that these systems require a high level of integration with Metro's existing installations, which is being coordinated on a regular basis with the appropriate Metro personnel.

Mr. Burner indicated that the fare collection system will employ ticket vending machines and TAP card readers currently used throughout Metro's transportation network as part of its Universal Fare System (UFS).

Mr. Burner indicated that Metro's existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, a computer system resident at the ROC facility, will be utilized by the Foothill Extension to provide Metro Operations personnel the ability to remotely monitor and control key elements of the light rail line, and quickly respond to emergencies and incidents.

Mr. Burner indicated that detailed designs for the Systems elements are at 60% completion level at this time and are approaching the 85% level of design.

Item received and filed.

**c. Consideration of Measure J**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that the Board had requested that the item remain on the Agenda until the Governor had either signed or not signed AB 1446 (Measure J). Mr. Balian indicated that since the last Board meeting, the Governor has signed the bill.

Chair Tessitor indicated that it may not be a bad idea for the Board to go on record in favor or opposed to Measure J. Chair Tessitor indicated that it may benefit the Construction Authority by assuming an affirmative position with regard to the Measure. Chair Tessitor and Board Member Hanks indicated that they had not seen much opposition in the media with regard to the Measure. Chair Tessitor indicated that with no media influence it would be left to the voters to decide.

Board Member Hanks indicated that as a regional citizen of Los Angeles county he is very supportive of accelerating transit projects but is very disappointed in the way that Metro addressed the San Gabriel Valley. Board Member Hanks indicated that if it was not for the San Gabriel Valley, Measure R would not have passed, but Metro has shown disregard for the Foothill Extension in Measure J and still seeks its support for Measure J. Board Member Hanks indicated his appreciation for Board Member Fasana's amendment to try to address a "fix" for possible funding of ACE and the Foothill Extension, but wished Metro would have remained committed to the original list of projects in Measure R.

Board Member Fasana indicated that if the Measure does not pass that the Metro Board and the next Mayor of Los Angeles are going to have to address many funding issues with many projects. Board Member Fasana indicated that the current Measure with the Amendment is the best opportunity to leverage the Foothill Extension for additional funds. Board Member Fasana indicated that with the decline in federal funds for transit projects that this Measure may be the only game in town.

Board Member Pedroza indicated that he too is a supporter of regional transit but as a member of the Claremont City Council, it is difficult to support the extension of the sales tax when the Measure ignores his City. Board Member Pedroza expressed that Construction Authority should be as an organization supportive of the Measure but he would not be able to support it as a citizen on Claremont and would abstain from the vote.

Chairman Tessitor agreed with Board Member Pedroza's comments and indicated that he would abstain from a vote in support of Measure J.

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to Support Measure J. Board Member Fasana made a motion to approve and Board Member Reyes seconded the Motion. Chairman Tessitor requested a roll call vote. The Clerk of the Board conducted a roll call vote and the item passed. (Yes – Fasana, Hanks and

Reyes; Abstain – Tessitor and Pedroza)

**d. Consideration of Plug-in Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that the issue of Plug-in Electric Vehicle Charging Stations was raised by Board Member Reyes approximately one ago. Mr. Balian indicated that staff began looking into the issue to see if they could be integrated into the parking facilities on the project. Mr. Balian indicated that staff worked with Metro to incorporate installing three charging station at each of the parking facilities along Phase 2A of the project. Mr. Balian indicated that this was also consistent with our Sustainability Policy. Mr. Balian indicated that Metro has a program identified for potential charging stations in their parking facilities but to date have not installed any. Mr. Balian indicated that each charging station is estimated to cost approximately \$10,000 and there would be some additional costs to the DB3 contract.

Board Member Fasana inquired if the charging stations would be installed at surface lots as well. Mr. Balian indicated that they would be installed at all parking facilities and lots along Phase 2A of the project.

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion in support of the installation of plug-in electric vehicle charging stations as Phase 2A parking facilities. Board Member Fasana made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Hanks and approved unanimously.

**8. General Counsel’s Report**

None.

**9. Board Member Comments**

Chairman Tessitor recognized Board Member Bogaard for his election as President of the National League of Cities. Various other Board members offered their congratulations.

**10. Closed Session**

General Counsel Estrada indicated that there would be no additional need for Closed Session.

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

- (i) Property: (1) 8528-015-918; (2) 8528-015-919;  
(3) 8528-015-920

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

- (ii) Property: (1) 8533-009-021, (2) 8533-009-023;  
(3) 8533-011-052  
  
Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Claire Hervey Collins, Esq.  
& Wes Beverlin, Esq.  
Negotiating Parties: MillerCoors, LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms
- (iii) Property: 8608-024-012  
  
Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.  
Negotiating Parties: Target Corporation  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms
- (iv) Property: 8528-015-049  
  
Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.  
Negotiating Parties: Ye Family Investments, LLC  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms

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

- (i) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v.  
City of Monrovia, Monrovia Redevelopment Agency, et. al.  
Case No. BC47600
- (ii) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v. Monterey Edith, LLC  
Case No. KC064507
- (iii) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v. Monrovia  
Redevelopment Agency, City of Monrovia, et al.  
Case No. BC492940

**11. Adjournment**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:19 pm.