

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

**January 27, 2016  
 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Tessitor participated via telephone and requested Vice Chair Pedroza conduct the meeting for logistical purposes. Vice Chair Pedroza called the meeting to order at approximately 7:11 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 (tele.)	
Sam Pedroza, <i>Vice Chair</i>	SGVCOG	X	
Vacant	City of Los Angeles	—	—
Paul Leon	City of South Pasadena	X (7:12)	
John Fasana	LACMTA	X	
<b><i>Non-Voting Members</i></b>			
Carrie Bowen	Governor of California		X
Gene Masuda	City of Pasadena		X
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena	X	
Alan Wapner	SANBAG		X
<b><i>Alternate Members</i></b>			
Marisol Rodriguez	City of Los Angeles		X
Gene Murabito	SGVCOG	—	—
Deborah Robertson	SANBAG	—	—

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

John Fasana led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice Chair Pedroza opened Public Comment and indicated that a speaker card had been submitted. Vice Chair Pedroza requested Mr. Bob Davis address the Board for Public Comment. Mr. Davis inquired if there were any issues with testing or light rail installation and possible impacts on the opening schedule. Mr. Balian indicated that there are no issues with installation of the light rail and there is no delay in testing.

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

## **5. CEO's Monthly Report**

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule for Phase 2A which indicated that the Foothill Transit Parking Center in Azusa is complete. Mr. Balian indicated that Revenue Operations is scheduled being on March 5, 2016; the Phase 2A punch list which has approximately 300 items left is scheduled to be completed in June 2016; the RLP Citrus Road is schedule to be complete by July 2016; final acceptance will be in September 2016 and continued 3010 LRV commissioning through January 2017.

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule for Phase 2B which indicated that Fire/Life Safety & Security Committee MOU will be complete in February 2016; Safety & Security Certification Plan will be complete in June 2016; CPUC Applications will be submitted by September 2016; Advanced Conceptual Engineering Drawings will continued to be developed through October 2016; Project Study Report/Project Report (PSR/PR) will be completed in December 2016; Station Design and Art Review (SDAR) Committees will continue through December 2016; completion of NEPA for SANBAG segment is expected by June 2017; BNSF Agreement and USACE permits expected to be completed or in process through June 2017.

Mr. Balian presented a short video to Board regarding "Living with the Train". The video highlighted the economic impacts on local cities and business due to the Gold Line.

Mr. Balian indicated that we are approximately 99.5% complete with the Phase 2A alignment contract and continue to work on the next segment to be ready to have a RFP ready to "hit the street" in early 2017.

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there has been any progress with regard to Citrus Avenue. Mr. Balian indicated that a meeting was held this past week in Azusa with City officials and Metro and they committed to the grand opening date of March 5<sup>th</sup> and working with all the parties on any mitigations that were necessary in the interim. Mr. Balian indicated that a shuttle will be put in place at the APU/Citrus Station to get riders from the station to the colleges until such time that construction is completed on Citrus Avenue. Mr. Balian indicated that the latest estimate for completion of Citrus Avenue is July 2017.

## **6. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Special Board Meeting held December 9, 2015**
- b. Authorize the CEO to Execute a Change Order to the Phase 2A Alignment Contract (C1135) with Foothill Transit Constructors (FTC) for the UP Tunnel Retrofit in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,020,000 (Construction and Finance Committee)**

- c. **Authorize CEO to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP C1177) for Program Management Services** (Construction and Finance Committee)
- d. **Adoption of Phase 2B Estimated Project Cost of \$1,216 million** (Construction and Finance Committee)
- e. **Receive and File Glendora to Montclair Safety and Security Certification Plan** (Construction and Finance Committee)

Vice Chair Pedroza requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Fasana made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Leon. A Roll Call Vote was conducted and the item passed unanimously (Yes – 4 members; No – 0 members and Absent – 1 member)

## 7. General Board Items

- a. **Receive and File Project Update: Glendora to Montclair Grade Crossings**

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner, Chief Project Officer, to provide the report. Mr. Burner indicated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the government agency tasked with ensuring that railroad crossings are designed, constructed, and properly maintained to ensure public safety. Mr. Burner indicated that the Rail Crossings Engineering Section (RCES) engineers investigate and evaluate requests to construct new or modify existing rail crossings and as such the Authority must submit application packages to the appropriate RCES representative. Mr. Burner indicated that these packages combined must include every crossing along the Foothill Extension alignment (per phase/segment) for approval prior to construction.

Mr. Burner review the type of Grade Crossings – (1) at-grade crossing: tracks intersect with streets/roads; (2) grade separated crossing: tracks *do not* intersect with streets/roads and (3) pedestrian crossings: points at which pedestrians cross tracks. Mr. Burner indicated that all types of grade crossings are governed by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

Mr. Burner reviewed the type of grade crossing on the Glendora to Montclair segment of the project:

- Glendora to Montclair segment contains 46 total crossings
  - 28 at-grade crossings
  - Nine (9) grade separated crossings
  - Nine (9) pedestrian crossings

Mr. Burner indicated that three (3) at-grade crossings currently under review for grade separation:

- Foothill Blvd / Grand Ave
- Bonita Ave / Cataract Ave
- Indian Hill Blvd

Mr. Burner indicated that two (2) pedestrian crossings currently under review for grade separation:

- San Dimas Station Pedestrian Crossing
- La Verne Station Pedestrian Crossing

Mr. Burner presented two slides indicated the locations and types of grade crossing on the Glendora to Montclair segment of the Project.

## Grade Crossing Matrix

Item	Roadway Name	City or Town	Grade Type
1	Barranca Ave	Glendora	At Grade
2	Foothill Blvd / Grand Ave	Glendora	At Grade*
3	Vermont Ave	Glendora	At Grade
4	Glendora Station Ped Access	Glendora	Grade Separated
5	Glendora Ave	Glendora	At Grade
6	Pasadena Ave	Glendora	At Grade
7	Glenwood Ave	Glendora	At Grade
8	Elwood Ave	Glendora	At Grade
9	Loraine Ave	Glendora	At Grade
10	Route 66 (Formerly Alostia Ave)	Glendora	Grade Separated
11	I-210 West On-Ramp	Glendora	Grade Separated
12	I-210 Freeway	Glendora	Grade Separated
13	Lone Hill Ave Off-Ramp	Glendora	Grade Separated
14	Lone Hill Ave (LRT)	Glendora	Grade Separated
15	Lone Hill Ave (FRT)	Glendora	At Grade
16	Gladstone Ave	San Dimas	At Grade
17	SR-57 Freeway	San Dimas	Grade Separated
18	Eucla Ave	San Dimas	At Grade
19	Bonita Ave / Cataract Ave	San Dimas	At Grade*
20	Monte Vista St	San Dimas	At Grade
21	San Dimas Ave	San Dimas	At Grade
22	San Dimas Station Ped Access	San Dimas	At Grade*
23	Walnut Ave	San Dimas	At Grade



## Grade Crossing Matrix (continued)

Item	Roadway Name	City or Town	Grade Type
24	San Dimas Canyon Rd	San Dimas	At Grade
25	Wheeler Ave	La Verne	At Grade
26	A Street	La Verne	At Grade
27	D Street	La Verne	At Grade
28	E Street	La Verne	At Grade
29	La Verne Station Ped Access	La Verne	At Grade*
30	White Ave	La Verne	At Grade
31	Fulton Road (LRT, FRT, Metrolink)	Pomona	At Grade
32	Pomona Station Ped Access (West)	Pomona	At Grade
33	Pomona Station Ped Access (East)	Pomona	Grade Separated
34	Garey Ave (LRT)	Pomona	Grade Separated
35	Garey Ave (FRT)	Pomona	At Grade
36	Towne Ave (LRT)	Pomona	Grade Separated
37	Towne Ave (FRT)	Pomona	At Grade
38	Cambridge Ave	Claremont	At Grade
39	Indian Hill Boulevard	Claremont	At Grade*
40	Claremont LRT Station Ped Access	Claremont	At Grade
41	Claremont Metrolink Station Ped Access	Claremont	Grade Separated
42	College Ave	Claremont	At Grade
43	Claremont Blvd	Claremont	At Grade
44	Monte Vista Ave	Montclair	Grade Separated
45	Montclair Station Ped Access (West)	Montclair	At Grade
46	Montclair Station Ped Access (East)	Montclair	At Grade

\* under review



Mr. Burner indicated that as of now, staff has met with the corridor cities and CPUC to discuss each crossing. Mr. Burner indicated that next steps in this process include performing traffic analyses; field diagnostics; holding diagnostic

meeting with CPUC and submitting applications to CPUC for approval of desired modifications to grade crossings.

Board Member Evans inquired if Claremont was considering a grade-separation at the station to accommodate Metrolink at Indian Hill. Vice Chair Pedroza indicated that the matter is being discussed within the City but the costs would be almost prohibitive and the engineering may be difficult.

Received and Filed.

**b. Consideration of SCAG's Draft 2016-2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian indicated that SCAG had released its draft RTP report and requested comments by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Balian indicated that the RTP sets regional priorities for six-county region thru 2040 and ensures that federal air quality and greenhouse gas emission reduction requirements are met. Mr. Balian indicated that Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair is included in the financially constrained element of the RTP under LA and SB Transit Projects, but not for completion until 2040. Mr. Balian indicated that the draft plan does not assume passage of 2016 sales tax measure; rather it assumes project funding for new project will come through innovative finance mechanisms. Mr. Balian indicated that the RTP assumes Glendora to Montclair segment completion in 2040 and has a budget identified is \$217,173 million for SB County and \$1 billion for LA County portion which is insufficient with future year escalation.

Mr. Balian indicated that staff would like the Board to support a draft letter that would request SCAG to expedite completion of the Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair in the financially constrained element of the RTP, consistent with other Metro unfunded projects and update the project cost figure for the Glendora to Montclair segment to reflect future year value escalation in both LA and SB Counties.

Vice Chair Pedroza requested a motion in support of the proposed letter to SCAG. Board Member Leon made a motion which was seconded by Board Fasana. A Roll Call Vote was conducted and the item passed unanimously (Yes – 4 members; No – 0 members and Absent – 1 member)

**c. Receive and File: Monthly Update**

Mr. Burner provided the report. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the alignment and parking on Phase 2A of the project that staff will continue addressing Punch List items in order to obtain Certificate of Occupancy; complete Punch List items for Safety Certification; continue closing out all Punch List items throughout Alignment and at Parking Facilities (Authority, Metro, third parties); and continue as-built drawing reviews; continue transfer of spare parts and materials to Metro. Mr. Burner indicated that Foothill Transit has completed

construction of the Azusa-Alameda parking facility. Mr. Burner indicated that Metro and the Authority will verify that the structure is in compliance with agreement for Gold Line users. Mr. Burner indicated that Authority staff continue to monitor construction of south portion of Citrus Avenue in Azusa by Rosedale Land Partners.

Mr. Burner indicated that over the next 3 to 4 months staff will complete punch list items along Alignment and at parking facilities with all agencies (CPUC, FLSSC, cities, Metro, and SCRRA); obtain Certificate of Occupancy; complete safety certification; finalize procurement and delivery of spare parts to Metro; finalize all As-Built drawings and provide to Metro; finalize transfer of all utilities to Metro (water, electricity, etc.); receive final mitigation monitoring program reports from FTC and Webcor; achieve Revenue Operations Date (ROD) and complete Systems performance Demonstration tests after ROD.

Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the Glendora to Montclair portion of the project Authority staff continue work on advancement of plan and profile drawings; right-of-way survey and drawings; geotechnical work; conceptual design of parking facilities; Phase I and II ESAs and ISAs; composite utility drawings; coordination of grade crossings; station Design and Art Review program (SDAR) and attended coordination meetings with stakeholders to discuss project (including corridor city staff, CPUC, SCRRA, Caltrans, and others).

Item received and filed.

**8. General Counsel's Report**

Assistant General Counsel Pellman indicated that the judge in the Sierra Palms Homeowners matter ruled favorably with the Construction Authority and that we are no longer an active party to the case.

**9. Board Member Comments**

None.

**10. Closed Session Items**

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

- (i) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v. BRE Select Hotels Properties, LLC, et al.  
Case No.: BC583706

Vice Chair Pedroza adjourned the meeting into Closed Session at 7:42 pm and indicated that no report would be made after Closed Session.

**11. Adjournment**

Vice Chairman Pedroza adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.