

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

**January 22, 2014
 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Tessitor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:06 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>Vice Chair</i>	SGVCOG	X	
Vacant	City of Los Angeles	—	—
Paul Leon	City of South Pasadena	X	
John Fasana	LACMTA	X (7:08)	
<i>Non-Voting Members</i>			
Lara Larramendi	Governor of California	X	
Bill Bogaard	City of Pasadena		X
Daniel Evans	City of South Pasadena	X	
Alan Wapner	SANBAG		X
<i>Alternate Members</i>			
Marisol Salguero	City of Los Angeles	X	
Mary Ann Lutz	SGVCOG	—	—
Deborah Robertson	SANBAG	—	—

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Marisol Salguero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comments on Items On/Off Agenda

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there were any members of the public who wish to provide comment on items on or off the Agenda, hearing and seeing none, Chairman Tessitor closed public comment.

5. CEO's Monthly Report

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule which indicated the completion of Sawpit Wash, Santa Anita Avenue bridge, substantial completion of freight realignment and California Avenue crossing. Mr. Balian indicated that the Foothill bridge as well as

1st and Santa Clara crossings would be completed in February 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that the Huntington Dr. bridge would be completed by April 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that Myrtle crossing would be completed May 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that the light rail track would be completed by September 2014.

Mr. Balian presented a video which highlight ongoing work on the alignment. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Azusa which included continued construction of the Azusa/Downtown station; installation of sound wall foundations; and removal of Foothill bridge pier forms. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Irwindale which included work on the MillerCoors south siding turnout and duct bank work and concrete finishing work at the San Gabriel River bridge. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Duarte which included Duarte/City of Hope Station canopy construction. Mr. Balian highlighted work at the Gold Line Operation Campus in the City of Monrovia which included installation of sub-ballast for embedded track at MOW storage canopy; main shop floor concrete pour; and flood ballast at storage track leads. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Monrovia which included California Ave. crossing opening to traffic; Myrtle Ave. crossing construction; Myrtle Ave crossing detour and "Open for Business" signage; and Saw Pit Wash Bridge girder installation. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Arcadia which included Santa Anita bridge girder installation; duct bank encasement at Arcadia station; and demolition of exiting abatement at Huntington bridge. Mr. Balian highlighted work along the I-210 in the Cities of Arcadia and Pasadena which included modification of OCS and train control systems at the SMV tail-tracks. Mr. Balian also highlighted a recent site visit by Metro Board Member Jackie Dupont-Walker and a tour of the Myrtle Avenue Crossing with Monrovia Mayor Mary Ann Lutz.

Board Member Larramendi inquired what mitigations were being conducted with the Myrtle Ave. businesses that are being impacted by construction. Mr. Balian indicated that signage, mailings as well as an offer to host a flea market are some of the items that the Construction Authority is undertaking to minimize the impacts and increase awareness that all the businesses are open during construction.

6. Consent Calendar

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held December 18, 2013**
- b. Consideration of Committee Appointments**
- c. Approval of Revisions to Administrative Code**
- d. Receive and File Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report**
- e. Authorize CEO to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) Contract C1162 for the Alternative Analysis Study of Phase 2C to LA/Ontario International Airport**
- f. Approval of Amendment No. 9 to Contract No. C1133 with Parsons Brinckerhoff for additional Phase 2B environmental work**

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Mr. Balian requested that Agenda Item 6.e. be pulled from consent to be discussed further. Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the remainder of the items on the Consent Calendar. Board Member Leon made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Member Pedroza and approved unanimously. Chairman Tessitor abstained from Agenda Item 6.a. as he was not present.

Pulled from Consent

e. Authorize CEO to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) Contract C1162 for the Alternative Analysis Study of Phase 2C to LA/Ontario International Airport

Mr. Balian indicated that staff had been working toward issuing an RFP for the Phase 2C work and have been working with the entities that would support the effort. Mr. Balian indicated that after several years of trying to get the funding from the various entities, staff has identified funds to allow the RFP to be issued. Mr. Balian indicated that staff would continue to work with the entities to seek reimbursement for the funds expensed by the Construction Authority. Mr. Balian indicated that the City of Ontario has made an offer of \$300,000 over 2 years. Mr. Balian indicated that SANBAG at a recent committee meeting has indicated that at this time they do not have funds designated for this project. Mr. Balian indicated that Mitch Alderman had sent an email to staff which was forwarded to the Board explaining the actions of the committee. Mr. Balian indicated that the work effort is expected to be approximately \$1.5 million dollars.

Board Member Fasana indicated that he found the email from SANBAG disturbing and wanted to be sure that staff worked with SANBAG to discuss and resolve any issues.

Board Member Pedroza agreed with Board Member Fasana's comments and indicated that this came out of left field. Board Member Pedroza indicated that the decision was from a Committee and not from the SANBAG Board and that every indication for the San Bernardino representative who are also members of SANBAG has been that they will supporters of extending the light rail line to the Ontario Airport.

Board Member Leon indicated that he also agreed with Board Member Fasana. Board Member Leon indicated that he would talking with members of the Committee to see what occurred and how such a decision could be arrived at. Board Member Leon indicated that he believed that this decision was staff driven and that the elected officials will work with them to correct this problem.

Chairman Tessitor indicated that he was unsettled by the tone of the email but also indicated SANBAG has been slow to step-up and commit in recent years. Chair Tessitor indicated that while the project is several years away, he thinks it is fool-hardy to not move forward at this time and meet with SANBAG officials to discuss the issues.

Board Member Leon indicated that in discussions with Congresswoman Negrete-McLeod that she is very supportive of the extension the airport.

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve Agenda Item 6.e. to Authorize CEO to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) Contract C1162 for the Alternative Analysis Study of Phase 2C to LA/Ontario International Airport. Board Member Fasana made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Pedroza and approved unanimously.

7. General Board Items

a. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Grade Crossings

Mr. Balian introduced Mr. Burner to provide the report. Mr. Burner indicated that Phase 2A of the project contains a total of 37 grade crossings, as defined by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Mr. Burner indicated that the CPUC has approved all crossings, and construction is underway or complete for the majority of crossings. Mr. Burner indicated that of these 37 crossings, 20 are grade separated and 17 are at-grade. Mr. Burner indicated that the grade separated crossings account for bridges, bike trails, aerial freeway ramps, etc. Included in the 17 at-grade crossings are four pedestrian crossings at Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, and Azusa-Citrus stations, and 13 vehicular at-grade crossings. Mr. Burner indicated that of the total 37 crossings, the most impactful to the project are the 13 vehicular at-grade crossings which must be carefully coordinated and quickly constructed, as they have potential to impact vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Burner indicated that the construction status of these 13 crossings is as follows: seven are complete, three are in progress, and three have not yet begun. Mr. Burner indicated that all crossings are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2014. Mr. Burner provided a detail overview and schedule of some of the current and upcoming crossings:

- Myrtle:
 - 4 month closure of Myrtle, north of Duarte Rd.
 - Began work Jan 20th
- 1st and Santa Clara:
 - Anticipate completion in February 2014
- San Gabriel:
 - Anticipate completion in May 2014
- Virginia:
 - Full closure anticipated in March 2014
- Mountain:
 - Full closure to begin after completion of Myrtle crossing
 - Will be completed in 2 phases:
 - Closure north of Duarte Rd.
 - Closure south of Duarte Rd.
- Magnolia:
 - Full closure to begin after completion of Myrtle crossing

Item received and filed.

b. Receive and File Report on Monthly Update

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner to provide the report. Mr. Burner indicated with regard to Phase 2A of the project that there is continued installation of underdrain and sub-ballast throughout project; continued work at Duarte, Monrovia, Arcadia, and Azusa Downtown stations and began work at Azusa-Citrus; completed construction of California grade crossing; continued construction of grade crossings at San Gabriel and 1st & Santa Clara; began Myrtle grade crossing work; continued OCS foundation installation; continued bridge work at: Foothill, Kincaid, Rosemead, Michillinda, and Baldwin; completed Santa Anita Avenue and Saw Pit Wash bridges; began light rail mainline track; completed concrete placement and finishing of the Main Shop floor slabs at the Gold Line Operations Campus (Campus); continued trackwork at the Campus and continued structural steel work at the Main Shop Building in the Campus. Mr. Burner provided an overview of the Project Schedule. Mr. Burner reviewed the current status of the Parking Facilities work which included continued to hold meetings between Authority, Webcor, and cities; continued to review major submittals for all parking facilities and TPSS sites; completed eight AFC packages; continued construction of Arcadia and Monrovia parking facilities and began work at Azusa-Citrus facility; continued work at Michillinda and Soldano TPSS sites; and continued work at Irwindale intersection. Mr. Burner indicated that over the next 3 to 4 months that trackwork at the Campus; construction of bridges at Foothill and Huntington; First & Santa Clara, San Gabriel, and Myrtle crossings; construction of Duarte, Monrovia, Arcadia, Azusa Downtown, and Azusa-Citrus stations and begin construction of remaining stations and the OCS foundation installation will be completed. Mr. Burner indicated that the design for first three Parking Facilities will be finalized and the mainline LRT trackwork construction will be completed.

Chairman Tessitor inquired if there has been any additional consideration about additional parking at the Azusa Citrus station. Mr. Balian indicated that there has been no additional re-evaluation of the number proposed by the EIR. Mr. Balian indicated that there has been no request or interest in re-visiting the number. Chairman Tessitor indicated that his concern was to have a situation that now exists at SMV where some 1,000 parking spaces are full every day because travelers from the east park at the terminus station.

Board Member Fasana indicated that even with the total number of parking spaces being built for Phase 2A, that additional riders will be needed to make it a success. Board Member Fasana indicated that adding additional parking spaces may not be the answer but urged fellow Board members and local officials to look at ways to get riders to the station in a seamless manner that don't involve cars but utilize shuttles, bike and pedestrian paths, etc.

Mr. Balian indicated that staff continues to work with the cities to encourage increasing was to increase ridership connections.

Item received and filed.

8. General Counsel's Report

None.

9. Board Member Comments

None

10. Adjournment

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:46 pm.