

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

**March 26, 2014  
 7:00 P.M.**

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Tessitor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 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>Vice Chair</i>	SGVCOG	X	
Vacant	City of Los Angeles	—	—
Paul Leon	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	
Alan Wapner	SANBAG	X	
<b><i>Alternate Members</i></b>			
Marisol Salguero	City of Los Angeles		X
Mary Ann Lutz	SGVCOG	—	—
Deborah Robertson	SANBAG	—	—

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Habib Balian 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. Recognition of Board Member Lara Larramendi**

Chairman Tessitor thanked Board member Larramendi for her service on the Board. Chairman Tessitor presented Lara with memento from the Board. Board Member Larramendi thanked the Board, the staff and everyone associated with the project.

Board Member indicated that since beginning her service in 2003 on the Board, it has been a pleasure and looks forward to the many future successes of the Board. Board Member Larramendi welcomed new Board Member Carrie Bowen.

**6. Swearing-in of Board Member Carrie Bowen**

Board Member Tessitor swore in Board Member Carrie Bowen who replace Lara Larramendi on the Board.

**7. CEO's Monthly Report**

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule which indicated the completion of 1<sup>st</sup> and Santa Clara crossings. Mr. Balian indicated that work on Myrtle Ave. would continue until the end of April. Mr. Balian indicated the Foothill Bridge would be completed by May 2014. Mr. Balian indicated that work on the Virginia crossing would occur from April to June and on the Magnolia crossing from May until July. Mr. Balian indicated that work continues on Huntington bridge with expected completion in August 2014 and completion of light rail track in September 2014. Mr. Balian indicated the current estimates for the Mountain Ave. crossing would have work being in May and being completed in October. Mr. Balian indicated that project testing would occur in October.

Mr. Balian presented a video which highlight ongoing work on the alignment. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Azusa which included TPSS installation at Virginia Avenue and girder installation at Foothill Blvd. bridges. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Irwindale which included installation of Mechanically Stabilized Earth wall and construction of J-ditch/safety barrier wall. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Duarte which included track installation and shaping and leveling of ballast. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Monrovia which included ongoing construction at Myrtle Ave.; installation of grade crossing panels; installation of canopies at Monrovia Station and ongoing construction at the Monrovia Parking facility. Mr. Balian highlighted work at the Gold Line Operation Campus in the City of Monrovia which included installation of pier footing for the concrete masonry unit screen wall; construction of the main shop floor; construction of the main shop building and installation of light poles. Mr. Balian highlighted work in the City of Arcadia which included opening of 1<sup>st</sup> and Santa Clara crossing to traffic; continued work at the Arcadia parking facility; installation of canopies at the Arcadia Station; and the addition of landscaping at the Santa Anita bridge medians. Mr. Balian also highlighted a recent meeting with FTA officials to update them on the project; a project tour with Linda Shim of Congresswoman's Chu's office; a chamber tour with the Glendora Chamber of Commerce; and a SGVCOG tour of the project.

**8. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held February 26, 2014**
- b. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget**

- c. Consideration of CalPERS Defined Benefit Plan**
- d. Recommended authorization of CEO to Issue Request for Proposals (RFP C1163) for General Counsel and Design-Build Legal Services**

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Leon made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Member Pedroza and approved unanimously.

**9. General Board Items**

**a. Adoption of Phase 2B Estimated Project Cost of \$1,181 million**

Mr. Balian presented the item. Mr. Balian indicated that in November 2013, the Board approved the Foothill Extension Financial Plan Revision 10 of \$1,719,000 which included a Phase 2 Estimated Project cost of \$950 million. Mr. Balian indicated that at this time, based upon the required Metro Contingency Procedures of an additional \$130 million and required Metro Project costs of \$80 million; and \$21 million in inflationary costs from 2010, the overall Phase 2B estimated project costs increases \$231 million from \$950 million to \$1,181 million. Mr. Burner indicated that a detailed cost estimate was prepared and provided to Metro and Metro in-turn provided their additional numbers and cost items.

Chairman Tessitor requested a motion to approve the Phase 2B Estimated Project Cost of \$1,181 million. Board Member Fasana made a motion to approve the item which was seconded by Board Member Pedroza and approved unanimously.

**b. Receive and File Report on Project Update: Station Artwork**

Mr. Balian introduced Lesley Elwood, Art Manager and Tanya Patsaouras, Station Coordinator to provide the report. Ms. Elwood indicated that back in 2004, the Construction Authority had issued an RFP for public art for the stations. Ms. Elwood indicated that in tandem with this effort staff issued general guidelines for the formation of Station Design and Art Review Committees (SDAR) which were established in each city. The SDAR were comprised of city staff and community members. Ms. Elwood indicated that the SDAR committees worked in conjunction with staff in selecting artists for each individual city that were responsive to artistic guidelines/particular to each city. Ms. Elwood indicated that the selected artist further refined their submission in late 2006 and were presented to City Councils for final review and approval. Ms. Elwood indicated that in early 2012 the artists met with the design-build contractor and hired as sub-consultants. Ms. Elwood indicated that the original approved designs were updated to reflect Metro current design criteria, station configuration changes and the advancement of materials applications/fabrications. Ms. Elwood indicated that in 2013, each artist submitted their final 100% design to the design-build contractor for incorporation

into the overall project. Ms. Elwood indicated that the contract is responsible for all engineering, art installation, material testing and inspection. Ms. Ellwood and Ms. Patsouras provided a detailed overview of each station and displayed various elements to the Board.

Board Member Fasana inquired if staff and the artist worked with Metro during the process. Ms. Elwood and Mr. Burner indicated that Metro has been very involved in the process.

Board Member Leon inquired as to what is done if some element of the artwork should be vandalized or broken. Ms. Elwood indicated that all elements have detailed vendor and fabrication information. Ms. Ellwood also indicated that some elements are produced in multiples so as to have inventory on hand should something occur where an element needs to be replaced.

Item received and filed.

**c. Approval of Sponsorship of Proposed Legislation (AB 2574 Rodriguez) Authorizing the Extension of the Gold Line to Ontario, and Declaration of No Imposition of State Mandated Cost**

Mr. Balian present the item. Mr. Balian indicated that Assemblyman Freddie Rodriguez had recently introduced legislation to extend the current terminus of the Gold Line Foothill Extension to Ontario Airport instead of Montclair – AB 2574. . Mr. Balian indicated that the Assemblyman has requested that the Board provide a position of support for the legislation.

Board Member Wapner indicated that the SANBAG is extremely disturbed and disappointed that they were not consulted regarding the legislation. Mr. Wapner indicated the legislation came as a total surprise to SANBAG. Board Member Wapner indicated that SANBAG is concerned about giving operating authority to Metro in San Bernardino County. Mr. Wapner indicated that item will be heard at the next SANBAG Governing Board meeting.

Board Member Fasana inquired if Assemblyman Rodriguez had contact the Authority or if the Authority had contacted Assemblyman Rodriguez. Mr. Balian indicated that the Assemblyman had reached out to the Construction Authority and that staff and provided the Assemblyman information which was incorporated into the legislation.

Board Member Fasana indicated that the operations of the alignment into San Bernardino County is an unresolved matter and that it may be wise to hold support of the legislation until the matter is discussed and sorted out. Board Member Wapner agreed with Board Member Fasana.

Board Member Pedroza indicated that proposed legislation may be useful in bringing the parties together to discuss the item.

Board Member Wapner indicated that the legislation would allow Metro to build and operate the line with San Bernardino picking up the costs.

Mr. Balian indicated that the language as currently written only allows for planning and that any further agreements with respect to construction or operations would need to be reviewed and approved by both SANBAG and Metro.

Board Member Leon indicated that it may be useful to hold the legislation at this point until discussions can occur between the parties.

Board Member Pedroza indicated that it is important to get the study underway for a possible route to Ontario and if this helps he would be supportive but also would like to work more closely with SANBAG.

Board Member Wapner indicated that SANBAG has not taken a position to oppose the legislation but is hopeful that all parties could work together to discuss it further. Board Member Wapner indicated that SANBAG remain committed to extending the project to Montclair and to the Ontario Airport.

Board Member Fasana made a motion to continue the item.

Board Member Leon seconded the motion with the addition proviso that a meeting be arranged between the Construction Authority and SANBAG to discuss the legislation.

Chairman Tessitor requested that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed to work with SANBAG and better communications between the agencies. Chairman Tessitor indicated that he would be willing to serve and requested an additional Board Member to serve with him. Board Member Leon indicated his willingness to serve. Chairman Tessitor inquired if Board Member Wapner wanted to serve on the Committee. Board Member Wapner declined but would be willing to attend as a participant.

Chairman Tessitor requested that staff work with SANBAG to convene a meeting to discuss the matter.

Chairman Tessitor requested that the item be placed for consideration at the next Board meeting and the

**d. Receive and File Monthly Update**

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner to prove the report. Mr. Burner reviewed the Phase 2A Progress - work at Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa-Downtown and Azusa-Citrus stations continue; grade crossing at 1<sup>st</sup> & Santa Clara have been completed; construction of grade crossings at San Gabriel and Myrtle continues; bridge work at Foothill and Huntington continues; Michillinda and Baldwin bridges completed; installation of underdrain and sub-ballast

throughout project; continued light rail mainline track placement; continued installation of OCS foundations, retaining walls, and sound walls throughout the alignment; began mainline OCS pole installation; continued OCS pole installation at Gold Line Operations Campus (Campus); continued car wash foundation/slab forming and reinforcements at the Campus; continued trackwork at the Campus and continued structural steel work at the Main Shop Building in the Campus.

Mr. Burner provided and detailed overview of the Project Schedule.

Mr. Burner indicated that with respect to the parking facilities construction of Arcadia and Monrovia parking facilities with reinforcement and concrete placement for parking structure columns and shear walls. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the TPSS portion of the contract that work continues at Michillinda and Soldano TPSS sites.

Mr. Burner reviewed the future activities of the project over the next 3 to 4 months.

Item received and filed.

**10. General Counsel's Report**

None.

**11. Board Member Comments**

Board Member Evans shared a publication of a Gold Line rider which contains sketches of riders on the line.

Board Member Pedroza welcomed new Board Member Bowen and thank Lara Larramendi work on behalf of the Gold Line.

Board Member Pedroza also congratulated Board Member Fasana as the moderator at the recent SGVCOG event.

Board Member Fasana also thanked Lara Larramendi for her tireless work on behalf of the project and welcomed new Board Member Bowen.

Chairman Tessitor echoed the sentiments regarding Board Members Larramendi and Bowen.

**12. 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 after Closed Session. Chairman Tessitor recessed the Board into Closed Session at approximately 8:43 pm.

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

(i) Property 8616-003-014

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.  
Negotiating Parties: Famela Domantay, Edelyn Domantay Brown  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

(ii) Property 8616-003-013

Agency Negotiator: Habib F. Balian and Regina Danner, Esq.  
Negotiating Parties: Janet L. Lopez, Janet L. Lopez Trust  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

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

(i) Field Myrtle Oil, Inc. v. Foothill Transit Constructors, SKANSKA Community Liaison, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, et al.  
Case No. BC539314

(ii) Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority v. Hydraulic Units, Inc., et al.  
Case No. BC498261

**13. Adjournment**

The Board Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:23 pm.