



# Foothill Gold Line

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## Agenda Item: 6.a.

**TO:** Chair and Members of the Joint Powers Authority Board  
**FROM:** Habib F. Balian, Foothill Gold Line Chief Executive Officer  
**DATE:** February 15, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of January 11, 2018 minutes of the Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the JPA Board of Directors approve the January 11, 2018 minutes of the Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting.

### SUMMARY:

None.

### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

None.

Executive Officer:

Habib F. Balian  
Chief Executive Officer

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**Gold Line Phase II Joint Powers Authority (JPA) Board of Directors**

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2018  
11:30 A.M.**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Pedroza called the meeting to order as Chair at approximately 11:47 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Curt Hagman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call:**

<b>Quorum (8)</b>		<b>JPA Members</b>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	
<b>X</b>		<b>A R C A D I A</b>
		<b>Roger Chandler</b>
	—	Sho Tay - Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>A Z U S A</b>
	<b>X</b>	<b>Uriel Macias</b>
	—	Angel Carrillo – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>C L A R E M O N T</b>
<b>X</b>		<b>Sam Pedroza (Chair)</b>
	—	Larry Schroeder – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>D U A R T E</b>
<b>X</b>		<b>Liz Reilly</b>
	—	Tzeitel Paras-Caracci – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>G L E N D O R A</b>
<b>X</b>		<b>Mendell Thompson</b>
	—	Gary Boyer – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>I R W I N D A L E</b>
<b>X</b>		<b>H. Manuel Ortiz</b>
	—	Mark A. Breceda – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>L A V E R N E</b>
	<b>X</b>	<b>Robin Carder (Vice Chair)</b>
	—	Charles Rosales – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>M O N R O V I A</b>
	<b>X</b>	<b>Larry Spicer</b>
	—	Gloria Crudgington – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>M O N T C L A I R</b>
<b>X</b>		<b>Bill Ruh</b>

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<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>O N T A R I O</b>
X		<b>Paul Leon</b>
	—	Debra Dorst-Porada – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>P A S A D E N A</b>
	X	<b>Gene Masuda</b>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>P O M O N A</b>
X		<b>Tim Sandoval</b>
	—	Robert Torres– Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>S A N D I M A S</b>
	X	<b>Denis Bertone</b>
X		John Ebner – Alternate
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>S B C T A</b>
	X	<b>Vacant</b>
X		Curt Hagman – Alternate
	—	Doug Boyd (Representative) - <i>does not count towards quorum</i>
X		Jeff Sorenson (Representative) - <i>does not count towards quorum</i>
<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>S O U T H P A S A D E N A</b>
	—	<b>Robert S. Joe</b>
X		Michael Cacciotti – Alternate
<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	
<b>Staff:</b>		
Habib F. Balian, Construction Authority CEO		
Chris Lowe, Construction Authority Clerk of the Board		

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

Chair Pedroza invited Public Comments for items on or off the Agenda; hearing and seeing none, the Public Comment portion was closed.

**5. Election of Officers for 2018**

Chair Pedroza indicated the officer positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary & Treasurer for 2018 are open for nomination and election. Board Member Reilly made a motion to nominate and re-elect the current slate of officers, which was seconded by Board Member Ruh. Chair Pedroza inquired if there were any other nominations, hearing and seeing none, nomination was closed. Chair Pedroza requested a voice vote to re-appoint Sam Pedroza as Chair, Robin Carder as Vice Chair and Roger Chandler as Secretary and Treasurer. The vote was unanimous.

**6. CEO’s Monthly Report**

Mr. Balian reviewed the Critical Path Schedule for Claremont to Montclair which indicated that staff will receive DB2 Statements of Qualification in January 2018; determine DB2 short-list in February 2018; conduct and Industry Review of Draft RFP for DB2 in February 2018; complete SCRRA Master Cooperative Agreement in April 2018; finalize BNSF Agreement in April 2018; complete work with the Grade Crossing Working Group by June 2018; finalized Gap Funding for LA County Segment by June 2018; submit USACE Permits in July 2018; Award DB2

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Contract in October 2018 and finalize SBCTA Funding and Construction Agreement by January 2021.

Item received and filed.

**7. Consent Calendar:**

- a. Approval of JPA Board Meeting Minutes held December 14, 2017**
- b. Receive and File January 10, 2018 Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Board Agenda**

Chair Pedroza requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Board Member Ortiz made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar which was seconded by Board Member Sandoval and approved unanimously.

**8. General Board Items:**

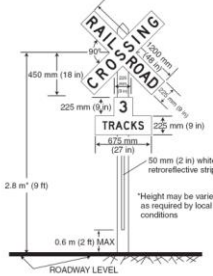



- a. Receive and File Project Update: Glendora to Montclair Grade Crossings**

Mr. Balian provided the report. Mr. Balian reviewed 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 pedestrian's cross tracks. Mr. Balian indicated that all types of grade crossings are governed by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

Mr. Balian indicated that in the Glendora to Montclair segment of the project there are 50 total crossings. Mr. Balian indicated that there are twenty-three at-grade crossings and that one crossing may close, either Glenwood or Elwood in Glendora, and Monte Vista Street may be closed to vehicular traffic and potentially open to pedestrian traffic. Mr. Balian indicated that there are seven grade separated crossings; six crossings where light-rail is grade separated (freight/Metrolink is at grade) and 14 pedestrian crossings.

Mr. Balian indicated that staff has met and continues to meet with corridor cities and the CPUC to discuss each crossing and that field diagnostics have been performed at each grade crossing except for three crossings. Mr. Balian indicated that twenty-eight of the fifty grade crossings application have been submitted to the CPUC for approval. Mr. Balian indicated that all grade crossings are expected to be submitted to the CPUC by April 2018.

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<p><b>Glendora to Montclair Grade Crossings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade Crossings             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Types                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At-grade crossing: tracks intersect with streets/roads</li> <li>• Grade separated crossing: tracks <i>do not</i> intersect with streets/roads</li> <li>• Pedestrian crossings: points at which pedestrians cross tracks</li> </ul> </li> <li>– Grade crossings are governed by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	<p><b>Glendora to Montclair Grade Crossings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glendora to Montclair segment contains 50 total crossings             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 23 at-grade crossings                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One crossing may close                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Either Glenwood or Elwood (only one)</li> <li>– Monte Vista Street (closed to vehicular traffic, potentially open to pedestrian traffic)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>– Seven (7) grade separated crossings</li> <li>– Six (6) crossings where LRT is grade separated, freight/MetroLink is at-grade</li> <li>– 14 pedestrian crossings</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>
<p><b>Glendora to Montclair Grade Crossings Status:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authority has met with corridor cities and CPUC to discuss each crossing</li> <li>• Field diagnostics have been performed at each grade crossing with exception of three crossings</li> <li>• 28 of 50 grade crossing applications have been submitted to CPUC for approval, which are highlighted in the grade crossing matrix</li> <li>• All grade crossings expected to be submitted to CPUC by April 2018</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>	

Item received and filed.

**b. Receive and File Parking Study & Structure Update (oral report)**

Ms. Lisa Levy Buch, Chief Communications Officer, provided the report. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Metro indicated that Metro staff will be presenting a master station transit program policy to Metro Board at its January meeting. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that included in the master plan will be recommendations for paid parking at station whose occupancy rate is at seventy percent and above as well as various recommendations having to do with parking asset management, etc. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Metro staff have separated out the Phase 2B portion of the Foothill Gold Line from the master plan as they continue to work with the Phase 2B cities and the Construction Authority. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Metro will also be working to integrate the LMU Rider Survey results into their study and information. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Metro has initially made recommendations of reduced parking at the Phase 2B stations from what the 2013 EIR recommended. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Metro staff also indicated that funding may directly related to how many parking spaces Metro is willing to pay for based upon the recommendation that is finally made to Construction Authority. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that this is the first time this has been mentioned and is not sure if this is being expressed by upper management at Metro.

Chair Pedroza indicated that once Metro staff has made a final recommendation for Phase 2B parking spaces, the Construction Authority Board will make the final determination.

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Board Member Ortiz indicated that there has been an increase in street parking at the Irwindale station due to the implementation of paid parking at the adjacent stations.

Board Member Ebner inquired if Metro is recommending a smaller footprint for future parking facilities or a way to add capacity at a future date if it is needed. Ms. Levy Buch indicated that Metro would prefer surface level parking lots due to the trend a forecast of reduced parking demand due to TOD, subscription car services, UBER, Lyft, etc.

Board Member Cacciotti indicated that the current trains need to be redesigned to encourage riders who wish to bike and take their bike to work – currently it does not work for more than a few bikes.

Chair Pedroza indicated that a careful balance needs to be attained by understanding current needs and demands at stations and what how future riders get to the station as well as not over-building parking facilities.

Board Member Thompson indicated that Glendora is not happy because the City was promised a specific number of spaces but now Metro would like to alter the original agreement.

Item received and filed.

**c. Receive and File Monthly Project Status Update as of December 2017**

Mr. Balian introduced Chris Burner, Chief Project and Planning Officer to provide the report. Mr. Burner indicated that with regard to the Glendora to Montclair segment, staff continued to attend coordination meetings with corridor City staff; performed additional borings for Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA), awaiting final report; Caltrans approved the Environmental Site Assessment Investigation report; started negotiating the MCA with SCRRA for design and construction; Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA) under internal review; Threat & Vulnerability Assessment (TVA) under review by stakeholders; received all geotechnical reports for structures/bridges (phase 2 of 3-phase process); prepared for final phase of geotechnical process (parking structures and TPSS sites); submitted packages 1, 2, 3, and 4 grade crossing applications to CPUC; prepared to submit package 5 grade crossing applications to CPUC; completed comment resolution process with Metro, SCRRA, SBCTA, and corridor cities on the final verification ACE package; continued design of parking facilities and stations; continued updated noise and vibration analysis; continued working on finalizing agreements with Golden State Water and Metropolitan Water District; completed review of several preliminary DB1 submittals; DB1 contractor began scheduling coordination meetings with utility owners and corridor City staff; and DB1 contractor began permitting process, including preliminary steps for acquiring permit from SCRRA.

Mr. Burner indicated that over the next 6 to 12 months, staff will complete Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment; complete geotechnical work (phase 3); receive approval of the Type Selection for SR-57 and I-210 from Caltrans; release Alignment industry review package to Metro, SCRRA, SBCTA, corridor cities and potential design-builders; complete updated noise and vibration analysis; receive approval of CPUC applications; execute MCAs with remaining third parties; obtain USACE permits and DB1 acquire all necessary permits prior to starting work.

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Board Member Cacciotti inquired if the SCRRA agreements are still a material risk to the project. Mr. Burner indicated that as of now, the working relationship between the agencies has improved due to an executive partnering agreement which helps to move things along, if progress continues the risk level may be lowered.

Item received and filed.

**9. Board Member Comments**

Board Member Hagman indicated that he is committed to getting the Foothill Gold Line to Ontario International Airport.

**10. Adjournment**

Chair Pedroza adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:28 p.m.