

MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MONTCLAIR  
CITY COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, AT  
5:45 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 5111 BENITO  
STREET, MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dutrey called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dutrey; Mayor Pro Tem Raft; Council Members Ruh and Martinez

City Manager Starr; Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources Hamilton; City Planner/Planning Manager Diaz; Assistant Director of Housing/Planning Manager Caldwell; Finance Director Parker; Public Works Director/City Engineer Castillo; City Attorney Robbins; City Clerk Phillips

III. PUBLIC COMMENT — None

IV. COUNCIL WORKSHOP

A. Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority Presentation — Gold Line Extension Phase 2B Update

Mr. Habib Balian, Chief Executive Officer, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the City Council reviewing the following aspects of the Gold Line Extension Phase 2B (Glendora to Montclair) Project:

- **Glendora to Montclair Update and Proposed Plan**

The project has recently run into various roadblocks including:

- Economic conditions and unexpected high escalation due to market risks (tariffs, oil prices, material costs, labor shortage, etc.) resulted in bids that far exceeded the expected cost of the project by hundreds of millions of dollars.
- Risks for freight and Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink)

The Authority is proposing to re-bid the project using ongoing procurement with modifications:

- Deliver Glendora to Pomona in 2025, with the possibility of building to Montclair by 2028.
- Amend the current contract to include Glendora and Pomona as the base project, with a two-year contract option to complete Pomona to Montclair as part of the procurement.
- Increase the budget for the full 12.3-mile, six-station light rail project by \$570 million to a total project budget of \$2.1 billion.

- **Estimated Shortfalls by Construction Phase**

Assuming the following:

- Bid prices to build the Gold Line to La Verne are \$633 million or less;
- Metro amends project funding agreement in the next 30 days to include their portion of the \$133 million in agreed-to project cost savings; and
- That the contract will include a two-year option to complete the project to Montclair;

The estimated shortfalls by construction phase are as follows:

- Azusa to La Verne: \$0
- La Verne to Pomona: \$97 million (funding needs to be secured by February 2019)
- Pomona to Claremont: \$340 million (funding needs to be secured within two years)
- Claremont to Montclair: \$20 million (funding needs to be secured within two years)

- **Procurement and Environmental Process Updates**

The anticipated procurement timeline is as follows:

- January 2019 — Base project established as Azusa to Pomona, with a two-year contract option to Montclair
- May 2019 — Revised proposals received; evaluation
- June 2019 — Board considers Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), if applicable
- July 2019 — Board considers award of contract
- August 2019 — Notice to Proceed (if any)

The SEIR will evaluate potential for significant impacts to the environment that may result from the following potential project changes:

- Proposed possible construction and operation phasing to four phases, as opposed to the two phases that were previously approved by the Construction Authority.
- Proposed parking facility relocation for the Pomona station from the north side of the station to the south side.

- **Critical Path/Next Steps**

The critical path schedule for the project is as follows:

- *December 2018* Begin SEIR Environmental Review
- *January 2019* BNSF Agreement and USACE Permits
- *February 2019* Approve Amended Funding Agreement
- *June 2019* Anticipated End of SEIR Environmental Review
- *July 2019* Anticipated Award of Contract for Design Build 2
- *July 2021* Secure Funding for Pomona to Montclair and Finalize SBCTA Funding & Construction Agreement
- *August 2019 to August 2021* Exercise Contract Option to Montclair

Within the next 30 days, it is anticipated that an amended funding agreement will be approved between the Authority and Metro. Within the next 6 to 12 months, the Authority aims to complete SEIR work for the potential interim terminus (La Verne or Pomona), receive approval of California Public Utilities Commission applications, obtain U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits; award a design-build contract; complete pole line elimination; and continue to work with Metro and others to secure shortfall funding to complete project to Montclair.

Mayor Pro Tem Raft stated building the Gold Line to Montclair is vital for the City's North Montclair Downtown Specific Plan.

Council Member Ruh emphasized getting the Gold Line to Montclair

is a regional issue.

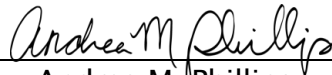
**Mr. Bruce Culp**, 9016 Sycamore Avenue, Montclair, stated he feels it does not make sense to have the Gold Line extension only be built out to La Verne due to traffic and parking issues. He stated building to Pomona would also create traffic issues, and he feels Pomona does not have a large selection of bus services. He noted the **Montclair Transcenter** is the only terminus that makes sense, as a hub for three different bus services, the **Pacific Electric Bike Trail**, and a large parking lot that can accommodate more commuters than Pomona and La Verne. He stated the City and **Construction Authority** should find unique ways to ensure the Gold Line is built to Montclair.

Mayor Dutrey thanked **Mr. Balian** for his presentation. He stated Montclair will continue advocating to complete the full extension to Montclair and as a Board Member of the **San Bernardino County Transportation Authority**, he will continue to push for the county's support of extending the Gold Line across the Los Angeles/San Bernardino County line. He thanked Council Member Ruh for representing Montclair on the **Metro Gold Line Phase 2 Joint Powers Authority Board**, and commended the support from Mayor Pro Tem Raft and Council Member Trisha Martinez to promote the City's efforts. He noted the City has great relationships with its local representatives who support the Gold Line coming to Montclair, including **State Senator Connie Leyva**, **Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez**, and **U.S. Representative Norma Torres**, who serves on the Subcommittee on Transportation for the Appropriations Committee. He stated he wishes for the Council to organize a trip to Sacramento to meet with state representatives and push for more legislation to complete funding to extend the Gold Line to Montclair.

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Dutrey adjourned the City Council.

Submitted for City Council approval,



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Andrea M. Phillips  
City Clerk