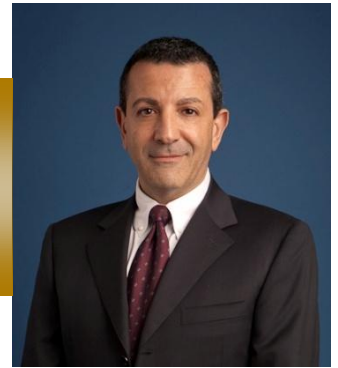




## Habib F. Balian *Chief Executive Officer*



Habib F. Balian serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, overseeing planning, funding and construction of the light-rail line from Los Angeles to Montclair. Previous to his appointment as CEO, Habib served as the Chief Administrative Officer.

During his 11-year tenure with the Authority, Habib has overseen construction of the 14-mile Los Angeles to Pasadena segment of the line (a design-build program that came in on time and under budget), prepared Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) for construction, and continues to oversee the necessary planning studies to ready Phase 2B (Glendora to Montclair) and Phase 2C (the Ontario Airport Extension) for future construction.

In both his current and former capacity, Habib has led the successful agency communications strategy, promoting the project with elected officials and government agencies at all levels – which played an important role in improving relationships and securing funding for the project.

Before joining the Construction Authority, Habib was chief of staff for MTA - overseeing management of the Office of the CEO. His direct reporting departments were Management Audit Services, Planning and Environmental Reviews and Readiness of transit projects, Board Research Services, Government Relations, and Labor Relations.

Habib also spent seven years as *Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich's* Transportation Deputy, advising the Supervisor on transportation issues, including staffing the Supervisor at the MTA.

Habib holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations from the University of Southern California. He is married and has two sons.