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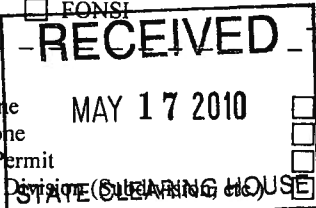
Project Title: Metro Gold Line Maintenance & Operation Facility/Foothill Extension Improvements

Lead Agency: LA to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Const. Authority/Metro Gold Contact Person: Habib Balian
 Mailing Address: 406 East Huntington Drive, Suite 202 Phone: 626-471-9050
 City: Monrovia Zip: 91016 County: Los Angeles

Project Location: County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale, Azusa
 Cross Streets: S. California Ave., Duarte Road, Shamrock Ave., Irwindale Ave., Alameda Ave. Zip Code: 91016
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: 27 acres
 Assessor's Parcel No.: multiple Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 210, 605 Waterways: San Gabriel River, Santa Anita Wash
 Airports: Brackett Field Railways: Burlington N. Santa Fe Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Use Change Other: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Light Rail Transit Facilities

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Industrial, Residential, Transportation/Utilities, Commercial, and Vacant

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Los Angeles to Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority/Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Authority (Authority) prepared an EIS/EIR certified the Final EIR for the Phase 2A Gold Line Foothill Extension in 2007 (SCH # 2003061157). The Authority will prepare a Supplemental EIR to assess the impacts of a proposed Maintenance and Operation (M&O) Facility designed to support the Metro Gold Line and other light rail transit systems. Parking structures at the Monrovia, Irwindale, and Azusa-Alameda stations are also being proposed and/or relocated as well as the realignment of the Mountain Avenue/Duarte Road intersection. Additional improvements at the Monrovia Station and within the corridor analyzed in the Phase 2A Gold Line Foothill EIR are also proposed.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 17 2010 Ending Date June 17, 2010

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 5/14/2010

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Notice of Preparation

To: _____

(Address)

From: LA to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority/
Metro Gold Line Foothill Ext. Construction Authority
406 E. Huntington Drive, Suite 202, Monrovia, CA 91016

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

LA to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority/Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

_____ will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (is is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Habib Balian at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

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Project Applicant, if any: LA to Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority/Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

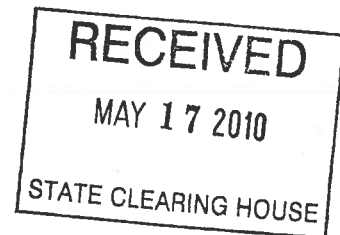
Date May 14, 2010

Signature 

Title CEO

Telephone 626-471-9050

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.



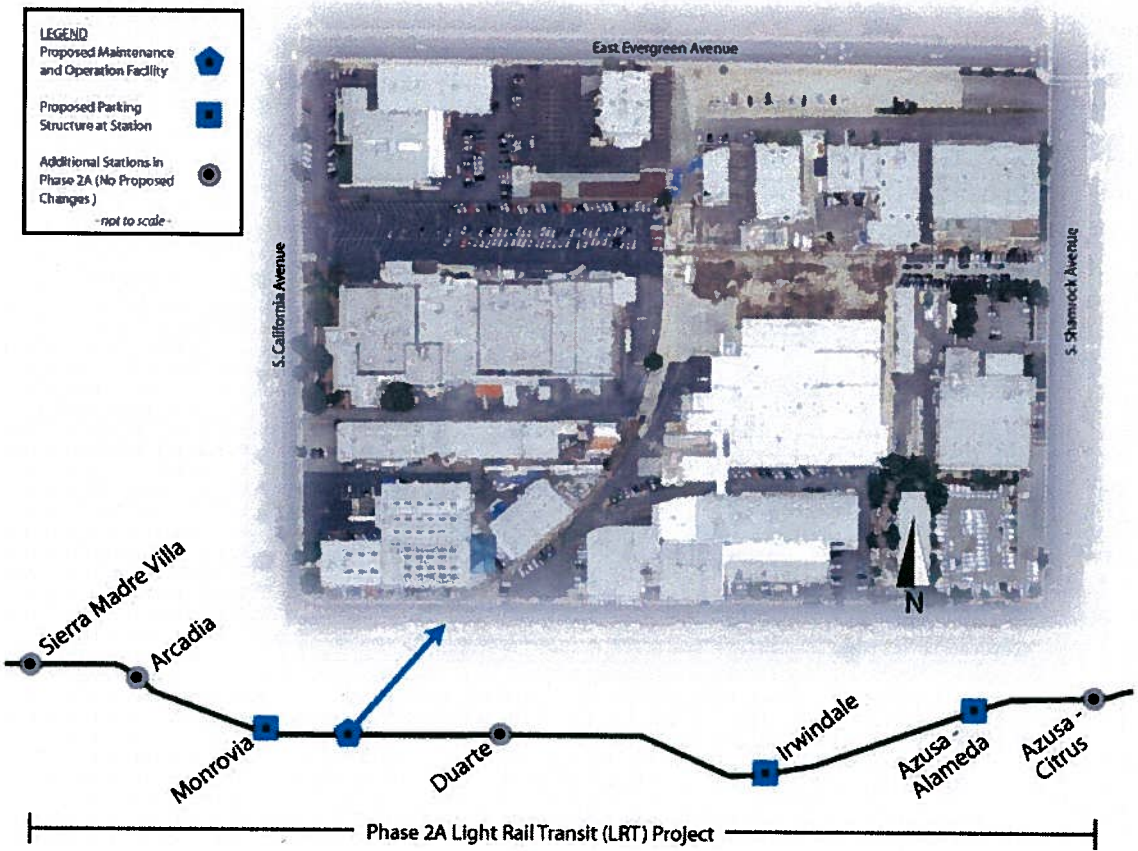
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Project Description

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority prepared an EIS/EIR for the Phase 2A Gold Line Foothill Extension, and Certified the EIR in 2007. Phase 2A of the Gold Line Foothill Extension Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project spans from Pasadena to Azusa including 11.4 miles of track through six cities (Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa), six stations along the way, and the construction of a new maintenance and operation facility (M&O Facility). Initially, the M&O Facility was to be analyzed at a different location under Phase 2B of the Gold Line Foothill Extension; however, due to demand to bring the M&O Facility online prior to the scheduled completion of Phase 2B, the project has been incorporated as part of Phase 2A. Since only minor additions or changes to the EIR certified in 2007 would occur as a result of the proposed project, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to the Phase 2A Gold Line Foothill Extension EIR will be prepared to provide environmental clearance for the M&O Facility and associated improvements.

Maintenance & Operation Facility

The proposed M&O Facility, which is designed to support the Metro Gold Line and other light rail transit systems, would be located in the City of Monrovia, south of the 210 Freeway and north of the existing Metro railroad track (operated by Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad) (proposed Foothill Extension Main Line). The site is bounded by South California Avenue to the west; East Evergreen Avenue to the north; South Shamrock Avenue to the east and East Duarte Road to the south (see figure below).



The area proposed for development is approximately 27 acres, of which approximately half is owned by the City of Monrovia and the rest is owned by private parties. The M&O LRT Facility would consist of the following elements: rail car repair, service and inspection facilities; paint and body shop, a control tower and communications facilities; a water storage tank; a traction power sub-station and power generator; material storage facilities; security facilities and employee parking. The M&O Facility would house the Metro Gold Line rail cars overnight, perform regular and special maintenance, and perform light and heavy repairs on the fleet serving the line. The yard is anticipated to accommodate a maximum storage capacity of 84 rail cars plus additional storage for 20 rail cars in the shop and cleaning facility tracks. The proposed vehicle entrance to the M&O LRT Facility would be from South California Avenue, where the main gate and guard house would be located. At present, two alternatives for the M&O Facility have been identified for study. The first alternative is located on the Miller Brewing company site in Irwindale. The second alternative would be a reduced footprint, totaling approximately 24 acres, within the aforementioned Monrovia site.

Other Facilities

Parking structures at the Monrovia, Irwindale, and Azusa-Alameda stations are also being proposed and/or relocated as well as the realignment of the Mountain Avenue/Duarte Road intersection. Additional improvements at the Monrovia Station and within the corridor analyzed in the Phase 2A Gold Line Foothill EIR/EIS are also proposed. Parking facilities addressed in the 2007 EIR/EIS at the Monrovia, Irwindale, and Azusa-Alameda stations are being relocated due to site constraints. According to the 2007 EIR/EIS, a total of 1,700 additional parking spaces (600 at Monrovia, 700 at Irwindale and 400 at Azusa) would be required at these stations by 2025. As such, the Supplemental EIR will assess the impacts of constructing parking structures at these stations.

Environmental Issues

This project is anticipated to require a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report. As described below, the potential environmental impacts associated with the project include air quality, cultural resources, hazardous waste/materials, land use, community impacts, noise and vibration, and visual resources.

Air Quality: Air sensitive land uses within the project vicinity include residential areas, schools, elder care facilities, and the City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Duarte.

Cultural Resources: The historic Monrovia Station in the City of Monrovia is located within the project limits. The property is listed on the California Register of Historic Places and is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Hazardous Materials: The proposed M&O LRT Facility site in Monrovia contains two Cortese sites, as identified in the Department of Toxic Substances Control's Envirostor database (1620 South California Avenue and 1600 South Shamrock Avenue). The proposed parking structure in Irwindale is located adjacent to a Cortese site located at 11617 Avenida Padilla in Irwindale.

The proposed parking structures in the cities of Irwindale and Azusa are located within or near an area of regional groundwater contamination, the San Gabriel Valley Superfund, Area 2 – Baldwin Park Operable Unit (BPOU). The primary contaminants in the BPOU are volatile organic compounds (volatile organic compounds (VOCs)) and rocket fuel components including, but not limited to tetrachloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), carbon tetrachloride, perchlorate, and nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) (*Gold Line Foothill Extension – Pasadena to Montclair Final EIR/EIS 2007*).

Land Use, Socioeconomic and Community Impacts: The proposed project could result in community impacts, which may include relocations.

Noise and Vibration: Noise and vibration sensitive land uses, including residential areas, occur within the project area.

Transportation: The project includes the proposed realignment of the Mountain Avenue/Duarte Road intersection, which will result in temporary lane closures.

Visual: The proposed M&O LRT Facility and parking structures may result in impacts to visual resources.