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## **CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY FIRST VICE CHAIRMAN TO CHAIR KEY ADVISORY BOARD**

### ***Joint Powers Authority Provides Advice on Corridor Issues***

**Monrovia, CA** – Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Construction Authority) Board Member and Claremont Mayor, Sam Pedroza, was elected Chairman of the Metro Gold Line Phase II Joint Powers Authority (JPA) board at their December meeting last week. Pedroza, the 1st Vice Chair of the Construction Authority Board of Directors, takes over for Doug Tessitor after three years as Chair.

“This is a monumental time to be part of the Foothill Extension project and a great time to be taking over the chair of the Joint Powers Authority board,” said Pedroza. “Over the next few years, the JPA will be providing important advice as construction progresses on the 11.5-mile Pasadena to Azusa segment, and environmental review is completed on the 12.6-mile Azusa to Montclair segment. I look forward to making sure that the cities’ input is fully integrated into these planning and construction activities.”

The Joint Powers Authority is an advisory board established during the planning for Phase 1 of the Gold Line project from Union Station to Pasadena. The JPA is comprised of elected representatives from each member city along the Metro Gold Line and its Foothill Extension route and its role is to provide advice and guidance regarding the planning, funding, design and construction of the line.

Today, 13 cities from South Pasadena to Ontario have executed a “Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement” with the Construction Authority and participate as members of the JPA. The JPA meets regularly to discuss and make recommendations to the Construction Authority Board of Directors. These meetings are open to the public and administered per the Brown Act. Information about the JPA membership and meetings can be found on the About Us/Board of Directors page at [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org).

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