



Board Report

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**CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
MAY 20, 2026**

SUBJECT: Foothill Gold Line Extension Phase 2B

ACTION: APPROVE RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION

AUTHORIZE execution of Amendment No. 1 to the Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) between the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority ("Authority") and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") to reflect updates to key definitions and terms to ensure alignment with the revised scope and operational requirements for the Metro Gold Line Phase 2B project (Attachment A).

ISSUE

The Authority is responsible for the design and construction of the Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B Project ("Project"), a proposed extension of the Metro A Line from Pomona to Claremont. Upon completion of the Project, the Construction Authority hands over the Project to LACMTA to operate and maintain. Responsibilities and guidelines for allocation of the funds and the specific commitments by the Authority and LACMTA are established by a Funding Agreement and a Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) between the two agencies.

An amendment to the MCA between the two agencies is required to document updates to the contracting methodology used by the Authority, from Design-Build (DB) to Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) to ensure the successful implementation of Phase 2B. This amendment includes updates to defined terms, contracting approach, responsibilities for System Integration Testing (SIT-2), inclusion of Work Packages and right to review, Security and Bonding protections and insurance requirements.

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County voters overwhelmingly approved Measures R (2008) and M (2016) to provide a significant source of local funding to support the delivery of a transformative, multimodal set of transportation projects to improve mobility, decrease air pollution, and increase the quality of life for all 10 million county residents. These local sales tax measures were designed to provide a local match to leverage significant state and federal funds to fully fund and implement the priority projects found in their respective expenditure plans.

The Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B project extends 11.4 miles from Glendora to Claremont and includes five stations. The overall Phase 2B project is divided into two sections: Phase 2B1 extends from Glendora to Pomona, and Phase 2B2 extends from Pomona to Claremont. The Project includes five stations and parking facilities in cities along the alignment.

An MCA between LACMTA and the Authority was executed on July 1, 2017, to govern the development and construction of the Metro Gold Line Extension from Glendora to Claremont (Phase 2B). The MCA specifies the procedures that the Authority and LACMTA will follow in implementing their respective roles and responsibilities in the Design, Construction, testing and Turnback of the Project.

At its October 2024 meeting, the Board approved the execution of a fourth amendment to the Foothill Extension 2B Funding Agreement between LACMTA and the Authority that reflects the allocation of \$798M of the California State Transportation Agency (“CalSTA”) Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (“TIRCP”) formula funding authorized by Senate Bill 125. At its January 2026 meeting, the Board approved the programming of \$95 million for FY26 through FY28 to advance design and procurement activities for Phase 2B2.

DISCUSSION

Construction on the Glendora to Pomona segment (Phase 2B1) of the Project started in 2017. This segment is approximately 9.1 miles and includes 4 stations: Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona. The Authority achieved substantial completion on Phase 2B1 segment on January 3, 2025 and the line opened to the public on September 19, 2026. With the completion of Phase 2B1 project close out, staff will perform a final accounting for Phase 2B1. Any surplus/remaining funds were to be returned to the SGVCOG Subregional Equity Program, and as requested by the SGVCOG, can be carried over to the next phase of the Project (Phase 2B2) with Metro Board approval. Staff will make adjustments to the LOP, as needed for Phases 2B1 accordingly and report back to the Board, The Authority is ready to start the next phase of the Project.

Amendment No. 1 to the Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) (Attachment A) incorporates key updates which have been agreed upon to support the next phase of work (Phase 2B2). This includes the following key items:

1. Transition from Design-Build to CMAR for Phase 2B2
Updates to the definitions and the project structure to allow separate design and construction contracts for Phase 2B2 under CMAR. It also introduces “Work Packages” to enable phased construction authorization consistent with CMAR delivery. This establishes the contractual foundation for CMAR procurement and construction of Phase 2B2.
2. Preservation of LACMTA Oversight Authority
Grants LACMTA the right to review and comment on CMAR Work Packages that materially differ from approved contract documents or could affect operations. This maintains LACMTA operational and technical oversight while supporting Construction Authority schedule control.
3. Clarification of Testing and Operational Responsibilities
Refines responsibility for System Integration Testing (SIT-2) to LACMTA. Contractor is responsible only

for support and correction of issues within their scope. LACMTA assumes responsibility for issues outside contractor scope.

4. Limits on Punch List Authority

Confirms LACMTA may add punch list items only up to Substantial Completion for the construction contract contingent on having no design or construction outstanding. This prevents late-stage scope expansion once substantive work is complete.

5. Security and Bonding Protections

Requires that any replacement performance bond or alternate security for CMAR Work Packages must be at least 10% of the Work Package value during warranty and subject to LACMTA review and approval. This preserves LACMTA's financial protection during warranty periods.

6. Updated Insurance Framework

Aligns insurance provisions with CMAR delivery and project phasing. LACMTA Risk Management has reviewed and accepted the revised insurance language.

A copy of the MCA Amendment 1 is included as Attachment A.

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

This action has no safety impact on the Foothill Gold Line Extension 2B Project.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact on Metro or the Foothill Gold Line Extension 2B Project as a result of this action.

EQUITY PLATFORM

By having affordable transportation options, the population along the project corridor can access the job opportunities within the San Gabriel Valley and Los Angeles County and beyond. The Project will increase access for EFCs along the corridor that use the Metro transit system to access housing, jobs, educational, medical and entertainment needs. There are no anticipated equity impacts related to the amendment to the Master Cooperation Agreement.

VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED OUTCOME

VMT and VMT per capita in Los Angeles County are lower than national averages, the lowest in the SCAG region, and on the lower end of VMT per capita statewide, with these declining VMT trends due in part to LACMTA's significant investment in rail and bus transit. LACMTA's Board-adopted VMT reduction targets align with California's statewide climate goals, including achieving carbon neutrality by 2045.

This amendment to the Master Cooperative Agreement is a crucial administrative step to document updates to the roles and responsibilities, evolving scope of the project, and necessary clarifications to ensure implementation of Phase 2B. The amendment supports the timely delivery of the project, which will offer an alternative to driving for residents and commuters once the rail line is operational. The

expansion of transit service will ultimately help reduce VMT by providing more opportunities for transit-oriented travel.

The Project would improve mobility and access within the Project corridor by providing fast, convenient, and reliable transit service. Travel times are anticipated to be approximately 18-19 minutes between the APU/Citrus College station and the Montclair station. The Project would attract 28,149 daily passengers in its opening year alone, divert 20 percent of vehicle trips from local freeways and arterial streets, reduce 146,700 average daily vehicle miles traveled (VMT) in its opening year, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 3,038,441 MTCO_{2e} over the life of the Project.

*Based on population estimates from the United States Census and VMT estimates from the highway performance monitoring system data between 2001-2019.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

This action supports all five of LACMTA's Strategic Plan Goals:

1. Provide high-quality mobility options that enable people to spend less time traveling;
2. Deliver outstanding trip experiences for all users of the transportation system;
3. Enhance communities and lives through mobility and access to opportunity;
4. Transform LA County through regional collaboration and national leadership; and
5. Provide responsive, accountable, and trustworthy governance within the Metro organization.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

The Board may decide to forego amending the MCA. Staff recommendation is to proceed with the Amendment in order to assure clarity in contract definitions, effective management of Phase 2B's design and construction related to CMAR contract principles, maintain LACMTA's oversight authority, clarification on responsibility for SIT-2 testing, limiting punch list activities post-Substantial Completion, revising the Securities and Bonding Protections and Insurances ensuring smoother integration and timely completion of the project in alignment with LACMTA's strategic goals.

NEXT STEPS

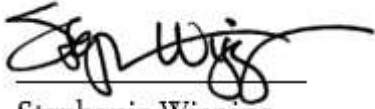
Upon Board approval, the Master Cooperative Agreement Amendment 1 will be circulated for execution.

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A - Metro-GL MCA Amendment

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Stephanie Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

**AMENDMENT 1 TO
MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
FOR THE
METRO GOLD LINE – GLENDORA TO CLAREMONT (PHASE 2B)**

This Amendment 1 ("**Amendment**") to the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Metro Gold Line – Glendora to Claremont ("**MCA**") dated effective as of July 1, 2017 by and between the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority, a public entity of the State of California ("**Construction Authority**") and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, a public entity of the State of California ("**LACMTA**"), is dated effective as of _____, 2026, and made by and between the Construction Authority and LACMTA.

WHEREAS, the Construction Authority intends to utilize the Construction Manager at Risk ("**CMAR**") project delivery method to construct the extension of the Metro Gold Line from Pomona to Claremont and has issued a Request for Proposal dated February 4, 2026, as amended, for a CMAR contractor;

WHEREAS, the provisions of the existing MCA are applicable to the design-build project delivery method and need to be amended to accommodate the CMAR project delivery method; and

WHEREAS, the Construction Authority and LACMTA desire to amend the MCA to accommodate the CMAR project delivery method to meet the objectives and goals of the Parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The defined terms herein, as identified by initial capitalization, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the MCA, unless otherwise indicated.
2. Section 1.1 Definitions of the MCA is revised as follows:
 - a. the definition of "Alignment Design/Build Contract" is revised to read as follows:

Alignment Design/Build Contract means each Design/Build Contract for an entire Phase. For purposes of Phase 2B2, the term "Alignment Design/Build Contract" means "Design/Build Contract".

- b. the definition of "Conformed Contract Documents" is revised to read as follows:

Conformed Contract Documents means the final executed contract documents for Construction and/or Design, which includes, without limitation, all of the following documents: the adopted Final Environmental Impact Report, as amended or supplemented from time to time, the Advanced Conceptual Engineering, the performance specifications, LACMTA Design Criteria and Standards in effect prior to the date that proposals for the Alignment Design/Build Contract that includes Design are due, and the Design/Build Contractor's proposal as amended by the Design/Build Contractor's best and final offer.

- c. The definition of "Current Scope of the Project" is revised to read as follows:

Current Scope of the Project means the Project as described in the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as amended. A brief summary of the Project is provided in Exhibit A, and for the Phase 2B2, the Description of the Project at Exhibit D to the Fourth Amendment to Foothill Extension Phase 2B Funding Agreement dated November 19, 2024 shall apply except to the extent that the extension from Claremont to Montclair is not part of the Project, unless further agreed between the Parties.

d. the definition of "Design/Build Contract" is revised to read as follows:

Design/Build Contract means the documents that are used by Construction Authority to contract with a contractor to Design, build, fabricate, install, and prepare for operations all or any portion of the Project (less the rail cars and other equipment provided by LACMTA), and to demonstrate the operability of each Phase through a period of Pre-Revenue Operations. For the purposes of Phase 2B2, the term "Design/Build Contract" shall be interpreted to mean the documents that are used by Construction Authority to contract with one or more contractors under multiple contracts to do one or more of the following: Design, build, fabricate, install, and prepare for operations of Phase 2B2 (less the rail cars and other equipment provided by LACMTA), and to demonstrate the operability of Phase 2B2 through a period of Pre-Revenue Operations. Only the Alignment Design/Build Contract that includes Construction will include requirements regarding demonstrating the operability of the Phase through a period of Pre-Revenue Operations, and only the Design/Build Contract that includes Design will include requirements regarding Design Review and related processes.

e. the definition of "Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)" is revised to read as follows:

Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) means the Final Environmental Impact Report/Statement that analyzes and evaluates the environmental impacts of the Project and recommends measures to mitigate the potential adverse impacts, and includes any addendum, supplement, or subsequent EIR. Construction Authority certified the FEIR for Phase 2B in March 2013 and adopted a First Addendum in May 2014, a Second Addendum in December 2014, a Third Addendum in March 2016, a Fourth Addendum in September 2017, a Fifth Addendum in June 2024, a Supplemental EIR (SEIR 1) in July 2019, a Second Supplemental EIR (SEIR 2) in January 2021, and a Third Supplemental EIR (SEIR 3) in July 2022.

f. the definition of "Funding Agreement" is revised to read as follows:

Funding Agreement means that certain Foothill Extension Phase 2B Funding Agreement Glendora to Claremont of substantially even date herewith, as amended, pursuant to which the Parties have agreed on the distribution by LACMTA to Construction Authority of that portion of the proceeds of the Transaction and Use Tax adopted by LACMTA on or about June 16, 2016 by Ordinance #16-01, which was then approved by the voters of Los Angeles County on November 8, 2016 as "Measure M that has been allocated to the Project, along with other funds as set forth therein.

g. the definition of "Phase" is added to read as follows:

Phase means Phase 2A, Phase 2B1, or Phase 2B2.

h. the definition of "Phase 2B" is revised to read as follows:

Phase 2B means, as applicable, (a) the portion of Phase II from the interface with Phase 2A in Azusa to the end of the tail tracks for the Pomona station ("**Phase 2B1**") and/or (b) the portion of Phase II from the Pomona station to the Claremont station ("**Phase 2B2**").

i. the definition of "Work Package" is added to read as follows:

Work Package means any package comprising the performance of all or a portion of the Construction work under a Design/Build Contract for Phase 2B2.

3. The first three sentences of Section 1.2 General Approach to Construction Project of the MCA are amended to read as follows:

Construction Authority contemplates entering into separate design and construction contracts for Phase 2B2.

4. The first sentence of Section 2.4 Design Criteria and Standards of the MCA is amended to read as follows:

To ensure that the final Project meets the requirements of the current Project scope and the expectations of Construction Authority and LACMTA, Construction Authority and its consultants and contractors will comply with LACMTA Design Criteria and Standards in effect prior to the date that proposals for the Alignment Design/Build Contract that includes Design are due, except as waived in writing by LACMTA.

5. Section 2.6.1 Review and Comment on Work Packages is added to read as follows:

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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, LACMTA shall have the right to review and comment on proposals for Work Packages received by the Construction Authority as provided in this Section 2.6.1. Upon receipt of a proposal for a Work Package by the Construction Authority that is acceptable to the Construction Authority, the Construction Authority shall promptly provide a copy of such proposal to LACMTA for its review and comment. LACMTA's comments will be limited to any aspects of the Work Package that differ materially from the Conformed Contract Documents and could affect the operations of the Project. LACMTA shall review and provide any comments to the Construction Authority within 10 Days of receipt of the proposal for a Work Package from the Construction Authority, but in any event no later than the Construction Authority's and DB Contractor's execution of an amendment to the Design/Build Contract for the Work Package. If LACMTA fails to provide comments to the Construction Authority within the timing contemplated by this Section 2.6.1, it shall be deemed to have responded to the Construction Authority with no comments.

6. Section 7.0 General of the MCA is revised to read as follows:

For purposes of this Article 7, the terms Design/Build Contractor and Design/Build Contract shall refer to the Alignment Design/Build Contractor and the Alignment Design/Build Contract that includes Construction, respectively.

7. The first paragraph of Section 7.1.1 Design/Build Contractor of the MCA is revised to read as follows:
- Construction Authority shall require in the Design/Build Contract that includes Construction that the Design/Build Contractor be responsible for successfully completing four types of Tests as follows:
8. The last paragraph of Section 7.1.1 Design/Build Contractor of the MCA is revised to read as follows:
- The Design/Build Contractor establishes and maintains all track allocation and safety requirements and regulations in accordance with LACMTA standards and applicable CPUC regulations beginning with initial activation of the traction power system and vehicle movement, continuing until Turnover. The Design/Build Contractor shall provide support personnel as needed for SIT-2. Notwithstanding the above third bullet point, the responsibility of the Design/Build Contractor related to successful completion of SIT-2 testing is limited to providing support, and correcting issues arising from their scope of work.
9. Add at the end of the second paragraph of Section 7.1.3 LACMTA of the MCA:
- LACMTA is responsible for performing SIT-2 testing with support from Construction Authority and Design/Build Contractor. Notwithstanding the third bullet point in Section 7.1.1, LACMTA is responsible for correcting issues arising outside of Design/Build Contractor's scope of work in connection with SIT-2 testing.
10. Section 7.6 LACMTA Addition of Punch List Items of the MCA is revised to read as follows:
- For the Alignment Design/Build Contract that includes Construction, LACMTA may add punch list items in accordance with the terms of the Design/Build Contract up until Substantial Completion, at which point no punch list items can be added. This is contingent upon DB Contractor having no Design or Construction work remaining, other than punch list work.
11. Section 8.1.4 Replacement Security of the MCA is added and reads as follows:
- Section 8.1.4 Replacement Security**
- The Construction Authority shall not permit the DB Contractor to provide a replacement performance bond in an amount less than 10% of the total sum of a Work Package or other alternate security, upon acceptance of a Work Package by the Authority, with such security guaranteeing due and punctual performance of the obligations of the DB Contractor during the warranty period, without LACMTA's prior review and approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
12. Section 8.2.1 Insurance Requirements of the MCA is revised to read as follows:
- The Design/Build Contracts (as applicable) shall comply with Section 4.2.3(e) and Schedule "F" of the Property Trust Agreement regarding insurance, except as otherwise agreed by the Parties, and that LACMTA hereby approves that: (i) the Design/Build Contracts may include insurance coverage provided by the Alignment Design/Build Contractor(s) and subcontractors for Phase 2B2 or a Contractor Controlled Insurance Program for Phase 2B, including in this case both Phase 2B1 and Phase 2B2; (ii) deductibles shall not exceed \$5,000,000 without Construction Authority approval; (iii) Operations and Product Liability insurance can be satisfied with project-specific coverage and practice policy in situations

where the aggregate limit is not twice the per occurrence limit; (iv) Railroad Protective Liability insurance shall be provided if required by any railroad as a condition of the railroad's consent for entry; (v) Earthquake insurance shall be provided at Construction Authority's election; (vi) Professional Liability insurance limits shall be not less than \$15,000,000 per claim; (vii) with respect to pre-Construction activities, General Liability insurance limits shall be not less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence and Builder's Risk insurance is not required; and (viii) the Construction Authority shall set the required insurance limits for subcontractors. The insurance language shall be reviewed by LACMTA's Risk Management Department. Any suggested changes shall be submitted to the Construction Authority.

13. The second paragraph of Section 10.5 Notification or Notices is revised to read as follows:

If to LACMTA:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Construction Authority
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Attn: Stephanie Wiggins, Chief Executive Officer
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[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this First Amendment to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the dates indicated below:

LACMTA:

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

By: _____

Stephanie N. Wiggins
Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Senior Deputy County Counsel

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METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION
CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY

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Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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By: _____



GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION PHASE 2B

2026-0283, Construction Committee

May 20, 2026

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GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION PHASE 2B



Estimated Completion
2031

-  Gold Line Rail Corridor (shared with freight)
-  Metrolink Rail Corridor
-  Gold Line Station
-  Gold Line Station and Metrolink Station (not shared)
-  Planned Grade Separation for Gold Line Trains Only

BACKGROUND

- > Metro and the Construction Authority executed a Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) in 2017 establishing project roles, responsibilities, and coordination procedures for the Foothill Gold Line Phase 2B Project.
- > Phase 2B1 (Glendora to Pomona) is complete and operational.
- > The Authority is advancing Phase 2B2 (Pomona to Claremont) using a revised Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery approach.
- > Amendment No. 1 updates the MCA to align with the revised CMAR delivery structure, oversight responsibilities, testing coordination, work packages, bonding protections, and insurance requirements.

PURPOSE OF MCA AMENDMENT

Amendment No. 1 updates the 2017 Master Cooperative Agreement (MCA) to support implementation of Phase 2B2 under the revised Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery approach, including:

- Updates to key definitions
- Transition from Design-Build (DB) to CMAR and phased “Work Packages”
- Preservation of Metro oversight authority for CMAR Work Packages
- Clarification of System Integration Testing (SIT-2) responsibilities
- Limits on punch list authority after Substantial Completion
- Updated bonding, security, and insurance requirements

NEXT STEPS

Upon Board approval:

- The Master Cooperative Agreement Amendment will be circulated for execution