



LIAISON REPORT SGVCOG Governing Board

Summer Agenda: Move All Foothill Extension Phases Forward

The Authority staff will be focused on managing the half billion dollars worth of procurements that will be awarded for Phase 2A (Pasadena to Azusa) through Spring 2011. The first contract award – for the Iconic Freeway Structure – is anticipated this month. Final proposals are due from the two competing teams in the coming days, and the Authority Board will consider the evaluation committee's recommendation at their June meeting. The RFP for the Phase 2A Alignment package will be issued later this summer, with an award anticipated in April 2011.

The Funding Transfer and Master Cooperative legal agreements are under final review at Metro and the Authority. These agreements formalize the terms agreed to in March by both agencies. As part of the agreements, major project funding for the Alignment package is held until two important conditions are met: 1) Metro reaches agreement with railroad operators to allow the shared use of the right-of-way, and 2) the Authority environmentally clears land for a 20-30-acre Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Facility and has purchase agreements in place for at least half of the land.

To that end, the Authority is working with Metro to keep negotiations moving with the railroad operators, and is also initiating preparation of a Supplemental EIR (SEIR) for Phase 2A. The SEIR includes analysis of the environmental impacts of the M&O Facility, along with changes to parking facilities at the Monrovia and Irwindale stations and other changes near the Monrovia station. Two open houses are scheduled to solicit public feedback on the scope of the analysis - June 16 in Monrovia and June 17 in Irwindale. The Authority's current schedule anticipates certification of the SEIR later this year.

Phases 2B and 2C Updates

The Authority is also initiating the next phase of planning studies necessary for Phases 2B (Azusa to Montclair) and 2C (Montclair to LA/Ontario International Airport). This summer, the Authority will begin work on a Supplemental EIR/EIS to environmentally clear Phase 2B under CEQA and NEPA. This is the final step in the federal planning process, and affords project readiness for funding at the state and federal levels.

The Authority will also be initiating an Alternatives Analysis for Phase 2C, which will evaluate the alternative routes and modes available to continue the line from Montclair to the airport.

Public meetings for both studies will be scheduled over the summer, and the Authority will keep the COG posted on the meeting logistics as they are scheduled.

SAVE THE DATE:

Foothill Extension Groundbreaking Ceremony:

- **Saturday - June 26, 2010**
Newcastle Park, Arcadia
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
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