



Foothill Gold Line

November 2015 Update

On October 22, LA Metro announced that passenger service will begin to the Foothill Gold Line Stations in Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa on Saturday, March 5, 2016. The announcement came one month after the project reached substantial completion on time and on budget and was turned over by the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority to Metro for pre-revenue service.

The historic announcement was made by Metro Chairman, Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and Metro CEO Phil Washington at a press conference held at Metro headquarters. They were surrounded at the press conference by other members of the Metro board, including Los Angeles County Supervisors Michael Antonovich and Hilda Solis, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Inglewood Mayor James Butts, Duarte Councilman John Fasana, Los Angeles Councilman Mike Bonin, Lakewood Councilwoman Diane DuBois, Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker and Carrie Bowen. Foothill Gold Line CEO Habib F. Balian was also present, along with members of the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority board of directors and mayors and city council members representing the Foothill Gold Line corridor cities.



Now that the countdown to passenger service has begun, the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Duarte, Irwindale and Azusa – along with transit service providers – are able to make adjustments to bus feeder services in preparation for the tens of thousands of local residents ready to ride. The Construction Authority's website now features a countdown clock to the start of inaugural service.

Also in October, the Metro board heard a report on the draft 2017 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and a framework for a potential November 2016 ballot measure to fund new transportation projects in Los Angeles County. Over the coming months, the Metro board will be discussing the ballot measure and the expenditure plan that would include projects to be funded. As of now, staff is recommending including \$1.019 billion from a future tax measure to complete the Foothill Gold Line from Glendora to Montclair.

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