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| **Thursday, February 20, 2014 140220-1**  **In this Issue:**  **Metro Receives FFGA For Regional Connector Project** |
| **Metro Receives FFGA For Regional Connector Project**  Today, Thursday, February 21, 2014, I joined Metro Board Chair Diane DuBois; Metro Board Directors Mike Bonin, Jackie Dupont-Walker, John Fasana, Eric Garcetti, Don Knabe, Paul Krekorian, Pam O’Connor, Mark Ridley-Thomas, and Zev Yaroslavsky; U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein; U.S. Congressman Xavier Becerra; U.S. Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard and  Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Deputy Administrator Therese McMillan, at a press conference announcing the receipt of a Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) from the FTA in the amount of $670 million and a $160 Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program loan to fund the Regional Connector Project. The Regional Connector Project completes a 1.9-mile gap between the Metro Blue Line and the Metro Gold Line by providing a direct connection with three new stations planned for 1st Street/Central Avenue, 2nd Street/Broadway and 2nd Place/Hope Street in downtown Los Angeles. The Regional Connector Project is an important rail connection project overwhelmingly approved by the voters and funded by the Measure R half-cent sales tax ordinance for LA County transportation improvements. The FFGA with the federal government now secures completion of the project. We are deeply appreciative of the full support this project has enjoyed from our Board members, Members of Congress, and the Federal Transit Administration. I would also like to express my thanks to all Metro staffers who have worked diligently over the years to ensure the success of this transit project. To view a photo of the event, please click [here](http://libraryarchives.metro.net/DB_Attachments/140220_Regional_Connector_FFGA_Pic.JPG). To view The Source coverage of the event, please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2014/02/20/federal-government-approves-669-million-grant-and-160-million-loan-for-regional-connector/). | |
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