

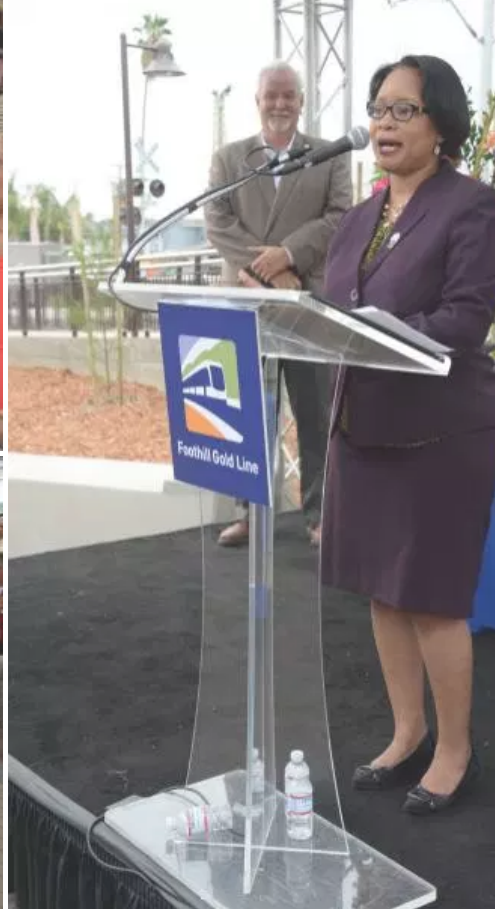
# Dedication held for Monrovia Station

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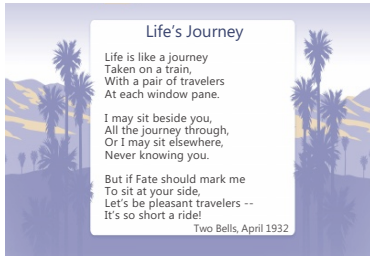




With construction almost complete on the Gold Line Foothill Extension, the independent agency building the project has begun holding dedication ceremonies for each of the six stations. The dedication for the Monrovia Station was held on Saturday and despite the hot/muggy weather, a huge crowd came out to check out the new station and surrounding plaza.

Below is the program and the press release from the [Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority \(//www.metrogoldline.org/\)](http://www.metrogoldline.org/), as well as a video about the making of the station art. The Authority will begin the process of turning over the project to Metro this fall. Metro will then begin pre-revenue testing and employee training with an opening of the 11.5-mile Gold Line extension in 2016. **Before you ask: we don't have an exact date yet!**

The project is funded largely by Measure R, the half-cent sales tax approved by Los Angeles County voters in 2008.



### Life's Journey

Life is like a journey  
Taken on a train,  
With a pair of travelers  
At each window pane.

I may sit beside you,  
All the journey through,  
Or I may sit elsewhere,  
Never knowing you.

But if Fate should mark me  
To sit at your side,  
Let's be pleasant travelers --  
It's so short a ride!

Two Bells, April 1932

The Foothill Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa is fully funded by L.A. County's Measure R half-cent sales tax, approved by voters in 2008.



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## Foothill Gold Line



### Monrovia Station Dedication



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PRESS RELEASE

September 12, 2015  
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### **Foothill Gold Line Monrovia Station Dedication Attracts Hundreds**

*Elected officials are joined by hundreds of community members to celebrate newly completed Monrovia Station and the upcoming substantial completion of the Foothill Gold Line*

**Monrovia, CA** – The Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority (Construction Authority) today held a dedication ceremony for the Monrovia Station, as they continue to celebrate with the corridor cities the upcoming substantial completion of construction for the nearly \$1 billion, six-station light rail project from Pasadena to Azusa. Today's event was attended by elected officials at all levels of government, transportation officials and more than 500 community stakeholders. The 11.5-mile Foothill Gold Line project from Pasadena to Azusa, which broke ground in June 2010, is on time and on budget to be turned over to Metro for pre-revenue service in late-September 2015. Metro anticipates starting pre-revenue service this Fall and passenger service in Spring 2016. An opening date has not yet been determined.

"It is an honor to be here today, in appreciation of a city and a community that has supported this project for over a decade," stated Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority CEO Habib F. Balian. "This tremendous success is due in large part to the grassroots support for the project by elected officials that have represented the project's past, present and future and the Authority's partnership with each of the Foothill Gold Line cities and Metro."

In attendance to dedicate the recently completed station were dozens of elected officials. Speakers included U.S. Representative Grace Napolitano; U.S. Representative Judy Chu; Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Michael Antonovich; Metro Board First Vice Chair and Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board Member, Duarte City Councilman John Fasana; Metro Board Member and Glendale Mayor Ara Najarian; and Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority Board Chair Doug Tessitor. The CEO of the Foothill Gold Line, Habib F. Balian, and Deputy CEO of Metro, Stephanie Wiggins, were also in attendance and spoke of the historic occasion. Monrovia Mayor Tom Adams welcomed everyone to the dedication and served as the event's emcee.

"Today we celebrate the renewal of rail in Monrovia," declared Monrovia Mayor Adams. "The city's vision for a transit gateway is well on its way to becoming reality. We have a lot to look forward to, many reasons to be grateful, and much to be proud of."

The Monrovia Station is located on the right-of-way between Magnolia Avenue and Myrtle Avenue and is accessed via Primrose Avenue. It is located in the heart of the city's 50-acre Station Square Transit Village, currently under development through public investment and private development. The station was fully revealed to the public for the first time at the dedication and features unique artwork created by public artist Cha-Rie Tang. Titled "River of Time," the station artwork pays homage to Monrovia's architectural heritage and natural landscape. A seven-foot-high sculptural rock, shaped and carved by river water over thousands of years, sits surrounded by handmade glass bricks that create the illusion of

water at the base of the station platform ramps. Continuing the illusion of water are the glazed colorful field tiles lined up on the edges of the platform ramps. And installed on every column base on the station platforms are a vast collection of hand-crafted tiles, many of whose designs were created from molds taken of tiles from local homes and landmarks, such as the nearby historic Santa Fe train depot.

For more information on and images of the station, station art and today's dedication, please visit <http://www.foothillgoldline.org/news/media-resources/>.

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**About the Foothill Gold Line** – The Foothill Gold Line is a nearly \$2 billion, 12-station extension of the Metro Gold Line light rail system, being overseen by the Foothill Gold Line Construction Authority, an independent transportation planning and construction agency created in 1998 by the California State Legislature. The project is planned in two segments – Pasadena to Azusa and Azusa to Montclair. The Pasadena to Azusa segment is fully funded by Los Angeles County's Measure R and is on budget and on schedule to be substantially complete in late-September 2015 when it will be turned over to Metro for pre-revenue service. Metro anticipates starting passenger service in 2016; a date for service to begin has not been determined. Measure R is funding the majority of the cost associated with the advanced engineering and environmental work currently underway for the Azusa to Montclair segment, which will ready the project for a design-build procurement in 2017. The Construction Authority is currently seeking the \$1 billion needed to construct the Azusa to Montclair segment.



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Any projected opening date range? I know that “Spring 2016” is what it says in the announcement. That could technically be June 18th. I would hope it is closer to March 1.

As the post says, we don’t have an opening date yet.

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I don’t get the point of a dedication for the station 6 to 8+ months before it opens.