

ANTONOVICH, FASANA, ROBERTS MOTION

Whereas, The Gold Line Phase II Foothill Extension project is located in an area that is highly congested where freeway speeds will decline to 12-14 mph during commute hours unless congestion relief is provided;

Whereas, The Gold Line Phase II Foothill Extension Project has been recognized as a significant air quality relief project in the worst non-attainment air quality area in the nation;

Whereas, the MTA has included the Gold Line Phase II Foothill Extension Project in the Short Range Transit Plan because it is a significant mobility and congestion relief project;

Whereas, SB 1847 (Schiff/Scott) defines the Gold Line project to Claremont and it is not completed;

Whereas, the San Bernardino Associated Governments has statutory authority and funding authority in San Bernardino for light rail and supports the one-mile extension from Claremont to a major activity center in Montclair;

Whereas, The MTA supported the Gold Line Phase II Foothill Extension Project for federal funding in the re-authorization of TEA-21;

Whereas, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has indicated that MTA and the Authority must work together to submit a revised ridership model and financial plan to reflect FTA comments in order for the project to proceed;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that,

- 1) MTA support the completion of the Gold Line Foothill Extension Project to Montclair by 2014 as a significant congestion relief project subject to availability of federal funds consistent with FTA guidelines.
- 2) MTA direct staff to work with the Authority to revise the ridership model expeditiously and develop a financial plan that addresses the FTA comments in order for the project to proceed to preliminary engineering.
- 3) MTA enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Authority to reflect the above as well as the actions required in SB 1847 no later than April 2005.
- 4) MTA support replacing Pasadena, South Pasadena, and SGVCOG board seats on the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Pasadena Metro Blue Line Construction Authority) with cities along the Phase II Gold Line alignment.

