



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held April 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Molina:

“After 15 years of planning and related activities, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s (MTA) rail project to East Los Angeles is nearly poised for construction. The Gold Line Eastside extension has been endorsed by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and on April 2, 2004, was submitted to Congress for the required 60-Day Review and Comment Period. This should allow the FTA to approve the Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) by June 2, 2004, an agreement which will commit the Federal Government to its 55% share of project costs and will allow construction to begin this summer.

“The six-mile Gold Line Eastside extension will serve the communities of Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights, and unincorporated East Los Angeles. It is expected to attract an average of 23,000 passengers per day from these areas which have both the highest density and highest transit dependent population in Los Angeles County, linking them to the regional rail and bus systems.

“This project enjoys widespread community support and is the MTA’s highest priority rail project. It is important to convey this support to the Congressional Committees which have jurisdiction over the transit project and will be reviewing the FFGA.”

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Therefore, at the suggestion of Supervisor Molina and on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Went on record in support of the MTA's Gold Line Eastside Extension which will serve the communities of Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights, and unincorporated East Los Angeles; and
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter supporting approval of the Gold Line Eastside Extension's Full Funding Grant Agreement to the appropriate Senate and House of Representatives' Appropriations and Authorizing Committees.

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