

## Environmental Report: March 20, 2017

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### **Quemetco**

We are still waiting for the release of the soil testing results conducted by the California Dept. of Toxic Substances Control.

### **Gold Line Metro Line Extension**

I attended a meeting at the Rowland Heights Coordinating Council on March 13, 2017 at which the Metropolitan Transit Authority made a presentation on the status of the Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2.

Metropolitan is currently exploring options to extend the Metro Gold Line from its current terminus at Atlantic Blvd and Pomona Blvd. in East Los Angeles. Two possible extensions are being considered.

- **State Route 60 Freeway:** This route would extend the Gold Line along the 60 Freeway to Peck Road in the City of South El Monte. It would run generally along the south side of the freeway except in the region between Paramount Blvd. and Greenwood Ave. where it diverts to the northern side of the freeway due to the presence of a Superfund site at the old landfill. It would end at Peck Road.
- **Washington Blvd. Alternative:** This route travels along Washington Blvd. to the City of Whittier.

A Draft EIR/EIS was completed in 2014. Metro is currently involved in developing the technical report. Based on comments received relative to the EIR/EIS, the staff has been directed to explore the possibility of operating both routes simultaneously.

In the public comment period the major questions asked included the following:

- Why did the transit route along the 60 freeway end at Peck Road and did not extend to Diamond Bar since there is need to connect our area of Hacienda Heights and Rowland Heights?
- Why were no local unincorporated communities such as Rowland Heights and Hacienda Heights were consulted as the plans were being developed.
- Are these areas to be included in planning as it proceeds.
- Why is the construction going to take so long. Whatever plans evolve, the project will not be completed until about 2029 according to current time tables.

## Eastside Transit Corridor Phase 2 LRT Build Alternatives

