

Notice of Preparation

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Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (is is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to Lisa Levy Buch, Chief Communications Officer at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B - Supplemental EIR - San Dimas Parking Lot Relocation

Project Applicant, if any: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

Date 10/12/2021

Signature 

Title Chief Executive Office

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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: 2010121069

Project Title: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Phase 2B - Supplemental EIR - San Dimas Parking Lot Relocation

Lead Agency: Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

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Project Location: San Dimas Los Angeles
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

Phase 2B of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension (Project) is a 12.3-mile extension of the existing Metro Gold Line Light Rail Transit line from its current terminus in the City of Azusa, located in Los Angeles County, to the Montclair Transcenter, located in San Bernardino County. See map of project location in Figure NOP-1. In 2013, the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority ("Authority") certified a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") and approved the Project. A detailed description of the Project is included in the FEIR and four addenda there to adopted by the Authority (State Clearinghouse No. 2010121069). In 2019, the Authority certified a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) to the 2013 FEIR which addressed changes to the phasing of construction and operation of the Project and identified a new traffic/transportation mitigation measure. In 2021, the Authority also certified the 2021 SEIR to the 2013 FEIR and subsequent environmental actions, which addressed modifications to construct surface parking lots (instead of enclosed parking structures, as previously approved) at the Glendora, San Dimas, La Verne, and Pomona Stations. (Continued below)

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

(Cont. from Project Description) On June 17, 2021, the City of San Dimas in cooperation with the Construction Authority approved a binding letter of intent to relocate the San Dimas parking lot. Parking for the San Dimas Station would be relocated from the location approved in the 2021 SEIR to a new location south of the project right-of-way between Monte Vista Avenue and San Dimas Avenue (NOP-2). The proposed new location is currently used as an existing San Dimas Park & Ride lot for Foothill Transit. The proposed new location would be redeveloped to accommodate the same number of parking spaces as identified for the approved parking location in San Dimas. The Authority also proposes new roadway and pedestrian access to the San Dimas Station. The approved parking facility assessed in the 2021 SEIR was located two blocks east along Arrow Highway, south of the project right-of-way and west of Walnut Avenue (NOP-3). No modifications are proposed for the parking facilities at the Glendora, La Verne, Pomona, Claremont, and Montclair Stations. In response to these proposed changes, the Authority will be initiating the preparation of a SEIR to evaluate the potential for significant impacts that may result from the proposed changes at the San Dimas Station.

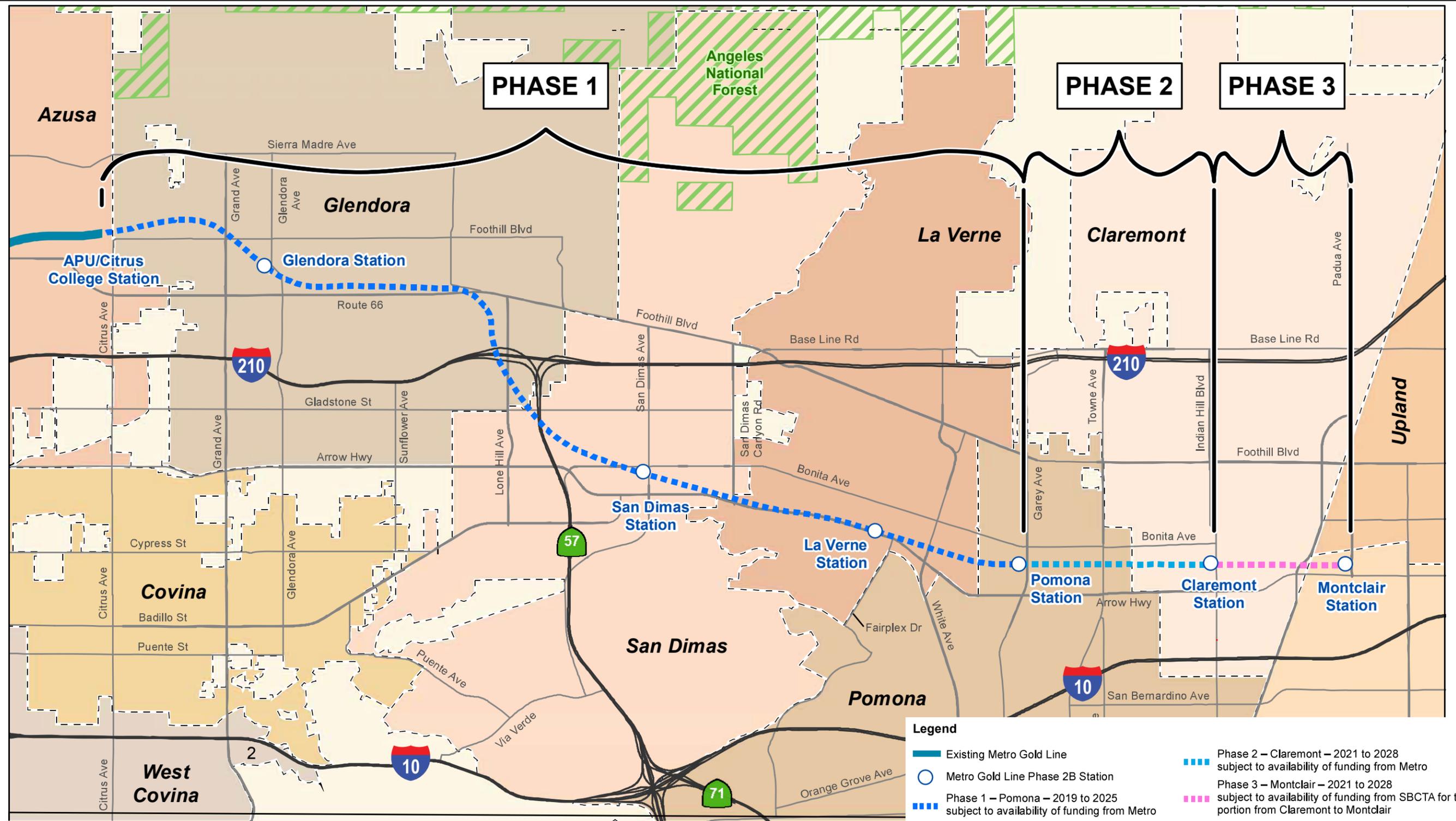
(Significant or Potentially Significant Effects) Potential environmental effects of the Project modifications include: transportation; air quality; biological resources/ecosystems; climate change; communities, population, and housing; community facilities and parklands; cultural resources; energy; geologic hazards; hazardous waste and materials; land use and planning; noise and vibration, safety and security; visual quality; water resources; and growth-inducing impacts.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Not applicable.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

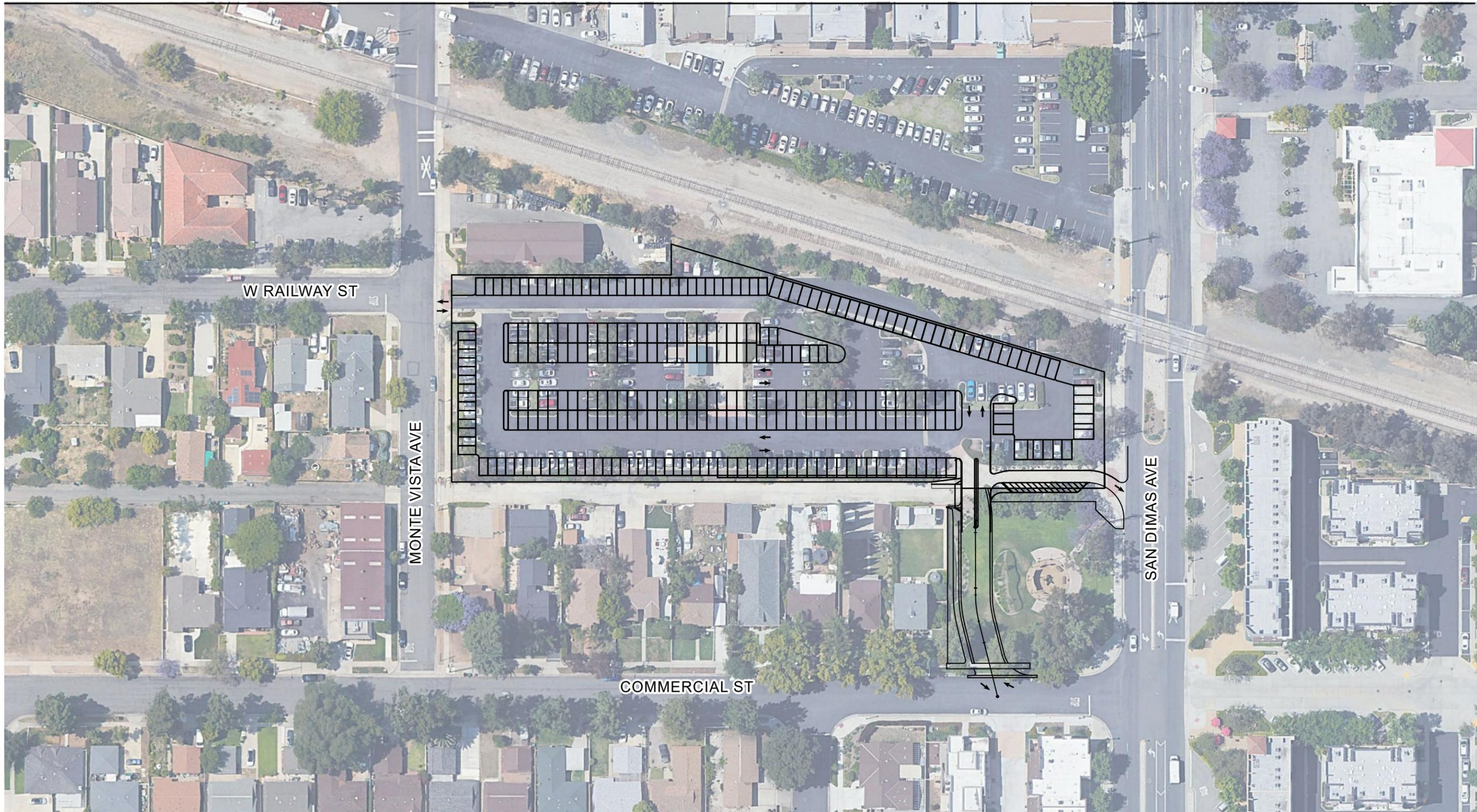
Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Lead Agency/Project Proponent)
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Southern California Regional Rail Authority
Foothill Transit
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
California Department of Toxic Substances
California Department of Transportation
California Public Utilities Commission
City of San Dimas
Los Angeles County Flood Control Districts
Los Angeles and Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Boards
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
South Coast Air Quality Management District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Source: Jacobs 2019



Figure NOP-1
Regional Vicinity Map



Source: Hill International 2021

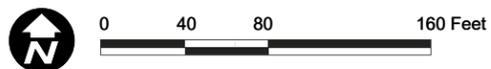
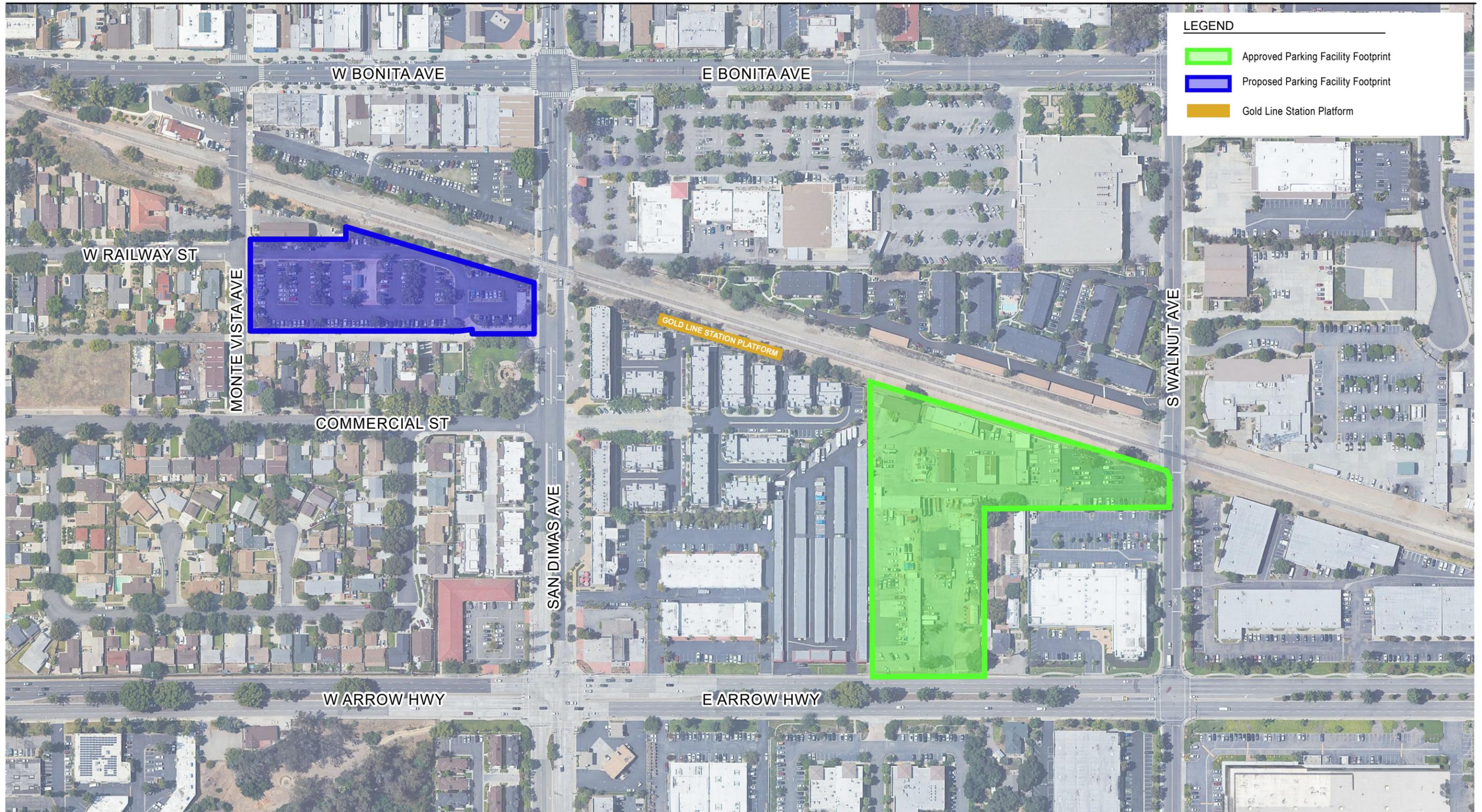


Figure NOP-2
San Dimas Alternative Parking Lot Site Plan



Source: Hill International 2021

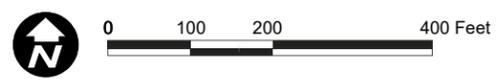


Figure NOP-3
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