

ATTACHMENT A

BILL: ASSEMBLY BILL 2417
AS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2018

AUTHOR: ASSEMBLYMEMBER FREDDIE RODRIGUEZ (D- POMONA)

SUBJECT: METRO GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION
AUTHORITY

STATUS: ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE HEARING SCHEDULED: APRIL 11, 2018

ACTION: OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Directors adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on Assembly Bill 2417 (Rodriguez)

ISSUE

Assembly Member Freddie Rodriguez (D-Pomona) has introduced Assembly Bill 2417, which would add an additional member to the Foothill Construction Authority.

Specifically the bill would:

- Increase to 6 the voting members of the board by adding one voting member appointed by the City of Montclair.

DISCUSSION

AB 2417 (Rodriguez) seeks to restructure the Foothill Gold Line Authority Board of Directors to include the City of Montclair as a voting member.

The next phase of the project will be to construct the segment from Azusa to Montclair in San Bernardino County. This will require the cooperation of a funding commitment from the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA). SBCTA has requested that they be added as a voting member of the Board. Metro is currently a voting member of the Board as the funding and operating agency of the project.

While the project does go through the city of Montclair, the city will not be contributing funding to the project on the scale of that to be committed by SBCTA. Adding the local funding agency to the Board is appropriate and should be addressed at this juncture. This will ensure that the local funding agency has representation on the Board in the same manner as Metro.

Staff recommends that the Board adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on the measure AB 2417 (Rodriguez).

DETERMINATION OF SAFETY IMPACT

There is no determined safety impact due to the enactment of the proposed legislation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated financial impact has yet to be determined.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Staff has considered adopting a SUPPORT position on the bill. Adopting a support position on the bill would be counter to the advocacy efforts as outlined in the Board Approved 2018 State Legislative Program.

NEXT STEPS

Should the Board decide to adopt an OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED position on this measure; staff will communicate the Board's position to the author and work to ensure inclusion of the Board priorities in the final version of the bill. Staff will continue to keep the Board informed as this issue is addressed throughout the legislative session.