



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015 5:00 P. M.**  
**SAN DIMAS COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**245 E. BONITA AVENUE**

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**PRESENT:**

Mayor Curtis W. Morris  
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Templeman  
Councilmember Emmett Badar  
Councilmember Denis Bertone  
Councilmember John Ebner

City Manager Blaine Michaelis  
Assistant City Manager Ken Duran  
City Attorney Mark Steres  
Assistant City Manager for Community Development Larry Stevens  
Director of Public Works Krishna Patel  
Director of Parks and Recreation Theresa Bruns  
City Engineer Dominic Milano

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Morris called the Special City Council Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. Members of the Audience

None.

**3. GOLD LINE – Update regarding the project; review and discussion of issues – primarily parking and station location and impacts at the Bonita/Cataract intersection**

City Manager Michaelis reported that staff is looking for direction from the City Council on some key design issues regarding the Gold Line project, in particular the location of the parking structure and redesign of the Bonita/Cataract intersection. He introduced Habib Balian, Executive Director of the Gold Line Authority who in turn introduced Chris Burner and Denis Cournoyer.

Mr. Michaelis reviewed Mr. Patel's staff reported which provided a background on the prior discussions and decisions regarding the location of the parking structure. Mayor Morris clarified that the Council did not agree to identify the city yard as the location for the parking structure; in fact they objected to the location but allowed the Authority to go forward with that location for the purpose of the EIR. There was further review of the history of the location discussions. Mr. Michaelis stated that the previous City Council decision was that the station and structure would be located east of San Dimas Ave.

There was discussion on the locations and distances between the stations in adjacent cities.

Mr. Patel identified some of the issues and impacts with the city yard location for the parking structure. Councilman Templeman commented that he would prefer looking at options for the structure off of Arrow Hwy. He also questioned the need for the amount of parking being considered. Mr. Balian

responded that beginning with Phase 2 the Authority assured that all stations would have structures and were included in the EIR based upon ridership models.

There was discussion about how pedestrian access would occur from a parking structure off Arrow Hwy to the platform.

Councilman Badar asked if any discussions have occurred with the property owners off of Arrow Hwy. Mr. Stevens responded that the Authority is responsible for the property acquisition and construction of the structure and station not the City. He added that the Authority hasn't secured the funding for the project so they can't have discussions with any property owners yet.

There was some discussion on the location of the station platform. There were questions from a resident of the Village Walk on the platform location and noise. Mr. Stevens responded that the Village Walk units facing the platform were designed and built with the platform in mind and that information was disclosed to buyers of the units.

In response to a question from a member of the public Mr. Michaelis responded that the existing park and ride lot was discussed at one point as a possible location for the parking structure but was rejected by Council for various reasons.

The Council discussed whether or not other locations for the structure should be considered. Councilmember Bertone commented that he felt that the Council made a previous commitment to the neighborhoods off of Bonita that they would not consider a location in that area and the Council should honor that commitment. Mayor Morris expressed that he is opposed to any use or impact of the city yard for the structure.

Councilmember Bertone made a motion that the location of the parking structure should take access off of Arrow Hwy and not use any of the city maintenance yard. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Templeman. In response to a question Mr. Balian commented that he understood the motion for the Authority to look at property south of the city yard and off Arrow Hwy for the location of the structure. He added that at this point location of the station is for planning purposes only. After further discussion the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Ebner commented that he owned property adjacent to the Bonita/Cataract intersection and after consultation with the City Attorney he may have a conflict of interest but it is ultimately up to the Councilmember to make that determination. He added that at this time he feels he may have a conflict and will recuse himself from this discussion. (Councilmember Ebner left the room)

Mr. Patel reviewed the existing conditions of the Bonita/Cataract intersection. He added that the EIR has proposed a signalized intersection and the Authority have provided three redesigns. He reviewed the three alternatives included computer simulated models of each. He commented on the pros and cons of each. Mr. Stevens added that staff does not think that any of the three designs work and staff asked the Authority to provide a concept for a fly over or bridge.

Mr. Patel reviewed the Authority provided bridge concept. He added that the City Engineer has provided some alternative ideas on the bridge. He also reviewed some architectural designs of other bridges. In response to a question he stated that the design would require the closure of Monte Vista into a dead-end street.

In response to questions Mr. Burner and Kenoyer described the potential height of the bridge and train apparatus.

There was some discussion on bridge designs. Mr. Stevens commented that a bridge would have the least traffic impacts but would have visual impacts and asked if it is worth further exploration to see if visual impacts can be overcome. After further discussion Councilmember Bertone made a motion to explore and obtain more information on the bridge option especially the visual impacts. Mayor Pro Tem Templeman seconded the motion. Councilmember Badar expressed concern that he doesn't want to limit development options on the Bonita/Cataract site because of future impacts of a bridge. A member of the audience made a comment that he does not see pedestrian access addressed with the concept plans and that a bridge could create a barrier to pedestrian access to the downtown. A member of the audience commented that he sees the remnant land that would be created by the intersection redesigns as big concern. After further discussion the Council approved the motion on a 3-1-1 vote, with Mayor Morris voting no and Councilmember Ebner abstaining.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

The Study Session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Ken Duran City Clerk