When is the Duarte Gold Line station scheduled to open?

The most current construction update on the Metro website for the Duarte Station states:

Construction is underway on the Pasadena to Azusa Extension and is scheduled to be completed in September 2015, when it will be turned over to Metro for testing and pre-revenue service. Three at-grade crossings, a 125-space parking lot and the future Duarte Gold Line Station are part of the work that will take place in Duarte over the next couple of years. Additionally, new sidewalks will be built on the north side of Duarte Rd. and west side of Highland Ave, and a new signalized crosswalk will be added across Duarte Rd at City of Hope.

You can register to receive emailed construction updates from Metro by clicking here or typing this into your computer’s internet browser: http://www.foothillextension.org/contact_us/sign-up-for-e-news/

When is the Duarte Station Specific Plan project going to happen?

Under the current schedule, the Duarte Station Specific Plan and its environmental studies will be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council before the end of 2013. Upon approval of the Specific Plan, it simply becomes a new zoning designation and a set of planning guidelines for owners of the properties within the Specific Plan area to follow if and when they choose to develop something new on their property.

What role will the City of Duarte play in the development?

The City is developing the Specific Plan using funds provided by a Metro grant, and will review any future development proposals within the Specific Plan area based on their compliance with the Specific Plan’s provisions. This is not a City redevelopment project. The land in the Specific Plan area is all privately owned, so it is up to the owners to decide if and when to develop new uses on their property. We believe the new Duarte Metro Gold Line Station and the new Duarte Station Specific Plan will combine to create the potential for a greater economic return for the owners of these properties, and will motivate them to consider the new uses allowed under the Specific Plan.

Will there be any eminent domain actions? Will you take any homes?

No. The owners of the industrial properties within the Specific Plan area will retain ownership of their properties. There are no homes in the Specific Plan area, so the plan will not lead to eminent domain actions against any homes.
How will the Metro Gold Line mitigate its impacts, especially traffic impacts?

Metro Gold Line, not the City of Duarte, prepared the Environmental Impact Report (“EIR”) for the Foothill Extension of the Metro Gold Line. To go to the EIR, click here or type this in your computer’s internet browser:

The EIR’s discussion of traffic impacts is located in Chapter Three of the EIR, beginning on page 3.4.1. The section concludes by stating that once the traffic mitigations (corrective actions) are completed, “any potential Project impacts to traffic and transportation would be reduced to less-than-significant levels.” To go to Chapter Three of the EIR, click here or type this in your computer’s internet browser:

What will be the phasing of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension construction?

You can review the phasing of the Pasadena-to-Azusa phase of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension construction by clicking here or typing this into your computer’s internet browser:
http://www.foothillextension.org/construction_phases/pasadena_to_azusa/