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## Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Tunneling Begins

A major milestone was accomplished today with the start of tunneling on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project. The Eastbound Tunnel Boring Machine (the 1st of two tunnel boring machines) was launched from the 1st/Boyle underground tunnel shaft and began its 1.7 mile tunneling journey through Boyle Heights towards East Los Angeles. This event highlights over 18 months of construction involving the relocation of underground utilities, excavation and preparation of the underground tunnel shaft and assembly and testing of the tunnel boring machines. It is also important to note that from the start of construction there have been no lost time accidents to workers on this major, complex construction project.

## Media Attending Today's Metro Board Meeting

The Daily News, Los Angeles Times, Ch. 34, 62 and KFWB attended today's board meeting. Reports are expected to air regarding a protest held in front of the Gateway Building by a small group of Teamster Union members upset over wages given to bus operators on contracted bus line provided by Transportation Concepts. Stories also may appear tomorrow regarding a motion approved by the Board to conduct a cost analysis on installing fare barriers on the Metro Red Line and a report received on the cost and timeframe of extending the Metro Red Line along Wilshire Boulevard to Santa Monica.

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