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'Lola' Reaches Metro Gold Line Eastside Tunneling Milestone

(July 25, 2006) Construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project reached another milestone last Friday evening, when "Lola" – one of two massive tunnel boring machines – broke through the last few feet of soil at the 1st and Soto underground construction site in Boyle Heights.

Lola emerged from the 2,800-foot-long tunnel 148 days after tunneling began, Feb. 23, in the underground station construction site at Boyle. The second tunneling machine, "Vicki," will arrive at 1st and Soto in about four weeks.

This week, Lola is being positioned to resume tunneling toward Lorena Street. By early next year, twin 1.7-mile tunnels will be carved out from 1st and Boyle to 1st and Lorena at an average depth of 50 to 60 feet.



Construction crew claims victory.

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