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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension – [Notice of Full Street Closure](#)

Starting Friday, March 28, 2008, the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension contractor will begin the deck removal at the West Portal and the Mariachi Plaza Station. This construction activity requires a full street closure to build the roof of the underground stations, street restoration and finalize civil improvements such as curb and gutter, sidewalk reconstruction and street lighting.

What: Deck removal and street restoration.

When:

Phase I: Starting on Friday, March 28, 2008 for approximately 10 days.

Phase II: Starting on Friday, April 11, 2008 for approximately 25 days. Closures will be continuous on a 24-hour basis. Street access will be available for four days in between Phase I and Phase II.

Where:

Phase I: West Portal – First Street from Boyle to Clarence

Phase II: Mariachi Plaza – First Street from Boyle to Bailey

What to expect:

- Businesses will be open during construction.
- No vehicular access will be permitted during the closure.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Phase I Detour

- Access to the 101 freeway south First Street off/on ramp will be prohibited.
 - Eastbound traffic on First Street will be detoured to southbound Anderson Street, to eastbound 4th Street, to northbound Cummings Street, to eastbound First Street.
 - Westbound traffic on First Street will be detoured to northbound Boyle
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Avenue, to westbound Cesar Chavez Avenue, to southbound Mission Road, to westbound First Street.

Phase II Detour

- Eastbound traffic on First Street will be detoured to southbound Anderson Street, to eastbound 4th Street, to northbound Cummings Street, to eastbound First Street.
- Westbound traffic on First Street will be detoured to northbound State Street, to westbound Cesar Chavez Avenue, to southbound Mission Road, to westbound First Street.
- During construction activities, Mariachis will be relocated to the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Bailey Street.

Bus Stop Relocation

- Eastbound bus line 30, 31 and 330 will be detoured to northbound Mission Road, to eastbound Cesar Chavez Avenue, to southbound Soto Street, to eastbound First Street.
- Westbound bus lines 30, 31 and 330 will be detoured to northbound Soto Street, to westbound Cesar Chavez Avenue, to southbound Alameda Street, to westbound First Street.
- Bus lines 30, 31, and 330 will stop at assigned Line 68 bus stops on Cesar Chavez Avenue.

Note: As mitigation to traffic impacts, these closures are being implemented in lieu of multiple weekly full closures that would need to occur during the next 10 months.

TDA Public Hearings

Media relations distributed a [news release](#) today announcing that we will conduct public hearings in Santa Clarita, Lancaster and Palmdale to receive ideas and suggestions from the public for meeting public transportation needs in the North County, per requisite of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 8 funds.

The release notes that all hearings will be open for public comment until the last speaker, or one hour, whichever comes first. Those unable to attend the hearing may submit written comments to us by May 2, 2008. The three North County hearings will be held as follows:

- The first hearing will be held in the afternoon in Santa Clarita on Wednesday, April 9th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. The location of the Santa Clarita meeting will be the Santa Clarita City Hall – Orchard Room, 23920 Valencia Blvd., Santa Clarita, CA.
 - A second hearing will be held on Friday, April 18th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) Board Room, 42210 6th
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Street West, Lancaster, CA.

- A third hearing will be held in Palmdale, also on Friday April 18th, starting at 2:00 p.m. The location of the Palmdale meeting is, the Palmdale Chimbole Cultural Center – Lilac Room, 38350 Sierra Highway (near Sierra Hwy & Palmdale Blvd).

The news release points out that Article 8 of the TDA stipulates that a proportional share of the sales tax revenue be allocated to areas in the County that do not have our service. This applies to approximately five percent of the County population. TDA Article 8 funds must be spent for public transit purposes when a legitimate need for transit service can be identified. However, if no “unmet transit needs” are found, sales tax revenue may be used for street and road purposes. City News Service inquired today regarding the upcoming public hearings. Stories may run this week in area newspapers.

Go Metro to Upcoming Curry and Cherry Blossom Festivals

Media Relations issued two news releases today encouraging patrons to “Go Metro” to the upcoming [Los Angeles Curry Festival](#) on Sunday, April 13th to be held at Thai Town in East Hollywood. Patrons are encouraged to use Metro Bus service in the area or use the Metro Red Line to attend the event. A separate news release was also distributed to encourage the use of the Metro system to go to the seventh annual [Cherry Blossom Festival](#) April 5th and 6th in Little Tokyo.

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