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Eastside Project Making a Positive Impact on Local Schools

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Engineer Lorana Quintero, foreground, and Metro Jobs Officer Jonathan Isenburg, at right, both from Eastside LRT Constructors, explain to students the alignment and the type of experience one needs to work on projects like the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.

Below, Metro Deputy Project Manager Planning Ray Sosa, with Metro Jobs Officer Jonathan Isenburg, provides support to local schools along the alignment. Also participating in the Career Day was Adrian Alvarez, a Metro planner who is an alumni of Roosevelt High School.



(June 9, 2005) As part of the continued effort to inform the local community about the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project, Metro is making presentations at local schools along the six-mile alignment.

Eastside LRT Constructors, the contractor building the tunnel, underground and at-grade stations, and systems for the project is partnering with Metro at various events.

On Thursday, June 2, Metro and Eastside LRT Constructors participated in Theodore Roosevelt High School's Career Day. Metro planners and the contractor's engineers provided information on the project and discussed the various professions required to plan and construct such a project.

A majority of the students were very knowledgeable about the project and were excited to see station renderings and construction photos. Some of the students have family actually working on the project and participating in the Metro Jobs program.

The Metro Jobs program is being implemented by Eastside LRT Constructors in an effort to provide employment opportunities for the local community. For most students, the project is moving fast enough and they are anxious to take their first ride.

Next up on the calendar is a presentation to students of the all-girl school, Ramona Opportunity High School.

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