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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

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On the Scene with Ned Racine
(March 30, 2007) Construction is underway at the Mariachi Plaza, Soto, Little Tokyo/Arts District stations. Text and photos by Ned Racine.

Gold Line Eastside Extension Stations Under Construction: Work continues along the six miles of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension as the project advances toward its scheduled opening date of late 2009. While the two underground stations—Mariachi Plaza and Soto—are being built, extensive construction continues on the line. The East Portal and West Portal, where the light-rail vehicles will enter and exit the 1.7-mile-long, 21-foot diameter tunnels, are being formed. Construction of the Little Tokyo/Arts District street-level station proceeds, as does the widening of intersections and building of sidewalks along 1st and 3rd Streets. The photographs were taken March 20, 2007.



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A worker cuts reinforcing steel for later use. He stands above the roof of the East Portal.



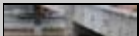
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With the future train control room in the foreground, this view of the Atlantic Station looks west along 3rd Street.



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Workers measure the retaining wall along 3rd Street to ascertain where the wall will be backfilled.



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Just west of the East Portal, a crane removes lumber used to make concrete forms.



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A worker checks the forms which will later be