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METRO GOLD LINE EASTSIDE EXTENSION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Several work activities are taking place in and around First and Bodie Streets in the Boyle Heights area this weekend as part of the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, a 6-mile light rail that will begin service between Union Station in Downtown Los Angeles and Atlantic and Pomona boulevards in East Los Angeles in late 2009.

Tree Removal

Several trees will be removed along First Street, between Clarence and Bodie streets on First Street, starting this Saturday, October 2 and will continue for about four more Saturday. The work is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Metro is careful to remove only trees necessary to build the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project. The eastbound lane will be closed during tree removal to ensure vehicular traffic safety between Clarence and Boyle. Right turns onto Pecan Street from eastbound lanes on First Street will be temporarily suspended as will left turns onto the westbound lane of First Street from Pecan Street. The sidewalk on the south side of First Street will also be closed intermittently from Clarence to Bodie to ensure pedestrian traffic. Trees will be restored prior to completion of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project.

Property Demolition

Demolition of a Metro acquired property at the corner of First and Bodie Streets will began, Saturday, October 9, 2004 and will continue for approximately two weeks. Work scheduled is from Monday to Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The work will take place within the property's boundaries. All hazardous materials such as lead and asbestos have been safely removed and now the main structure is ready for demolition. Pedestrian traffic will be rerouted to the north side of First Street and the eastbound lanes also will be closed intermittently. During these lane closures traffic will shift northerly.

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