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Work Notice: Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Project

- **Construction Work Moves East on First Street**

Construction work on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension will be moving east on First Street in the vicinity of Lorena and Dacotah Streets beginning Monday, Jan. 17, in preparation for future underground construction.

Concrete barriers will be placed on the south side of First Street to create a protected work zone and lanes will be relocated. Utilities such as main waterlines will be relocated prior to the drilling of holes for the steel I-beams needed to create the underground structure that supports excavation of the tunnel entrance.

These activities will continue for approximately six more weeks. Work hours will be Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. During these activities, parking on First Street between Dacotah and Lorena Streets will be restricted. Alternative parking will be provided to residents and their guests. Cars parked on First Street between Dacotah and Lorena will be towed.

In the meantime, grouting to stabilize the underground soil will begin in the vicinity of the I-5 freeway overpass on First Street. This work is prior to tunneling work, which will provide improved ground conditions in the vicinity of the highway overpass structure.

Activities will begin Monday, Jan 17, and continue until completed in approximately 9 weeks. Work hours are Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Construction activities will require lane closures to divert traffic around the work.

Also on First Street, a retaining wall in Pecan Park and a new sidewalk on the south side of First Street, between Gless and Pecan Streets, will be part of the widening of First Street, which is necessary to provide a corridor for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.

This activity has already begun and will continue for seven more weeks. Work hours are Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The southernmost eastbound lane will be closed during the construction of the concrete block wall to ensure vehicular traffic safety between Clarence and Boyle. Pedestrians will be redirected to the north side of First Street. The construction area will be securely fence off and public access to Pecan Park will be maintained.

First Street between Boyle and Bailey streets will have full activities beginning this weekend with the drilling of holes and putting the steel I-beams in preparation for excavation and tunneling in the north and south side of First Street.

To drill the holes for the steel I-beams, which will create the underground structure that will supports the excavation, First Street will be fully closed during this weekend and approximately three more weekends. Working hours will be on Saturday and Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Pedestrian access to business and residences on the south side of First Street within the closed-off area will be maintained at all times. Construction personnel will escort business customers and residents safely through the construction area. After working hours, a security guard will be on-site to provide safe access.

On the north side of First Street, the drilling for the steel I-beams will begin Monday, Jan. 17, and will continue for approximately five more weeks. Working hours will be Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

While First Street will remain open during work hours, the parking restrictions on this street will continue. Pedestrian access to business and residences will be maintained at all times.

Residents and business owner who need more information should contact Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-2259.

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