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Metro Begins Street Decking Operation on First Street Between Bodie, Bailey Streets for Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

Metro begins street decking operation Friday, March 11, on First Street between Bodie and Bailey Streets for construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, the 6-mile light rail project that will connect Little Tokyo, Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles with the regional Metro Rail system.

The operation involves the construction of a concrete deck spanning between piles, previously installed along this segment and which will form the sides of the station to be excavated below First Street. After the concrete panels are installed, traffic can travel over the surface while the station is constructed underground.

This activity will be carried out at weekends to minimize the impact on traffic on First and Boyle Streets beginning Friday, March 11. Working hours will be continuous from 6 p.m. Friday until Monday at 6 a.m.

The street will be closed in three different segment areas where the work will be performed. Upon completion of work in any particular area, that segment will be reopened to traffic at 6 a.m. Monday. This process will be repeated each weekend working from east to west until the decking is completed. The plan will allow for north-south traffic to continue on Boyle Street and the perimeter streets with the exception of segment two at Boyle Street. Detour signage will be installed to clearly divert the traffic in the area during this work and traffic control officers will be on duty. Pedestrian access to homes and business will be maintained at all times.

For information on Eastside construction activity, call Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-9560.

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