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Metro Begins Street Decking Operation on First Street Between Breed, Mathews Streets for Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

Metro began street decking operations Friday, Aug. 5, on First Street between Breed and Mathews streets in Boyle Heights for construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, the six-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 intersection and which form the sides of the station to be excavated below First Street and Soto. After the concrete panels are installed, traffic can travel over the surface while the station is constructed underground.

This activity will be carried over four weekends to minimize the impact on traffic using First and Soto Streets, beginning the weekend of August 5. Work hours will be continuous from 6 p.m. Friday until Monday at 6 a.m.

Upon completion of work in any particular area, that segment of First Street will be reopened to traffic Monday at 6 a.m. This process will be repeated each weekend working from east to west until the work is completed.

Soto and First Streets will be closed on the first weekend and First Street west of Soto Street will be closed on the subsequent three weekends. Detour signage will be installed to clearly divert the traffic in the area during this work, and construction flaggers will be on duty. Pedestrian access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times.

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

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