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**Metro Begins Last Street Decking Operation on First Street
Between Evergreen, Lorena Streets for the East Portal of the Metro
Gold Line Eastside Extension**

Metro began the last street decking operations Jan. 25 on First Street between Evergreen Avenue and Lorena Street as part of the tunnel portal construction for 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 First Street and which form the sides of the east portal tunnel to be excavated between Evergreen Avenue and Lorena Street. After the concrete panels are installed, traffic can travel over the surface while the east portal is constructed.

This construction activity will last five days, from Wednesday, January 25 until Monday, January 30 at 6 a.m. During this period, work will be continuous all day and night.

There will be a full street closure on First Street between Evergreen Avenue and Lorena Street. Detour signage will be installed at Evergreen Avenue and Lorena Street to divert the traffic off of First Street. Pedestrian access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times. The north side of First Street will be closed to pedestrians and joggers, who will be detoured around Evergreen Cemetery. On the south side of First Street, pedestrians will be detoured into the alley between Concord and Fresno Streets.

Street parking on the south side of First Street between Fresno and Lorena will not be available during this period. However, alternative parking will be made available on the north side of First Street between Fresno and Evergreen.

Residents between Fresno and Concord will be provided full-time security and lighting in the alley behind the homes south of First Street so they can have access through the rear of the homes.

To mitigate noise during the work operations, the contractor will install temporary sound walls on the south side of First Street.

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

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