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Eastside Light Rail Construction Marks Safety Record

Construction crews working on the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension today received an Outstanding Safety Achievement Award after recording 500,000 work-hours without having an injury that resulted in an employee needing to stay home from work.

The award was presented at the construction field offices by James Brown , Construction Safety Manager, to Bob Dice, Safety Manager, Eastside LRT Constructors. The ceremony was attended by approximately 80 Eastside LRT Constructors construction workers. Metro also congratulated all members of Eastside Light Rail Transit Constructors (ELRTC) for reaching the safety milestone.

"At Metro, Safety's 1st in everything we do and it extends to all of our construction projects where safety is the responsibility of everyone involved," said Metro's Project Director Dennis Mori, Executive Officer of Project Management.

The six-mile light rail construction project will stretch from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles to Atlantic and Pomona Boulevard in East Los Angeles via Little Tokyo/Arts District and Boyle Heights.

The eight new stations will be Little Tokyo/Arts District, Pico/Aliso, Mariachi Plaza, Soto, Indiana, Maravilla, East LA Civic Center and Atlantic. Two of the stations will be underground along a 1.7-mile tunnel under Boyle Heights. The light rail project is scheduled to open in late 2009.

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Editors: There's photos available upon request. Please call José Ubaldo at (213) 922-3087

