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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Begins First Street Restoration Work Between Lorena and Evergreen Streets

On Saturday, April 22, Metro will begin restoration of a segment of First Street between Evergreen and Lorena Streets in Boyle Heights as part of the construction of the East Portal of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension construction project.

The Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, which will feature eight stations, (two underground,) will span six miles from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles via the Arts District/Little Tokyo and Boyle Heights to Atlantic/Pomona Boulevards in East Los Angeles. It is forecasted to open in late 2009.

The work to begin Saturday at 6 a.m. will continue until Monday at 6 a.m. It will include installation of a new curb and gutter, new traffic signals on First and Lorena, street paving and switching the traffic around the East Portal.

There will be a full street closure on First Street between Lorena and Evergreen Streets while work is underway.

Pedestrian access on the south side of First Street will be maintained. Flaggers will be available to help pedestrians access their homes and businesses within the closed area. Security guards will patrol the area. The north side of First Street will be closed to both pedestrians and joggers between Fresno and Lorena. Joggers will be turned around at Evergreen and Lorena.

Street parking on the south side of First Street between Fresno and Lorena will not be available all weekend. Street parking on the south side of First between Lorena and Velasco will not be available during Saturday night only. However, alternative parking will be made available on the north side of First Street between Fresno and Evergreen and on Lorena.

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

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