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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Workers will Build Storm Drain and Close Intersection

Construction crews with the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension are reducing traffic lanes on First Street to build a storm drain on the intersections of First and Lorena streets for the next four weeks.

The work is taking place Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Pedestrian traffic will be redirected to the north side of the street. However, access to all homes and businesses will be maintained.

Also along the alignment, in the Little Tokyo/Arts district area, Metro will close the intersection of First and Vignes streets to begin building new sewer lines for homes and businesses along First Street from Vignes to Alameda streets.

Work will take place the following weekends: 7/28, 8/4, 8/18, 8/25 and 9/15. Work will begin at 8 p.m. on Fridays and will end at 6 a.m. Monday.

Eastbound traffic will be detoured south on Alameda to Fourth streets and then move north on Anderson Street to be back on First Street.

Westbound traffic will be detoured north on Mission Road to César Chávez Avenue and the south on Alameda to be back on First Street.

As always access to all homes and business will be maintained. Flaggers will direct traffic for a safe transition of construction activities within the public right-of-way. Fire Department and emergency vehicles access also will be maintained at all times. Pedestrian access will be maintained on the south side of First Street between Alameda Street and Mission Road. Regarding Vignes, the eastside of the street will be open to pedestrians from Banning to Second streets.

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.

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

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