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Go Metro to the 16th Annual Mariachi Festival at Mariachi Plaza

Go Metro to the 16th Annual Mariachi Festival, "Mariachis Around the World," on Sunday, November 19, at Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights and avoid driving and parking hassles and save gas money.

Metro Bus lines 30 and 31 will take you to see the return of José Hernández and Mariachi del Sol at the Mariachi Plaza, located at the intersections of First and Boyle streets, home of one of the two future Metro Gold Line underground stations.

The festival will feature local and international talent beginning at 10 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. There also will be children's art activities, food, artisan and information booths.

Mariachi Plaza is a 40 year-old landmark in Boyle Heights where mariachi musicians traditionally gather to offer their services to the public. For more information on the Mariachi Festival contact Sumi Sevilla Haru at (818) 509-0088.

The festival is funded by the Department of Cultural Affairs of the City of Los Angeles, with support from Council District 14. Other collaborating sponsors are Mother of East Los Angeles, the Boyle Heights Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and Barrio Planners, Inc.

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) 922-2259.

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