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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension has Several Construction Activities Working along the Light Rail Alignment

Construction activities at street level keep multiplying on several fronts along the alignment of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension, such as construction of a gravity retaining wall, installation of an irrigation line, street widening and restoration work.

As part of the widening of the First Street Bridge, a retaining wall is being built on the west side of Mission Road, just south of First Street. Construction crews will work from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Work will last until January 2007.

Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Pedestrian traffic will be rerouted and eastbound trucks will be prohibited from turning right onto Mission Road from First Street. Access to homes and businesses and emergency vehicles access will be maintained.

The north side of the intersection of Third Street and McDonnell Avenue is being closed for street widening and restoration work for the next two weeks.

Traffic is being redirected with directional signs. Local access is maintained using Dangler Avenue. Pedestrian traffic is also redirected to pedestrian pathways. Emergency vehicle access is maintained at all times.

And finally at Third Street and Kern Avenue, the intersection is closed for the next four weeks due to installation of an irrigation line and street widening and restoration work.

Traffic is being redirected with directional signs; local access is maintained using Arizona Avenue. Pedestrian traffic is also redirected and emergency vehicles access is maintained at all times.

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 scheduled to open in late 2009.

Residents who need more information should contact Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-2259.

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