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East Los Angeles Street Work Underway as Construction of Light Rail Project to Eastside Moves Forward

Construction crews this week are installing the overhead contact system foundation and construction of the median for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.

Work on the overhead contact system foundation will take place this week on the south side of First Street, between Utah and Gless, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday.

The work includes excavation, installation of a grounding system, placement of rebar and anchor bolts, placement of concrete foundation and grouting a bottom of poles.

Residents should expect detours to north side of street for pedestrian traffic, all vehicle traffic reduction to one lane in each direction. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained along with access to emergency vehicles.

On Third Street, between Herbert and Eastern avenues, crews are constructing the median for the future light rail train tracks. First, the area is being re-striped, then traffic will be switched on both sides of the street and finally the median will be built.

Work is scheduled Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The impact will be reduction of traffic lanes, no left turns going eastbound from Third to Sunol and Marianna streets. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained along with access to emergency vehicles.

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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