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## **Nighttime Construction Work on Third Street for Light Rail Eastside Extension Continues**

Third Street, between Eastern Avenue and Ford Boulevard in East Los Angeles, will be closed Wednesday and Thursday night, January 10 and 11, to remove portions of the Third Street Bridge over the 710 Freeway as part of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension construction project.

Work has been scheduled from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. to avoid unnecessary daytime traffic congestion.

Traffic lanes will be reduced in both directions and signs will redirect traffic between Eastern Avenue and Ford Boulevard. Pedestrian traffic will also be moved to a safe area out of the construction zone. Access will be maintained for residents on Humphrey Boulevard and emergency vehicle access will be kept open at all times.

Also on Third Street, the night of Monday, January 22, Metro construction crews will re-stripe Third Street, between Ford Boulevard and McDonnell Avenue in East Los Angeles. Work will be done at nighttime.

Residents and motorists should expect traffic lane reductions with cones re-directing the flow of traffic to minimize impacts to the community. Pedestrian traffic in this area will be redirected to north side of the street. Emergency vehicle access will be 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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