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Construction Work at Street Level for Light Rail Train to Eastside Continues in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles

Construction work at street level for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension continues this weekend beginning Friday, February 2, at two different locations in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles.

The south side of the First and Mission streets intersection in Boyle Heights will be closed during the weekend beginning Friday at 6 p.m. through Monday at 6 a.m. to reconstruct the south side.

Pedestrian traffic will be redirected along the work zone. Access to homes and businesses will be maintained. Emergency vehicles access also will be maintained at all times.

In East Los Angeles, Laverne Avenue will be closed at the intersection of Third Street for the next six weeks beginning Monday, February 5, for street widening and restoration.

Detours should be expected for motorists traveling northbound on Laverne Avenue. They will need to go west on 4th Street and then north on Mednik Avenue. For those traveling eastbound on Third Street, they need to go south on Mednik Avenue and then east on 4th Street.

For pedestrians, traffic signs will direct them through the construction zone. Local access to homes and businesses will be maintained. Emergency vehicles access will be kept open 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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