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Construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Continues on Street Level in Boyle Heights, East Los Angeles

Construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension continues in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles at street level with street improvements and construction of a sewer line.

The intersection of Third Street and McBride Avenue in East Los Angeles will be closed until the end of March for street improvements. Motorists trying to navigate this intersection will be re-directed with signs. In the meantime, Arizona Avenue will be re-opened. Pedestrian traffic will be allowed on the north sidewalk. Access to emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

In Boyle Heights, construction crews will excavate a trench for a sewer line on March 21 and 22 in front of the El Mercado entrance on First Street. The alley entrance to El Mercado just east of Lorena will be closed. Work is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Customers and patrons will be directed to enter through Lorena Street.

Residents and patrons should expect restrictions on street parking only on First Street. Pedestrian traffic will be rerouted to the south sidewalk. Access to emergency vehicles 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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