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## **Metro Begins Construction of Metro Gold Line Atlantic Eastside Extension Station, Street Widening in Boyle Heights**

Metro construction crews will close a segment of Pomona Boulevard in East Los Angeles for early morning work on three different days and on First Street, in Boyle Heights, street widening work will take place for the next three months as part of the construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension construction project.

Work has been scheduled Wednesday, April 4, Monday, April 9 and Friday, April 20, from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Pomona Boulevard between Woods Avenue and Atlantic Boulevard. The street will be closed to pour concrete and begin construction of the Atlantic station.

Motorists traveling east and westbound through the area should expect detours. Cones and arrow boards will be used to re-direct the flow of traffic. Access for pedestrians and residents will be maintained. Emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

On the north side of First Street, between Alameda and Vignes streets, street widening work will consist of new curbs, gutters, sidewalk, pavement and wheelchair ramps. Work has been scheduled from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday for the next three months.

Traffic on this segment of First Street will be moved to the south side with one lane for the westbound and two lanes for the eastbound traffic. Pedestrians will be re-routed to the south side. Driveway access to home and businesses will be maintained. 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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