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## **Construction Activities for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Continues in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles**

On Saturday, April 7, 2007, Metro construction crews will do a one-day full street closure due to waterline and utility work on the westbound side of First Street between the northbound 101 Freeway and Gless Street in Boyle Heights for the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension construction project.

Working hours are scheduled from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Residents and motorists should expect detours in and around the construction area, especially the 101 freeway on and off ramps. Metro flaggers will be on hand to direct pedestrian traffic around the construction zone. Access to homes and businesses on westbound First Street will be maintained at all times. Emergency vehicle access will be maintained at all times.

On Monday, April 9, Metro Construction crews will work one-night only to re-stripe First Street, between Lorena and Indiana streets. After that, traffic will be switched to the center of the street to begin street renovation on the north and south side of this First Street segment.

There will be no street parking in the work area. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction with cones and arrow boards re-directing traffic to minimize impacts to the community. Pedestrian traffic will also be redirected around the activity areas. Emergency vehicles access will be maintained at all times.

In addition, on Tuesday, April 10, installation of a water distribution line on First Street between Lorena and Indiana streets will begin. Work has been schedule from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for the next four months.

Parking access on Lorena Street will be maintained during closure of the alley off of First Street. Street parking will be restricted on First Street. Traffic will be only on one lane in each direction. Pedestrians will be re-routed to the south side of First Street. Driveway access to homes and business will be maintained. Access to emergency vehicle will be maintained at all times.

In East Los Angeles, on Monday April 9 the construction of the light rail project to the Eastside will also have a one-day full street closure on Third Street, between Downey Road and Eastern Avenue, for necessary street improvements.

Working hours will be from 1 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cones and arrow boards will be used to help residents and motorists to navigate through the construction area. Access for residents will be maintained at all times. Pedestrian traffic will be redirected into area out of construction zone. 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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