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Construction of Right-of-way on First Street Begins as Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Continues to Make Progress

Metro construction workers have begun building the right-of-way, installing the light rail tracks in the center of First Street, between Mission Road and Gless Street in Boyle Heights as the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension project continues moving forward to opening in 2009.

The track way construction in this segment of the alignment is expected to last four months. Work is scheduled to take place from 6:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Residents should expect no parking on First Street and traffic has been reduced to one lane in each direction. Cones and electronic boards will redirect traffic to minimize impact to the community and flaggers are helping with pedestrian traffic. Access to homes, businesses and emergency vehicles will remain 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 2009.

Residents who need more information should contact Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-2259.

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