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Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension is more than 80 percent complete

Construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension light rail project is more than 80 percent complete. In addition, other milestones have been reached including the unprecedented construction safety record of more than 3 million work-hours without an accident that requires a single day away from work. The project also is on budget and scheduled to open on time in mid-2009.

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.

A high level of construction activity is occurring along the entire alignment, both at street level and underground. Building of the eight new stations --Little Tokyo/Arts District, Pico Aliso, Mariachi Plaza, Soto, Indiana, Maravilla, East Los Angeles Civic Center and Atlantic/Pomona-- includes heavy platform construction and canopy installation.

Metro project contractor, Eastside LRT Constructors, is laying track over the entire alignment and installing the overhead catenary wire that will feed power to trains.

The temporary concrete decks along First Street are being removed and streets are being repaved, and the two underground stations are rapidly taking shape. New curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street lighting, traffic lights, crosswalks and street restoration improvements also are in progress along First and Third streets.

Other transportation infrastructure improvements include the First Street Bridge, which will soon be widened by the City of Los Angeles Public Works Department, and the bridge over the 101 Freeway adjacent to Union Station that was completed by Caltrans.

The Metro Gold Line Eastside extension will connect East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and Little Tokyo/Arts District with the entire 73 miles of the Metro Rail system that crisscrosses the county from North Hollywood, Hollywood, Wilshire District and downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach, Norwalk, El Segundo, Chinatown and Pasadena.

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Soto Station



At historic First Street Bridge



Atlantic Station



Along Third Street near Eastern Avenue



Maravilla Station