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## Crews Will Begin Grinding New Rail Tracks Along Six-Mile of Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension

Metro will start Monday, October 20, grinding the new rail tracks of the six-mile Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension under construction between downtown and East Los Angeles. Work will begin at Atlantic Boulevard and Pomona Street and then move westerly until the entrance to a tunnel at the East Portal at Lorena and First streets.

The grinding is part of the preparation for the opening of the light rail line.

**(Nov. 2, 2008) Street reconstruction work gets underway as crews grind new rails on the six-mile Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension along Third Street in East Los Angeles. The grinding removes oxidation on the rails to make sure the train wheels and the rail make proper contact and safety features work properly. The grinding machine moves at a speed of 2.5 to 3 miles per hour. The rail grinding operation, which began at Atlantic Boulevard and Pomona Street, moves westbound along Third Street to Indiana Avenue and will conclude at the East Portal tunnel entrance at Lorena and First streets.**

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The hours of activity will be from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Work will take place along Third Street until Indiana Avenue where the alignment turns north to First Street and then again west until Lorena and First streets. Metro construction staff will direct traffic with flags at intersections. Access to pedestrians and emergency vehicles will be maintained.

Also, beginning Monday, October 20, street reconstruction work will occur at the intersections of Alameda and First streets and Alameda and Temple streets in downtown Los Angeles as the construction of the light rail line continues advancing to next summer's grand opening. The work will last approximately six weeks.

Construction activities will include removal of the existing crosswalk and construction of a new colored pedestrian walkway at both intersections.

Work hours will be from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday to Friday. Access to homes, businesses and emergency vehicles will be maintained. Pedestrian access will be maintained outside the construction zone.

In Boyle Heights, Metro construction crews are doing street reconstruction work such as street repaving, sidewalk restoration and new pedestrian crosswalks at Lorena and First streets, working from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday through the week of October 20.

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.

Residents who need more information should contact Metro Community Relations at (213) 922-2259 or visit Metro website at [www.metro.net/projects\\_studies/eastside/street\\_closures.htm](http://www.metro.net/projects_studies/eastside/street_closures.htm) for up-to-date street closure information.

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