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Metro Releases New Mariachi Directory for Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles

Metro has published a Mariachi Directory as part of the mitigation efforts for the temporary relocation of mariachis who are plying their trade at the Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights during construction of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension.

For those interested in booking mariachis for parties and other events, the directory lists phone numbers and other contact information of local musicians.

The 25,000 copies were delivered this fall to libraries, chambers of commerce, elected officials offices, and the grassroots organization Mothers of East Los Angeles in the Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles area.

Since the construction of the light rail line started in July 2004, Metro has met with mariachis representatives to discuss and reach an agreement on how to mitigate construction related impacts at the intersection of First Street and Boyle Avenue, location of the Mariachi Plaza and focal point of activities for the traditional Mariachi musicians. This is the location where mariachis solicit business.

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 Little Tokyo/Arts District and Boyle Heights to Atlantic/Pomona Boulevards in East Los Angeles. It is scheduled to open in the summer of 2009.

To request a copy of the Mariachi Directory visit the websites www.boyleheightsnc.com www.elacoc.com or www.mothersofeastla.com. You can also find a copy in the office of the LA County Supervisor Gloria Molina and City of Los Angeles Councilman José Huizar.

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