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Metro Board Approves Construction of New Parking Garage to Serve Metro Gold Line Atlantic Station

The Metro Board of Directors today approved spending an additional \$8.7 million for a three-story parking garage that will serve the Atlantic terminus station on the Metro Gold Line to East Los Angeles.

The new three-story garage will have 286 parking spaces. It is scheduled to be completed six months after the new light rail line opens next summer. It was initially planned to have 127 surface parking spaces at the Atlantic Boulevard and Pomona Street location.

Looking ahead to the future, Metro anticipates the light rail line will steadily attract new riders. A dozen bus lines will serve the six-mile Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension now being built from Union Station to East Los Angeles via Little Tokyo/Arts District and Boyle Heights. The Metro Gold Line also is within walking distance of thousands of residents.

Altogether, Metro has budgeted \$13 million for the parking garage. Construction on the rail line is still within budget and the project is ahead of schedule with construction more than 90 percent complete.

The light rail Eastside extension will have eight new stations; Little Tokyo/Arts District, Pico Aliso, Mariachi Plaza, Soto, Indiana, Maravilla, ELA Civic Center and Atlantic, two of them are underground.

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