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Free Bus Shuttle Provided

Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo Arts District Station Closure Saturday April 21 Due to Regional Connector Construction Work

The Metro Gold Line Little Tokyo Arts District Station will be closed Saturday, April 21, to allow the Regional Connector Constructors (RCC) to perform pile and deck installation activities at the 1st Street portal section of the Regional Connector Transit Project.

There will be no Gold Line service at the station beginning at 3 a.m. on Saturday, April 21. Regular service on the Gold line will be restored with the start of regular service on Sunday, April 22. The station closure is for one day only.

Metro will provide a free bus shuttle that will be in place during the Gold Line closure to operate between Union Station, Little Tokyo/Arts District Station and the Pico/Aliso Gold Line Station.

This work will require a directional closure on westbound 1st Street between Vignes Street and Alameda Street for four weekends. Road closures will be in place each weekend from 7 p.m. Friday through 5 a.m. Monday on April 20 - April 23, April 28 - April 30, May 4 - May 7 and May 11 - May 14.

Detour Route Around Closure Area

Westbound 1st Street traffic will be detoured right on Mission Road, left on East Cesar Chavez Avenue, left on Spring Street, back onto 1st Street.

Local Access Detour

1st Street traffic detoured right on Vignes Street, left on Temple Street, left on Judge John Aiso Street and back onto 1st Street. Eastbound 1st Street is open to through traffic.

Construction activities will include pile installation, saw cutting, deck installation and paving. Sound mitigations will be in place during the work hours. Quieter work activities will be done overnight. Pile installation work will take place from 7 a.m. through 9 p.m. on April 21 and April 22. Pedestrian, business and local access will be maintained.

The \$1.75-billion Regional Connector Transit Project is a 1.9-mile underground light-rail tunnel that will connect the Blue, Expo and Gold Lines in downtown Los Angeles and will include three new stations at 1st Street/Central Avenue, 2nd Street/Broadway and 2nd Place/Hope Street. The rail

project is expected to serve 88,000 riders daily – including 17,000 new riders – and save commuters up to 20 minutes by reducing the need to transfer when traveling to and through downtown L.A. Construction is expected to be completed in 2021.

About Metro

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is unique among the nation's transportation agencies. Created in 1993, Metro is a multimodal transportation agency that transports about 1.3 million passengers daily on a fleet of 2,200 clean air buses and six rail lines. The agency also oversees bus, rail, highway and other mobility-related building projects and leads transportation planning and programming for Los Angeles County.

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