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Editors Note: One Week Postponement of Planned Closure from Feb. 19 to Feb. 27

Seven Month Closure to last Through November 2016

Full Closure of 2nd/Broadway Intersection in Downtown Los Angeles Set for Feb. 27 Due to Construction Activities on the Regional Connector Transit Project

As part of construction worked related to the Regional Connector Transit Project, full closure of the 2nd Street and Broadway intersection in downtown Los Angeles is planned to begin as early as 7 a.m. on Saturday, February 27 and will last through November, 2016.

The closure of the intersection will impact motorist and bus patrons traveling along Broadway between 1st Street and 3rd Street and along 2nd Street between Hill Street and Spring Street. This closure is needed to perform major utility relocation work and to install piles and deck panels to support the 2nd/Broadway Regional Connector Station construction. Local access to businesses, residences and emergency responders will be maintained during the closure.

Metro buses operating northbound on Broadway, near the construction and closure area will be detoured beginning Friday, February 19. Lines 2-302 and 4, operating northbound on Broadway will be detoured to Hill Street between Venice Boulevard and Temple Street. Lines 45 and 745 will be detoured from Broadway to Hill Street between 8th Street and 1st Street. Late night/owl trips on lines 2 and 4 will wait for transferring patrons at a temporary stop on Hill Street and 8th Street. Line 45 late night/owl trips will wait for transferring patrons at a temporary stop on 8th Street before making the right turn on Hill Street. In addition, lines 30-330 and 40 will be detoured from Broadway to Main Street between 6th Street and 1st Street.

All northbound DASH buses operated by the City of Los Angeles will be detoured to Hill Street between Cesar Chaves and 11th Street. For real-time information and service alerts to plan your trip, visit metro.net or call 323.Go.Metro. For DASH D route and bus stop locations visit www.ladottransit.com/dash.

Construction work hours will be Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Overnight work between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. may be necessary. The public with questions can call the Project Hotline at 213.922.7277.

Traffic Impacts

Westbound 2nd Street traffic will be detoured right on Main Street, left on 1st Street, left on Hill Street and right on westbound 2nd Street.

Eastbound 2nd Street traffic will be detoured left on Hill Street, right on 1st. Street, right on Spring Street and left on eastbound 2nd Street.

Northbound Broadway traffic will be detoured left on 3rd Street, right on Hill Street, right on Temple, and left on northbound Broadway.

Southbound Broadway traffic will be detoured right on Temple, left on Hill Street, left on 4th Street, and right on southbound Broadway.

The Regional Connector Transit Project is a \$1.55 billion underground rail system that completes a 1.9-mile segment between the Metro Blue and Expo Lines and the Metro Gold Line by providing a direct connection with three new stations planned for 1st Street/Central Avenue, 2nd Street/Broadway and 2nd Place/Hope Street in downtown Los Angeles. The rail line, expected to be completed in 2020, will attract nearly 17,000 new daily riders and provide access to more than 88,000 passengers saving commuters up to 20 minutes off their daily commutes. It will provide a one-seat, one fare ride for commuters traveling north and south from Azusa to Long Beach and for commuters traveling east and west from East Los Angeles to Santa Monica without the need to transfer between rail lines.

The new Metro Rail extension will offer an alternative transportation option to congested roadways, provide significant environmental benefits and spur economic development throughout the County. Through improved connectivity, riders will be better able to use the entire Metro Rail system, municipal bus lines and other regional transportation services.

Construction is a dynamic process and information is subject to change without notice. For the latest information about the Regional Connector Transit Project and for construction updates, visit metro.net/regionalconnector. Stay informed by following Metro on The Source and El Pasajero at metro.net, facebook.com/metroregionalconnector, twitter.com@metroconnector and twitter.com/metroLAalerts and instagram.com/metrolosangeles.