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## **Regional Connector Street Restoration Work near the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station begins January 10, 2020; Various Street Closures and Weekend Closures Are Planned**

As part of the Regional Connector Transit Project, contractors for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) will begin street restoration work in the area of the Little Tokyo/Arts District Station beginning January 10 with traffic impacts in the area through August 31, 2020.

- A full westbound street closure along 1st Street from Vignes Street to Alameda Street will begin Friday, Jan. 10 beginning at 9 p.m. and remain in effect through May 1, 2020.
- In addition, nine weekend closures of the intersection of 1st Street and Alameda Street from 7 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday will take place on January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, May 1 and August 28.

Additional street closures along 1st Street from Central Avenue to Alameda Street will occur from May 4 through August 31, 2020.

The various street closures are needed as construction crews begin removing the temporary deck panels at the 1st Street and Alameda Street intersection. The street restoration work is anticipated to last for approximately eight months. Additional work may be scheduled at a later date if needed.

Access to adjacent businesses will be maintained at all times and pedestrian crosswalks on 1st Street and Alameda Street may be restricted intermittently during the restoration work.

### **Detours for motorists**

- Westbound 1st Street closure: right on Vignes Street, left on Temple Street, left on Judge John Aiso Street, right on 1st Street.
- 1st Street closure from Central Avenue to Alameda Street: eastbound traffic should turn left on Judge John Aiso Street, right on Temple Street, right on Vignes Street, left on 1st Street.
- Westbound traffic should go right on Vignes Street, left on Temple Street, left on Judge John Aiso Street, right on 1st Street.

- 1st Street and Alameda Street intersection weekend closures: westbound 1st Street traffic should go right on US-101 N., take the E. Cesar Chavez Avenue exit onto Pleasant Avenue, left on E. Cesar Chavez Avenue, left on Spring Street, right on 1st Street.
- Eastbound 1st Street traffic should go left on Main Street, right on E. Cesar Chavez Avenue, right on Mission Road, left on 1st Street.
- Northbound Alameda Street: left on 3rd Street, right on San Pedro Street, right on Temple Street, left on Alameda Street.
- Southbound Alameda Street: right on Temple Street, left on Judge John Aiso Street, left on 4th Street, right on Alameda Street.

During the weekend closures, crews will conduct removal of temporary deck panels, backfill, and pave the roadway as part of street restoration. The deck panels have served as a temporary roadway to facilitate excavation and construction of the tunnel beneath the street while maintaining access to traffic at street level.

The public is encouraged to plan ahead and allow for extra time when commuting into the Little Tokyo/Arts District area of downtown Los Angeles during the street closures.

The Regional Connector Transit Project is a 1.9-mile underground light-rail extension that will connect the A Line (Blue), the E Line (Expo) and the L Line (Gold) 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 line 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 for those riding to and through downtown L.A. The project is forecast to be completed in 2022.

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

For more information on the Regional Connector Transit Project, go to [metro.net/regionalconnector](http://metro.net/regionalconnector).

### **About Metro**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is building the most ambitious transportation infrastructure program in the United States and is working to greatly improve mobility through its [Vision 2028 Plan](#). Metro is the lead transportation planning and funding agency for L.A. County and carries about 1.2 million boardings daily on a fleet of 2,200 low-emission buses and six rail lines.

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