



## Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension: Construction Continues

### Decking at 1<sup>st</sup>/Boyle nears completion

The Contractor is near completion on the decking operations on 1<sup>st</sup> Street between Bodie and Bailey. This entails excavating the full width of 1<sup>st</sup> Street to install deck beams between the piles, which support the concrete deck panels. Once the concrete decking has been installed, station excavation will take place underground and traffic will resume normally above ground. Beginning this month, the Contractor will begin additional work at 1<sup>st</sup>/Soto in preparation for the second underground station excavation.

### Additional parking secured to offset restrictions on 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Working with the City of Los Angeles and White Memorial Medical Center, Metro has converted street parking on the south side of Pennsylvania from Boyle to San Benito into angle parking. This resulted in a gain of 28 additional parking spaces to offset parking restrictions on 1<sup>st</sup> Street between Boyle and State.

### Sound walls will showcase Metro Art

In an effort to separate the community from the site and sounds of equipment and materials, the Contractor will erect 20' high walls around the construction staging areas at 1<sup>st</sup>/Boyle, 1<sup>st</sup>/Bailey, 1<sup>st</sup>/Soto and 1<sup>st</sup>/Lorena. Once erected, three award-winning Los Angeles-based artists will decorate the walls with large-scale murals. Paul Botello, Man One and Charles Freeman were selected through a community-based review panel.

### Station design presentation

The design of the Mariachi Plaza Station (located at 1<sup>st</sup>/Boyle) received high regards when renderings were printed in the local community newspapers. Community members were also given an opportunity to hold the materials and see renderings of the plaza, ticketing area and mezzanine. The theme of the station, as developed by the lead architects, Barrio Planners, Inc. of Eastside LRT Partners, was derived from the existing Mariachi Quiosco and the vibrancy of the plaza as used by the Mariachis in the area. The Constructors will now complete the final design.

### Businesses open during construction

Construction is well underway at 1<sup>st</sup>/Boyle and 1<sup>st</sup>/Soto. Local businesses continue to be open. Please don't forget to visit your favorite restaurants and frequent the various businesses there. The area features great restaurants, printing services, travel agencies, dry cleaning, fashion, party supplies, stereo repair, banks, furniture, video rentals, flowers, beauty salons, Mariachi, upholsterers and more.



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