



Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension Metro's Top Priority

Preparations are underway

In setting priorities for various Metro projects in December 2003, MTA's Board of Directors reaffirmed that the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension is at the top of the list. As a result, work continues to make this long-awaited project a reality. Utility cables and services are already being moved to clear the area where the light rail trains will soon travel.

Construction expected to start soon

A key milestone for starting construction involves the Federal Government's Full Funding Grant Agreement for the project. In recent

weeks, U.S. Transportation Secretary, Norman Y. Mineta recommended funding for the Eastside Extension to Congress, and Metro expects to secure confirmation of this funding within the next few months. Shortly after that time, a contract will be awarded to one of the competing construction companies and actual construction is expected to begin this summer.

Art along the route

Metro Art has recently selected the final candidates for seven public art projects scheduled to be displayed both on fences at construction sites and at the completed Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension stations. Community involvement

has been crucial to the selections, and five of the seven artists are from the local neighborhood.

Providing connectivity to the Eastside

Eastside residents have shown a great interest in rail systems already. In a recent survey, approximately 36% of local residents indicated that they already make use of Metro Rail's existing lines. The completion of the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension in 2009 will offer greater convenience by directly linking the communities of East LA and Little Tokyo with the 73.1 existing miles of the Metro Rail system.

Where to find out more information

If you would like additional information about the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension or other Metro projects, please visit metro.net/eastside or call the Community Relations team at 213.922.2259.



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