



Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension: Getting ready for tunnel construction

Tunnel Boring Machines Arrive in Boyle Heights

On September 22nd, the first of the largest pieces of the two tunnel-boring machines arrived at the Port of Los Angeles and were delivered to the 1st and Bailey construction staging site. These machines will bore 1.7-mile twin tunnels from 1st/Boyle to 1st/Lorena. These machines, fabricated by Herrenknecht in Germany, are the latest in tunnel-boring technology making them the safest Metro has ever used.

Contractor Begins Pouring Concrete for Mariachi Plaza Station

Excavation for the first of two underground stations, Mariachi Plaza Station, is complete. Concrete is now being poured for the floor of the station box. This will allow for the tunnel-boring machines to be placed and assembled underground before being launched for tunnel excavation. The length of these machines is approximately 350 feet.

Freeway Lanes Shift Making Way for Last LRT Bridge Pile

The southbound lanes of the US 101 Freeway just south of Union Station were realigned to improve safety and efficiency of travel in that location. It also allowed for the Contractor to initiate the construction of the last pile for the Eastside Extension bridge over the freeway. Two of the eight columns needed for the bridge have been constructed.

Decking at Soto Complete, Station Excavation Underway

Decking operations at 1st St and Soto went smoothly over three weekends. With decking operations now completed, the Contractor has initiated excavation underneath 1st Street in that particular location while traffic runs smoothly above-ground. This is the second underground station within the 1.7 miles of tunnel.

Construction Fences Get New Paint Job

The construction fences surrounding the construction staging areas along 1st Street that provide noise protection and shield construction activities are being given a new paint job. Three bands of color are being added to revive and refresh the look of the fences and to provide connectivity along the Metro Gold Line Eastside Extension alignment. In addition, muralists have initiated the painting of murals that have significance to the history and culture of Boyle Heights. The murals are all expected to be complete early next year. In the meantime, the new paint has already had a positive effect on the visual impact of the fences.



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