We’re building three new stations in DTLA.

Overview
The Regional Connector Transit Project will improve access to both local and regional destinations by providing continuous through service by connecting the Metro Gold Line to the Metro Blue and Expo Lines at 7th/Metro Center. This new Metro Rail extension will provide a one-seat ride for travel across LA County with north and south connections between Azusa and Long Beach, and east and west connections between East Los Angeles and Santa Monica. The 1.9-mile, $1.751 billion project is slated to open in 2021.

Construction efforts to build this connection to 7th/Metro Center start Spring 2017 along Flower St. Completing this phase of work will be critical to advancing construction of the Regional Connector.
Public Infrastructure Improvements
In preparation for tunnel box work and in advance of cut and cover activities, 100-year-old electrical infrastructures and a network of power lines will need to be moved out of the tunnel box alignment. Extensive utility investigation indicates existing electrical vaults are fragile, shallow, and unsafe to protect in place during deck installation. Relocation efforts involve building the new infrastructure first, extending the life of the system, while maintaining service to customers. With the new infrastructure in place, the existing vaults can then be abandoned and removed as part of the excavation of the tunnel box phase.

Simultaneous installation of piles, a shoring system that will be installed on both the east side and at a later time on the west side of Flower St between 5th St and south of 6th St, will take place. Utility relocation and pile installation will need to be completed prior to building the deck – a temporary roadway that will allow traffic to travel on it while excavation of the tunnel box takes place below it.

6th St Closure at I-110 Freeway
This complex utility relocation and the installation of piles on the east side of Flower St will require modifications to travel lanes and the closure of 6th St southbound I-110 exit and 6th St between Figueroa St and Hope St for a period of five months starting as early as June 3, 2017. Full closures and traffic lane reductions will be in place 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The public is encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and use rideshare options when in downtown LA.

Tunnel box construction, below temporary road decking at 4th St/Flower St. Photo Credit: Ken Karagopian, 2017

HOW TO STAY INVOLVED
Metro invites you to stay involved throughout construction. You can participate in the Community Leadership Council, a community advisory board to Metro comprised of stakeholders. You may also stay involved by visiting the project website.

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