



## **Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension** *February 2014 Update*

In early 2014, the Metro Gold Line from Pasadena to Azusa light rail project reached 50% completion, as it continues to stay on schedule for a September 2015 turn over to Metro for testing and pre-revenue service.

Improvement work at the railroad grade crossings on Pasadena Avenue, Dalton Avenue and Azusa Avenue is complete. Improvements continue on San Gabriel Avenue with completion anticipated in May 2015, while improvement on Virginia Avenue will commence in April.

The bridges over Palm Drive and Citrus Ave are now complete, and progress continues on the bridges over Foothill Boulevard. Starting in late February 2014, the steel girders will be installed to make the deck of the bridges. For the safety of motorists, pedestrians and workers during the placement of the steel beams, traffic will be diverted around the work area. Some activities will require a full street closure (east and westbound); while others will require daily one-way closures with detours for six weeks (six weeks for eastbound, six weeks for westbound). Here are more details:

The first traffic closure will be a full weekend closure of both eastbound and westbound Foothill Blvd at the railroad bridges, in late-February 2014 (a second weekend closure may also be necessary). The lanes will be closed starting at approximately 9 PM on Friday night and work will continue around the clock until all of the large steel girders are in place. The street will reopen no later than 5 AM on Monday morning. The next set of closures will begin immediately after the street reopens on Monday morning, and include directional (one-way) street closures during "off-peak" commuting times. We will close eastbound lanes from 4 AM to 2 PM daily, for up to 6 weeks; and then westbound lanes from 9 AM to 10 PM daily, for up to 6 weeks. These closures are for the installation of smaller, steel beams that will comprise the bridge deck.

Once a date is finalized for the beginning of this phased work, a construction notice will be distributed and information sent out to all those registered to receive construction updates.

Finally, construction is now underway on Azusa's two stations: the Azusa-Downtown Station and Citrus College-APU Station. Construction on these stations and their associated parking facilities will be on-going through 2014.

**Don't be surprised by construction** - Sign-up to receive construction notifications to your cell phone by texting GOLDLINENEWS to 888777, or start receiving email updates by signing up at [www.foothillextension.org](http://www.foothillextension.org).

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