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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA ANNOUNCES HISTORIC BREAKTHROUGH ON THE EASTSIDE GOLD LINE

Mayor Villaraigosa, along with Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina, Los Angeles City Council member Jose Huizar and Metropolitan Transportation Authority Board members held a news conference today to announce the 1.7-mile tunnel breakthrough on the Eastside Gold Line Extension construction project.

After having burrowed a 1.7 mile eastbound tunnel from First and Boyle to First and Lorena streets, Mayor Villaraigosa along with other elected officials and transit leaders celebrated the breakthrough and arrival of the massive tunnel boring machine used to build the Eastside Light Rail.

The tunnel is part of a six mile extension of the MTA's Gold Line which will include eight new stations and stretch from Union Station in downtown Los Angeles through to Little Tokyo/Arts District, Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles.

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