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Safety Equipment Installation Begins on Expo Line

***Crews put in pedestrian and vehicle gates for gated crossings
between downtown and Culver City***

Los Angeles, CA (February 3, 2011) – Expo Line construction crews began installing components of pedestrian and vehicle crossing gates today, the first of many elements designed to help ensure the safety of motorists, pedestrians, cyclists and the more than 64,000 daily riders expected to use the light rail line by 2030.

Pedestrian crossing gates and vehicle crossing gate components, including crossing arm motors and intersection lights, will be installed over the next month. Crews are scheduled to return to the intersections to install crossing gate arms in the spring. The crossing gates are designed to alert pedestrians and motorists of approaching trains and prevent them from crossing the tracks until it is safe to do so. The same operational safeguards have been used on the Metro Gold Line, which has been providing transit service through residential communities and near schools since 2003, and is one of the safest light rail lines in the country.

“This is an important construction milestone that marks our commitment to safety. These pedestrian and vehicle crossing gates are some of the state-of-the-art safety features that will be implemented on the Expo Line,” said Richard D. Thorpe, Exposition Construction Authority CEO.

Construction on the first segment of the Expo Line, from downtown Los Angeles to Culver City, is 86 percent complete. Light rail vehicles will begin testing on the tracks in the spring, and a portion of the line is expected to open later this year.

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