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MAJOR CONSTRUCTION OF EXPO PHASE 2 NOW UNDERWAY WITH COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON THE CENTINELA BRIDGE

Construction of the Expo Phase 2 project reached a significant milestone with the start of major work on one of the key structures for the Expo Line, the Centinela Avenue Bridge. After several weeks of pre-construction activities, including excavation, grading and installation of k-rail for traffic control, Expo's contractor, Skanska-Rados Joint Venture, began drilling piling holes for construction of the bridge foundation.

"With bridge work now starting, we are well on our way to delivering this vital transit project," said Exposition Construction Authority CEO Rick Thorpe.

The next step in the construction process is building the footings, abutments and Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) walls for the structure. Once the foundation is set, the precast girders will be placed, and the bridge deck will be completed. Finally, tracks will be installed on the bridge. The Centinela Avenue Bridge will take approximately 12 months to complete, with work occurring during regular daytime hours.

More major work will soon begin on other key structures, including the Motor Avenue Bridge, the Sepulveda Boulevard Bridge and the Sepulveda Parking Structure. For questions regarding construction activities, please contact the Expo hotline at (213) 922-EXPO (3976) or visit www.buildexpo.org.

Service on Phase 1 of the Expo Line began in Spring 2012. Construction on Phase 2 is expected to be complete in late 2015. The Expo Line will bring greater mobility to the region by connecting west Los Angeles to the region's existing rail network. These communities are traditionally underserved by public transportation and among the most traffic-congested in the nation.



Top: Work crew assembling rebar cages

Middle: Drill rig drilling holes for CIDH (Cast-in-drilled-hole) piles

Bottom: Work crew drilling and setting rebar for CIDH piles



