

**METROLINK**



Dear Resident, Business and, Property Owner:

April 12, 2013

The City of Glendale Public Works Engineering Division and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (Metrolink) will be implementing the **Safety Enhancements at the Broadway / Brazil Street and Chevy Chase Drive At-grade Railroad Crossings**. The project consists of significant safety enhancements that are required to comply with the decision of the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) approving the Flower Street railroad crossing. In addition to roadway improvements, there are railroad safety improvements that are necessary in Metro's right of way for both crossings. Local, federal and State Proposition 1B grants will help fund the project.

#### **About the Project**

The purpose of the project is to upgrade the existing railroad crossings at Broadway / Brazil Street and at Chevy Chase Drive to enhance capacity and improve safety. In addition, the proposed improvements will comply with Metrolink's latest standards and guidelines for highway-rail at-grade crossings. Attached is a project location map.

The scope of work for each crossing is summarized as follows:

#### **Broadway-Brazil Street Crossing:**

1. Widen Broadway between Concord Street and the San Fernando Road West to increase roadway capacity and to accommodate truck turning maneuvers.
2. Install raised medians at the crossing to restrict drivers from circumventing the railroad gates.
3. Upgrade the lighting at the crossing to improve safety.
4. Modify the traffic signal at the San Fernando Road/Broadway intersection to improve traffic operations.
5. Prepare for future traffic signal installation at the West San Fernando Road/Brazil Street intersection by the City of Los Angeles.
6. Upgrade railroad crossing gates and signals.
7. Modify the San Fernando Road/Broadway intersection geometry as follows:
  - a. Widen the west side of San Fernando Road north of Broadway for a southbound right-turn lane.
  - b. Widen the north side of Broadway between San Fernando Road and Concord Street for a westbound right-turn lane.
  - c. Modify the curb return radii at the northeast and southeast corners of the San Fernando Road and Broadway intersection to shorten pedestrian crossing distances.

**Chevy Chase Drive Crossing:**

1. Install raised concrete median islands at the crossing to restrict drivers from circumventing the railroad gates.
2. Install pedestrian sidewalks including curb and gutter and accessible ramps.
3. Modify signing and striping on Chevy Chase Drive.
4. Upgrade railroad crossing gates and signals.

**Estimated Construction Schedule**

The project is scheduled to begin late April 2013 and be completed by early January 2014.

**Project Impact**

1. During construction, traffic may be delayed or detoured.
2. Parking may be temporarily prohibited.
3. Construction noise and dust will inevitably occur.
4. Access to some properties may be temporarily restricted.
5. Turning movements may be prohibited at intersections.
6. The railroad crossing at Broadway / Brazil Street and at Chevy Chase Drive will be alternately closed to vehicular traffic.

**Actions to Mitigate Construction Impacts**

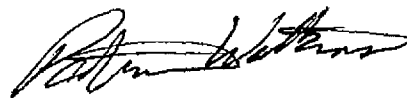
1. Maintain minimum one travel lane in each direction on San Fernando Road.
2. Restrict roadway construction from 7 am to 7 pm on weekdays with limited night time and weekend work by Metrolink at the railroad tracks.
3. Divide construction area into stages to reduce the overall impacts.
4. Peak-hour turning restrictions may be imposed as needed on San Fernando Road at side streets to discourage through traffic from using residential areas to circumvent congestion.

If you have technical questions regarding the construction project, please contact the project manager, Kim Chan at 909-394-3280, or [chank@scrra.net](mailto:chank@scrra.net). For project updates, please visit [http://www.scrra.net/metrolink\\_at\\_work/](http://www.scrra.net/metrolink_at_work/). For questions related to the project impacting Glendale residents, please contact Public Works Engineering at 818-548-3945. Additional project information may be found on the Glendale's Capital Improvement Projects page, [http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/public\\_works/CapitalImprovementProjects.aspx](http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/public_works/CapitalImprovementProjects.aspx).

Sincerely,



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# LOCATION MAP

## SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS AT THE BROADWAY-BRAZIL STREET AND CHEVY CHASE DRIVE AT-GRADE RAILROAD CROSSINGS

