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SUNDAY UPDATE #1

**MTA CONTINUES TO MONITOR TUNNEL SETTLEMENT;
HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD REMAINS CLOSED FROM CAHUENGA TO CHEROKEE**

The MTA continues to monitor slight settlement of subsurface soils around the Metro Red Line tunnel beneath Hollywood Boulevard near the intersection of Hudson Avenue.

The MTA has asked the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to keep a four-block area between Cahuenga Boulevard and Cherokee Avenue closed to traffic until further notice as a safety precaution while construction crews work to stabilize the Metro Red Line tunnel.

"There has been no collapse within the tunnel, nor is one expected," said Edward McSpedon, MTA executive officer, construction. "We believe the added bracing the construction crews are installing in the tunnel will prevent shifting of the tunnel liner and stabilize the soils surrounding the tunnel.

"It appears that the surface settlement has been caused by saturation of the soils from an unknown water source," McSpedon said. "We are aggressively working with DWP, City Sanitation Department and others to find the source and stop the influx of water."

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Metro Rail construction crews have completed installation of bracing in the most directly affected area near Hudson and are adding bracing east of Hudson as an extra margin of safety.

No pedestrian traffic is permitted until further notice from Hudson to Wilcox on the south side of Hollywood Boulevard or from Wilcox to Whitley on the north side of the street.

The residents of Hill View Apartments at 6531 Hollywood Blvd. were lodged overnight in area hotels. Today, the MTA has formed a team to work with the City Building and Safety Department to determine whether the residents can be allowed to return to their apartments or go back into the building to remove personal belongings. If necessary, the Red Cross will be asked to assist.

The Hollywood Boulevard water main remains shut off in a three-block area between Wilcox and Cherokee. DWP anticipates it will take about 72 hours to install emergency water lines to supply water to the area. Meantime, the DWP is making potable water from fire hydrants available to residents at four locations near Hudson.

MTA bus lines 1, 26, 180, 210, 212 are detoured around the affected area. Westbound lines are detoured at Vine Street south to Sunset Boulevard to La Brea and back to Hollywood Boulevard. East bound bus lines are detoured at La Brea to Sunset and back onto Hollywood.

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