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## MTA AWARDS THIRD MAJOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR PASADENA BLUE LINE

The MTA Board of Directors yesterday awarded the third major construction contract for the Pasadena Blue Line, a \$9 million series of projects for reconstruction and seismic retrofit of 13 bridges along the line's alignment.

Adams & Smith/Macias, JV of Orem, UT was the successful bidder for the contract, which calls for overhaul of the 10 concrete bridges along the I-210 Freeway, and three steel bridges along the Blue Line Alignment.

The Pasadena Blue Line will run north from Union Station in Los Angeles along the former Sante Fe right of way to Pasadena, where it turns east down the median of the 210 Freeway to Sierra Madre Villa.

The work entails modifying superstructures and foundations, and widening the Lake Avenue overcrossing to accommodate the planned Lake Avenue Station. Removal of existing rails, ties and ballast and relocation of street lights and signs also are included.

Construction of the Pasadena Blue Line began in April 1994, with the demolition of the old rail bridge over the Los Angeles River and construction of a new bridge. The second construction project was the reconstruction of the Arroyo Seco Bridge, with work beginning at the end of January 1995. The Pasadena Blue Line is projected, under the recently adopted 20-year Long Range Transportation Plan, to open in 2002.

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