

Construction Slated this Month for New Light-rail Maintenance-of-Way Building

(March 20) The MTA expects to begin construction this month on a new 23,000 square foot facility for maintenance of Metro Blue Line and Metro Green Line wayside equipment.

The \$3.8 million maintenance-of-way building, which should be completed late this year, will be located just west of the Rail Operations Center at Imperial and Wilmington, according to MTA Construction Manager Dave Compton.

Moving from temporary trailers

About 50 Wayside Systems employees who maintain light-rail tracks, traction power equipment and the right-of-way signal system will relocate to the building. For the past 10 years, the group has been working out of temporary trailers at Division 11, the Metro Blue Line yard.

The concrete block and steel building will house supervisors' offices and shops for repair and testing of electronics, traction power and signal equipment. The storage facility will include an automated carousel and rack system.

The building will have an employee lunch room, locker rooms, showers and training rooms. The site will provide a fenced and lighted parking area with a card-activated gate for employee cars and for maintenance vehicles.

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