



North Hollywood Extension to Link Riders to Growing List of Major Tourist Attractions

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(June 21) The number of major Southland tourist attractions accessible by rapid rail is about to grow with the June 24 opening of the Metro Red Line's North Hollywood extension.

The 6.3-mile addition will expand the Metro Rail system to nearly 60 miles and extend the reach of millions of Southern Californians and tourists to a host of "must see" attractions located within walking distance of three new Metro Red Line stations at Hollywood/Highland, Universal City and North Hollywood.

Located in the center of Hollywood, the Hollywood/Highland station sits at the doorstep of TrizecHahn's multi-million dollar entertainment and retail complex. When construction is completed, it will be the permanent site of the annual Academy Awards presentation, movie theaters, a hotel, stores and restaurants.

Chinese Theater and other venues

Nearby, stand Mann's Chinese Theatre, Egyptian Theater, El Capitan Theater, the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood Wax Museum, Hollywood Entertainment Museum, CrossRoads of the World and the Hollywood Bowl.

The entertainment value of the new subway extension doesn't stop there. The Universal City station is located across the street from the entrance to the Universal Studios complex which will

make Metro Rail a preferred mode of travel for many visitors to Universal Studios & Tours, CityWalk and the Universal Amphitheater.

Footsteps away from Universal City station is Campo de Cahuenga, the historic site where a Mexican commander signed documents capitulating to U.S. forces in 1847. A museum is located on the site.

The third in the trio of new Metro Red Line stations is the North Hollywood station which counts among its neighbors the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the Lankershim Art Center and the NoHo Arts District, which includes more than a dozen live theaters, restaurants and coffee houses.

Dozens of tourist attractions

Metro Rail already has proven to be an attractive way to access dozens of other tourist attractions in the Los Angeles area. The Metro Red Line provides convenient access to the Pantages Theater, Doolittle Theater, The Palace, Barnsdall Art Park, and the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Other popular destinations include the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles Central Library, the Bradbury Building, Garment District, Jewelry District, Little Tokyo, the Ahmanson Theater, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, the Mark Taper Forum, Angels Flight, Los Angeles Children's Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art, Grand Central Market, Chinatown, Olvera Street, Koreatown, and the Wiltern Theater.

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