

## **MTA Plans to Boost NoHo, Universal City Parking by 333 Spaces**

(Aug. 24) With commuters facing packed parking lots at the Metro Red Line's North Hollywood and Universal City stations, Transit Operations Chief Tom Conner presented a plan to the Board, Thursday, that would add a total of 333 parking spaces at the two stations.

The plan envisions construction of a temporary 205-space parking lot on a 5.5-acre parcel of MTA-owned property across from the North Hollywood station.

Conner estimated the cost of developing the lot at \$350,000 to \$500,000 over a two- to three-month period. The parcel includes a rail station once used by Pacific Electric Red Cars. Area residents have raised objections to this use of the historic site.

### **More spaces for cars**

Another 128 spaces would be gained primarily through restriping existing lots at a cost of about \$45,000. The project would add 74 spaces at North Hollywood and 33 spaces at Universal City. That station would gain another 21 spaces when construction of a freeway overpass is completed.

Currently, the North Hollywood lot has 847 spaces for vehicles. The Universal City lot had 250 spaces on opening day.

In addition to new parking spaces, the MTA's plans for accommodating rail commuters include installing more bike racks and lockers at the two stations, increasing parking lot enforcement, establishing taxi stands at the stations and posting signs at North Hollywood directing non-rail users to a nearby 63-space LADOT parking lot.

### **Ratchet up parking enforcement**

Conner proposed language for the Universal City parking lot signs that would warn non-rail users: "No Universal or Office Building Parking." And, while he said that would prevent some unauthorized parking, the transit chief said the MTA could "ratchet up enforcement step-by-step until we get good compliance at that lot."

The MTA still needs to perform some design work on the restriping plan, CEO Julian Burke reported, but intends to present the full plan for action at the Board's September meeting.

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