



## MAJOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

- **Construction Crews Closing Gap on Imperial Highway Overcrossing**

(Sept. 15) Construction crews are closing the final 110-foot gap in a massive four-lane bridge being built to span the Metro Blue Line tracks directly north of the Imperial/Rosa Parks station.

The vehicle flyover, scheduled to be completed by mid-2001, will be a major safety improvement in an area where commuter and freight trains, cars, trucks and buses all meet.

The Rosa Parks station, where the Metro Blue Line and Metro Green Line connect, is the busiest on the light-rail system. The station complex includes a large bus zone and patron park and ride lot. It also is the location of the MTA's Rail Operations Center and a Sheriff's station.

The MTA, the state, the county, and the City of Los Angeles are sharing the \$16.1 million cost of the project. Caltrans is responsible for construction of the 3,000-foot bridge, which will carry four lanes of east- and westbound traffic. The bridge will rise 29 feet, 10 inches above the Metro Blue Line tracks, providing room for trains and electrical power lines.

To accommodate the placement of girders and precast concrete beams, Thursday night, the tracks between the 103rd Street and Compton stations were taken out of service. A bus bridge was set up for patrons between 9 p.m. and 3:30 a.m., Friday.

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