

## NoHo Temporary Parking Lot to Open Monday Morning

(Feb. 7) Barely two months after construction began, the MTA will open a temporary parking lot, early Monday, to serve commuters at the Metro Red Line's North Hollywood station.

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The 2.67-acre lot, across Lankershim Boulevard from the subway station and adjacent to the historic Southern Pacific and Pacific Electric Railway depot, will add 186 parking slots to the existing 915 spaces, for a total of 1,101.

The temporary lot will be officially opened during a brief ceremony at 7:30 a.m. Scheduled to attend are Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, MTA Construction Chief Charles Stark, Transit Operations Chief Tom Conner and Guy Weddington McCreary of the Universal City-North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

Since the North Hollywood station opened in June, 2000, the original lot has been jammed almost every weekday by commuters who shun their cars in favor of fast, convenient service to Hollywood, downtown LA and points between.

In addition to constructing the temporary parking lot, the MTA and the Community Redevelopment Agency plan to restore the 105-year-old rail depot for commercial use. At the request of the community, the MTA trimmed back the number of parking spaces from a planned 218 to 186 to preserve an old section of track.

Meanwhile, construction on the 101 Freeway overcrossing adjacent to the Universal City subway station continues. Completion of the project early next fall will add 165 more slots to that station's usually crowded parking lot, bringing the total to 555.

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