

City Council Calls for Completion of Pasadena Blue Line

(Nov. 1, 2001) The Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously, Wednesday, to urge the California Public Utilities Commission to permit the Pasadena Blue Line Construction Authority to continue construction of the 13.7-mile light-rail line.



Since this photo was taken of workers installing reinforcing steel in early October, the concrete for the deck has been poured. This section from Union Station to North Spring Street in Chinatown is essentially complete.

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Residents along portions of the line had asked the CPUC to force the Authority to build the line below or above grade at certain intersections. The Authority has said such a plan could halt construction of the \$700 million project and delay the 2003 opening date.

The City Council asked the CPUC to grant final approval for grade crossings along the full length of the line and to expedite the approval process. Six stations along the line will be within Los Angeles' city limits.

"We now need to move forward and make a statement as a city that rail is important to Los Angeles," said Councilman Ed Reyes, who represents the area adjacent to the rail line. "I daresay that not completing this line could very well jeopardize other rail lines, including the ones on the Eastside and along Exposition Boulevard." Source: City News Service

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