

Metro Green Line Repairs to be Finished a Week Early

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(April 19, 2002) A planned 23-day construction project to modify the track structure for the Metro Green Line tracks at the Harbor Freeway station will be completed one week early, allowing a return to normal service effective Monday, April 22.



▲ Construction crew members work to modify the Metro Green Line tracks at the Harbor Freeway station.

"This is good news for our passengers who have been very patient through two weeks of construction," said Board Chairman John Fasana. "They endured a longer commute without complaint while we completed a very necessary repair project."

"In addition, Metro Builders & Engineers Group, LTD, our rail and bus operations staff, maintenance of way personnel, and station attendants are to be congratulated for a job well done," he added. "This was the first time MTA has had to impact peak hour service with a project of this magnitude, and their professionalism kept the amount of inconvenience to our passengers to a minimum."

Over time, ground settlement at the Harbor Fwy. Station caused a slight depression of two inches at three locations of the track structure.

This condition made it necessary for MTA to create and adjust a temporary support system until a more permanent solution could be devised. The integrity of the station, itself, was not compromised by the problem, nor was passenger safety placed at risk.

The repair work got underway April 6. Crews removed existing concrete slabs under the tracks at the three locations and replaced the slabs with concrete railroad ties and gravel ballast. In the event of additional settlement, the MTA will be able to adjust the track surface with minimal service impacts.

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