

Metro Gold Line Construction Proceeding after PUC Decision

(May 30, 2002) With the recent favorable ruling by the California Public Utilities Commission, construction on the Metro Gold Line to Pasadena is proceeding rapidly with just 13 months to go before its opening in July 2003.

The rail line is "a little better than 50 percent complete," according to a construction authority official.

The Chinatown aerial structure, which rises just northwest of MTA Headquarters, is virtually complete and crews are laying track along the guideway, as well as elsewhere along the 13.6-mile line.

In August, the construction authority plans to begin running test trains on tracks laid in the median of the 210 Freeway.

Construction at 21 rail crossings was interrupted for four months while the PUC pondered whether to require the construction authority to build above-ground or below-ground structures. On May 16, the commission decided that construction could proceed as planned at those intersections.

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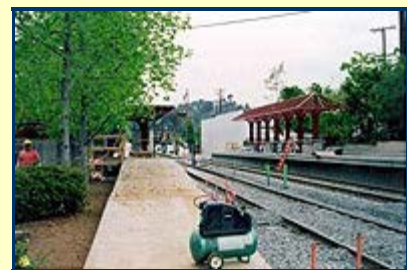
Construction workers tie reinforcing steel for the emergency walkway on the Chinatown aerial structure.



Plastic covers a freshly painted structure on the station platform at the Sierra Madre Villa station.



Crews work on the track installation in the north portal of the Figueroa grade separation.



The roof of the canopy at Mission station in South Pasadena will be finished with copper shingles within the next week.