

MTA Closing NoHo Lot to House Construction Staging Area

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(July 11, 2003) MTA will close the overflow parking lot adjacent to the North Hollywood Metro station, effective July 26, to accommodate a construction staging area for the San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway.

The 198-space parking lot at the northwest corner of Lankershim and Chandler boulevards is the future terminal station and bus turnaround of the Rapidway, scheduled to open in 2005.

Commuter parking at the lot was always intended to be temporary, and its closure is required for MTA to begin construction of the 14-mile busway connecting North Hollywood and Warner Center.

Patrons will be able to park at a larger, 325-space county-owned lot near the Universal City station, only a three-minute walk away. Metro Bus lines 152, 154, 156, 166 and 426 also serve the station.

MTA and the City of Los Angeles are exploring additional parking for Metro Red Line commuters in North Hollywood. There are about 900 parking spaces in the main parking lot.

When open in 2005, the San Fernando Valley Metro Rapidway will provide more than 3,000 parking spaces at five stations between North Hollywood and Woodland Hills.

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