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## Paid Permit Parking Offered, April 1, at Valley Metro Rail Stations

- 25 spaces each at NoHo, Universal City stations

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(March 23, 2004) Effective April 1, Metro will convert 25 parking spaces at both the North Hollywood and Universal City Metro Red Line stations to paid permit parking.

The limited conversion is intended to help manage demand for parking which during the week exceeds capacity at the two stations. The North Hollywood station has a total of 919 parking spaces and the Universal City station has 555.

A monthly parking permit will cost \$39, plus a one-time processing fee of \$4.95. Permits are renewed automatically through the Metro.net website until cancelled by the user.

The paid parking permits may be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis at [www.Parkmetro.net](http://www.Parkmetro.net). A permit will be sent by mail. Applications also can be made via telephone by calling 1-800-997-0197.

## Demand meets the threshold

"Last July, the MTA Board approved a policy under which a limited number of spaces at Metro Rail stations could be set aside for guaranteed parking if demand at those stations regularly exceeds capacity," says CEO Roger Snoble. "Demand at the North Hollywood and Universal City Metro Red Line stations certainly meets that threshold."

Spaces set aside for paid permit parking will be painted green and will include signs designating them as "paid permit parking only." Permit holders will not be assigned a specific space and may use any of the green spaces.

Spaces will be available to permit holders from 4 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., working weekdays only. Paid permit spaces not filled by 10:30 a.m. will be open to all Metro patrons at no charge.

The number of permits issued will not exceed the number of available green spaces at each location. Permits purchased for parking at one Metro Rail station are not valid at the other station.

Rail systems in several major U.S. cities have instituted limited paid parking at stations where demand exceeds capacity. These include New York MTA, MBTA (Boston), CTA (Chicago), WMATA (Washington, D.C.), MARTA (Atlanta), MTA/SDTI (San Diego Trolley), and BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit).

