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A cluster of palm trees in this architect's rendering of a proposed hotel/apartment complex marks the entrance to the Hollywood/Vine Metro Rail station. A luxury W hotel, shops and restaurants will surround the subway entrance plaza.



Apartment and condominium residences top a row of shops and restaurants along Vine Street and Selma Avenue in this architect's rendering of the proposed Hollywood/Vine development.

Board OKs Plans for Hollywood/Vine Transit Center Complex

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(April 2, 2004) Plans for a huge transit-oriented hotel and apartment complex at the Hollywood/ Vine Metro Rail station took a major step, last week, with MTA Board approval of the developer's concept.

The development, which will dominate almost an entire city block in the heart of Hollywood, will include a 13-story condominium building, a 10-story luxury W hotel and a five-story apartment building all surrounding the Metro Red Line plaza.

At street level, the complex will have a 45,000-square foot grocery store and 67,000 square feet of space for stores and restaurants. There will be a 1,160-space below-ground parking lot and a Metro layover facility with bus parking and a lounge for operators.

The proposed development drew approval from Hollywood's "honorary mayor" Johnny Grant, who said the area needs an anchor. TV talk show host Jimmy Kimmel, Hollywood High School Principal Fonna Bishop and dozens of others who attended the Board meeting also supported the development.

Metro Red Line entrance

The development will sit on 4.3 acres surrounding the entrance to the Metro Red Line. The block is bounded by Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street, Argyle Avenue on the east and Selma Avenue on the south. A total of 2.8 acres is owned by MTA.

The deal includes a land swap in which MTA will exchange its interests in 1.09 acres of airspace above the condo parcel and subterranean rights

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below the condo parking facility for 1.47 acres of land along Vine.

Once completed, the development will feature 300 hotel rooms, 262 apartments and 96 condos. Hotel guests will enter through a motor court driveway off Argyle. Apartment and condo residents will enter through lobbies on Vine and at the corner of Argyle and Selma.

The Taft Building, which has long stood at the southeast corner of Hollywood and Vine will remain and is not part of the development.

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