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Suddenly, Development Blooms at Metro Rail Stations

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(April 23, 2004) After years of lying dormant, Metro Rail stations and the areas around them recently have become fertile ground for housing and retail developments.

Four such transit-oriented developments made news this month – Alvarado Station at Westlake/MacArthur Park, Metro Hollywood Apartments at Hollywood/Western, Wilshire/Vermont Station at the Wilshire/Vermont subway stop and a hotel, apartment, condominium and retail complex at the Hollywood/Vine station.

McCormack Baran Salazar, Inc., the firm that built the development at Hollywood/Western also is responsible for the newly-approved development at Westlake/MacArthur Park.

The developer of Wilshire/Vermont Station also is building a similar project at the Metro Gold Line Del Mar station in Pasadena.

And a fourth firm is converting a former high-rise office building at the intersection of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue into housing units to take advantage of Metro Bus and Metro Rail connections.