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Groundbreaking for Transit-Oriented Housing in Lincoln Heights

(June 23, 2004) Transit-oriented housing development got another boost, Tuesday, with the groundbreaking for a 500-unit apartment complex near the Metro Gold Line's Lincoln Heights/Cypress Park station.

The \$100 million complex ultimately will include 500 units, most of which are intended for low- and very low-income seniors and families. The development is at Avenue 26, just two Metro Gold Line stops north of Union Station.

"By locating near the Gold Line, the people that live here will not only have an easier time getting to work," said Mayor James Hahn, "all Los Angeles residents will benefit through fewer cars on the road and less pollution in the air."

The project will be built on the former site of a pottery and furniture company. It will include a senior complex to be called Camino al Oro (Road to the Gold), a family complex called Tesoro del Valle (Treasure of the Valley) and a condominium complex. The Flores del Valle (Flowers of the Valley) family apartments will include a childcare facility.

"When we opened the Gold Line, we essentially linked this community to existing MTA rail lines that traverse Los Angeles County," said Los Angeles City Councilman Ed Reyes. "By creating housing at these rail lines, we are stepping into the future of housing for Los Angeles."

Amcal Diversified Corp. and Amcal Multi-Housing Inc. are building the housing development. -- *From City News Service*