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Board Action Update: Construction Projects Advance

(Sept. 1, 2004) Planned construction projects at three operating divisions took a significant step ahead in August with action by the Board of Directors.

Division 9 offices

The biggest of the three projects will be a three-story, 41,891-square foot building to house the Division 9 transportation staff, the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector office and a substation for Sheriff's deputies.

Under the supervision of Metro's Facilities Operations Department, construction of the transportation building is scheduled to begin in December and completed in March 2006.

The new building is the first phase of a master plan that calls for construction of a new Division 9 maintenance building, improvements to the El Monte Transit Center and expansion of parking to accommodate about 300 CNG buses.

Division 4 project

The Board also advanced plans to expand Non-Revenue Division 4 by constructing a new repair building with two vehicle maintenance bays, office and storage space, and a new automatic car washer capable of handling an average of 40 cars a day.

An adjacent vacant parcel north of the division will be cleared, paved and striped to expand non-revenue vehicle parking from 258 to 500 spaces. The project, also under the supervision of the Facilities Operations Department, is scheduled to begin in October and completed in May 2005.

Metro Green Line project

The Board approved a budget of \$3.4 million to construct a vehicle cleaning – or "blow-down" – facility at Metro Green Line Division 22 in Lawndale.

The 3,500 square foot building will accommodate one light-rail car. With construction of the "blow-down" facility, Metro Green Line cars can be cleaned at their own division, rather than transferring them to Metro Blue Line Division 11.