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Crews Hurry to Complete Orange Line Work On Time

(Sept. 10, 2004) Construction on the Metro Orange Line is getting back to normal as work crews hurry to complete construction of busy intersections and other areas affected by the 23-day court-ordered work stoppage.

Contractor Shimmick/Obayashi is about 65 percent re-mobilized, according to Construction Manager Mark Van Gessel, and should be back to full strength in the next several weeks. Metro Construction is working closely with the contractor to overcome the four-month delay caused by the work suspension and other setbacks, including the requirement to remove contaminated earth from some areas along the right-of-way.

In the meantime, construction is proceeding on the transitway, the bike and pedestrian path and on the station platforms.

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A compactor compresses the newly laid asphalt on the transitway at the Woodman Avenue crossing.



Construction workers tend a paving machine laying a new surface where the Metro Orange Line crosses Woodman Avenue near Oxnard Street in Van Nuys.



Steam rises from fresh asphalt as a paving machine lays a new road surface on Woodman Avenue near Oxnard Street in Van Nuys.



- Photos by Ned Racine

A worker throws chunk of sidewalk into the blade of a bulldozer during the reconstruction of a customer parking lot south of the transitway at Woodman Avenue in Sherman Oaks.



A bulldozer hauls material from a trench in a parking lot just east of the newly paved Woodman Avenue in Sherman Oaks. The parking lot will serve businesses south of the transitway.



A worker hoses down dust kicked up by a bulldozer shifting dirt during construction of a customer parking lot south of the transitway at Woodman Avenue in Sherman Oaks.

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