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Metro Orange Line

COUNTDOWN

From left, Metro CEO Roger Snoble, Los Angeles City Council Members Tom LaBonge and Wendy Greuel, and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky review construction progress on the Metro Orange Line at news conference held at the construction site of the Laurel Canyon Station in North Hollywood Jan. 31.



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Metro Orange Line enters the homestretch

- [No further court delays anticipated:](#) COST Drops Lawsuit Against Metro Orange Line Construction
- [Status of construction:](#) Feb. 1, 2005

(Feb. 1, 2005) Under the newly-installed frame of the Metro Orange Line's signature canopy, officials and community leaders held a news conference to mark a milestone as construction of the \$330 million, 14-mile transitway reaches the halfway mark. When it opens for service in September, super-sized Metro Liner buses will traverse the exclusive transitway that links the North Hollywood Metro Rail Station and Warner Center in the West San Fernando Valley.

Status as of Feb. 1, 2005:

- All construction scope of work is approximately 60 percent
- Work at 31 major intersections is approximately 75 percent complete:
 - 23 are complete enough for full flow automobile traffic
 - 5 are currently underway (Winnetka, Wilbur, Hazeltine, Chandler North,

Coldwater)

- 3 remain to be started (Reseda, Tyrone and Burbank/Fulton)
- Construction has commenced at all 13 stations and is approximately 5 percent complete:
 - Canopies erected at Laurel Canyon and Valley College Stations and soon will be installed at DeSoto Station
 - Platforms completed or underway at 12 stations.
- Soundwall construction is approximately 20 percent complete:
 - On the west end, between Variel and Victory/Topham is 90 percent complete
 - On the west end, between Victory/Topham and White Oak is 65 percent complete
- Rough and fine grading is approximately 55 percent complete.
- Busway paving is approximately 40 percent complete. Bikepath has been paved from Variel to Mason (approximately 3 percent)
- Landscaping has commenced on the east end.
- Acceleration Agreement is now signed:
 - First Major Completion Milestone is April 2005 to allow access to follow-on Universal Fare System Contractor (UFS) for preparation of area for installation of some Ticket Vending Machines and Stand Alone Validators
 - Contractor to commence extended work week and additional hours per day (60-hour work week)

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