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Work underway in the shop at Division 7 to replace the hoists.



Division 7: Getting Better in West Hollywood

By JODY LITVAK

(March 2, 2005) West Hollywood Division 7 is undergoing a major facelift. In December, work began on improvements to the transportation building and the maintenance yard.

The transportation building will be updated and the space made more functional. This includes new interior layouts for operator and administration areas, along with new ceiling, flooring and lighting.

"We really need this," commented Division Transportation Manager Yvonne Brewer-Smith. "The last time this facility had major renovations was over 25 years ago. It's time."



Crew digs up the old pavement in the Division 7 yard.

During part of the work, temporary trailers will be set-up for operators in the surface parking lot at the division.

"It will be difficult for a while but we'll get through it with everyone's cooperation, and a little good humor" said Brewer-Smith.

Many aspects of the shop and yard are outdated and in need of modernization. Work has already begun to replace the hoists in the shop.

Pavement in the yard is being torn-up and replaced and there will also be a new tire shop, installation of a modular office building, improvements to fencing around the CNG compound and conversion and expansion of service bays to accommodate articulated buses.

Maintenance Manager Ron Whitney will have to keep the work flowing at the division while the construction work takes place in phases.

"It's a challenge but we are all looking forward to the end product," he said.