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Board Adds Funds to Non-Revenue Division 4 Expansion Project

- Construction should be completed in December

(April 7, 2005) The Board of Directors increased funding in March for a planned expansion, including construction of a new repair building, at Non-Revenue Division 4 in Downey.

The Board's action increased the Life of Project budget by \$910,000 to \$2.5 million to reflect construction contractor bids.

With the planned expansion, Division 4 will accommodate more vehicles and repair activities required for Metro to centralize maintenance of all non-revenue vehicles at one location.

Relocation and centralization of these vehicles is the first of several relocation projects required to support the planned closure of Metro's South Park facility.

More maintenance bays

Plans call for building a new repair structure with additional maintenance bays and a new car wash. An adjacent Metro-owned lot will be paved for parking and storage of additional non-revenue vehicles.

Facilities-Operations plans to award a construction contract in July and expects that construction will be completed in December. A contract was awarded in January for clearing, paving and striping the adjacent parcel.

Employees at Division 4 currently repair and maintain some 250 Metro cars and trucks not used in revenue service. That number would double to about 500 after the expansion.

In addition to the maintenance facilities at Division 4, the Gateway Cities Service Sector offices also are located on the property.