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Work Begins on New Orange Line Station in West Valley

(April 6, 2006) Grading has begun on a 1/3-mile extension of the Metro Orange Line north of Warner Center in the west San Fernando Valley.

The extension, which will branch off the transitway at Victory Boulevard and Variel Avenue, will end at a new Orange Line station and 588-space parking lot to be constructed along Canoga Avenue just north of Victory.

The new station and triangle-shaped parking lot, scheduled to open in December, will be the last Orange Line stop before buses turn south to make the return loop at Warner Center. A Rocketdyne facility once occupied the site.

A \$13.7million contract awarded to Sully-Miller Contracting Co. of Anaheim, calls for widening Canoga Avenue north of Victory. Part of the street will be closed starting Friday for demolition of sidewalks and other structures.

Once the parking lot is completed, says Project Manager Roger Dames, Metro also will have to make some changes in the traffic signals at intersections near Warner Center to accommodate Orange Line buses.

Metro also owns property on the northeast corner of Canoga Avenue and VanOwen Street, just north of the current construction site, which could accommodate a 228-space future parking lot expansion if passenger demand justifies, says Dames.