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Metro Orange Line to Undergo Pavement Repairs Beginning Tuesday, Dec. 12

 Service to be detoured off transitway in North Hollywood, with service delays of up to 5 minutes anticipated for approximately two weeks

By DAVE SOTERO

(December 8, 2006) Beginning Tuesday, December 12, Metro will begin repaving a portion of roadway on the Metro Orange Line in North Hollywood that is showing signs of wear. Metro Orange Line buses will be detoured off the transitway onto Chandler Boulevard between Tujunga Boulevard and Fulton Avenue, and again onto Fulton Avenue between Chandler Boulevard and Burbank Boulevard for approximately two weeks.

Work is being performed now to enable Metro's construction contractor to complete repairs prior to the start of winter rains to prevent further deterioration. Existing pavement conditions do not, however, pose a safety risk to Metro Orange Line riders.

Metro will ensure that all repairs are made with the least possible impact to Metro Orange Line customers and surrounding community. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all intersections throughout the course of work. However, the Laurel Canyon and eastbound-only Valley College Station stops will be temporarily relocated, and minor travel time delays of up to five minutes may be encountered.

Traffic at Ethel Avenue, Chandler Boulevard North and Bellaire Avenue intersections will be affected by operation of on-street buses and construction activity. Additionally, these intersections will be closed for brief periods during daylight hours.

Work will involve grinding away the top layers of paving material, recompacting soils and asphalt, re-striping transitway and pedestrian crossings and re-installing traffic signal detector loops.

Hours of work will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday except in certain locations on Friday evening, where will work will end by sundown in observance of the Jewish Sabbath.

Metro will be distributing construction notices to affected residents and adjacent businesses in advance of construction. Signage will be posted at stations advising patrons of construction work and temporary stop locations. Additionally, agency staff will be made available at relocated stations to help patrons in need of assistance.

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