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Looking northeast, this aerial photo shows the six-story complex surrounding the Wilshire/Vermont Station. The complex features 449 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments, shops and restaurants and a new subway entrance.



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Two Metro Red Line Stations Witness Remarkable Changes

By NED RACINE

(May 10, 2007) The Wilshire/Vermont and Hollywood/Vine Red Line stations are witnessing remarkable changes in their respective neighborhoods.

The new Wilshire Vermont Station complex will sit directly over the Wilshire/Vermont station. The six-story complex incorporates a new station entrance, as well as 449 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments, shops and restaurants. The complex also includes two three-story underground garages flanking the subway station.

According to Greg Angelo, director of real property management and development, the complex will open this summer. Ground was broken on the housing and retail project on



A bus shelter evoking Grauman's Chinese Theater lies in pieces at the street-level entrance to the Hollywood/Vine station. Artist Gilbert Lujan's pieces, including a stretch

April 23, 2004.

Demolition continues over and around the Hollywood/Vine station, in preparation for construction of one of the largest mixed-use, transit-oriented developments in Los Angeles.

Groundbreaking for that \$600 million project occurred Feb. 12, with completion estimated for the second quarter of 2009. Street level elements of the station will be demolished, with transit plaza improvements to come later.

The project will include a 305-room luxury W Hotel, 143 W Residences, 375 rental apartments (including 78 affordable units) and approximately 50,000 square feet of retail space.



With Peter Shire's *Los Angeles Seen* (1996) in the foreground, the south side of the Wilshire Vermont Station complex nears completion. Looking east, this photograph shows the temporary entrance on the left. In the background the Los Angeles Unified School District is building a middle school.

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limousine, the Brown Derby Restaurant, and a theater marquee are being demolished to allow construction of one of Los Angeles' largest mixed-use, transit-oriented developments.



The new entrance to the Wilshire/Vermont Station. Below, workers attach one-inch stainless steel mesh to the permanent entrance of the Wilshire/Vermont station.

