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Event Marks Beginning of Expo Line Heavy Construction



(August 10, 2007) The start of heavy construction on the Exposition Line was marked, Friday, with a media event that drew a gaggle of local media to the construction site near USC. LA City Councilwoman Jan Perry, who heads the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority, kicked off the event and introduced speakers that included Metro Board Chair Pam O'Connor, Councilman Bernard Parks, Assemblyman Mike Davis, County Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky and Yvonne Braithwaite Burke, LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Culver City Mayor Alan Corlin and Expo Line CEO Rick Thorpe. Construction workers for the contractor, FCI/Fluor/Parsons operating a special drilling rig, dig 30-foot holes along the Expo Line alignment in preparation for excavation of a 2,700-foot long, 25-foot deep trench. The trench will parallel Exposition Boulevard between Flower Street and Pardee Way on the USC campus. Open to the sky except where it passes beneath intersections, it will be constructed wide enough to accommodate two train tracks.



• Photos by Juan Ocampo

The contractor expects to complete the project in about 18 months. The opening of the \$640 million Exposition Line is planned for 2010.