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Historic NoHo Train Depot Will Become A Groundwork Coffee Shop

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The depot in 1952 (Photo via the Metro Library Flickr Archive)

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train depot in North Hollywood.

[Groundwork Coffee](#) has been expanding all over Los Angeles, with a recent shop in Larchmont Village and outposts in downtown Los Angeles, Venice, Hollywood, Santa Monica. Now, Groundwork has plans to move into a train depot in North Hollywood that's over a century old, [according to Eater LA](#). The shop should be serving up lattes and more by April. The depot is located near Lankershim and Chandler boulevards, and is a protected historical monument. It opened in the 1890s and served Toluca, which was later called Lankershim, then North Hollywood, [according to North Hollywood-Toluca Lake Patch](#).

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority has owned the depot since the 1990s, and the agency announced plans to restore it in 2000. The first phase [began in March of 2012](#), and included asbestos removal. What exactly the depot would become was up in the air for over a decade. A restaurant and a sheriff's station were both considered, [according to Patch](#).

Last year, more work was done on the station. According to L.A. County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky via a release, it was "seismically upgraded, fully repaired and revitalized to its original luster with an authentic period paint scheme," [KPCC reports](#).

According to [Metro](#), Groundwork has signed on for a 10-year [lease](#), with a possible 5-year extension.



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