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**MTA BOARD AWARDS \$124.4 MILLION CONTRACT
FOR METRO RAIL TUNNEL TO SAN FERNANDO VALLEY**

The MTA Board voted today to award a \$124.4 million contract for construction of the Metro Red Line subway tunnels that will connect Hollywood and Universal City.

Traylor Bros./Frontier-Kemper Joint Venture of Pleasanton, Calif., was the lowest responsive bidder at \$124,421,000. Tutor-Saliba-Perini & Buckley of Sylmar was next lowest bidder with a quote of \$124,727,000. Both contractors met the MTA's disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal of 15 percent. Three other bidders did not meet the DBE goals.

The Board's vote included an amendment to the original motion requiring the Metro Rail Construction Unit to make quarterly reports to the MTA Board on potential environmental impacts of the tunnelling project.

The total expected expenditure for the contract, including an \$12.4 million reserve fund, is \$136,863,000.

The scope of work for the job includes excavating twin 12,300-foot tunnels from Universal City under the Santa Monica Mountains to Hollywood, excavating a rail crossover structure site at Universal City and finishing other structures and cross passages.

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