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PASADENA BLUE LINE TO GET \$48.5 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS

The California Transportation Commission today approved \$48.5 million to allow for completion of activities now in process for the Pasadena Blue Line.

The funds will be used for the rehabilitation of bridges, for the final design work on the rail line, and for the design and construction of the Pasadena Transportation Center.

"This money allows us to finish work that has already begun," said Larry Zarian, MTA Chairman. "The actual date for completion of the Pasadena Blue Line still has to be determined by the Board, but this is an important step towards keeping the project on schedule and within budget."

The total cost for the Pasadena Blue Line is budgeted at \$803.9 million. To date, \$174.4 million has been spent on the project.

So far, 80 percent of the design work and approximately 8 percent of the construction on the new line has been completed.

The Pasadena Transportation Center, which will be supported with these funds, is a joint project between the MTA and the City of Pasadena. It will include bus bays, parking facilities, and bicycle access.

In granting the \$48.5 million, the State Commissioners pointed out that the MTA has "a commitment with the State of California to complete the Pasadena Blue Line expeditiously and cost-effectively."

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