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MTA BULLETIN:

UPDATE ON WATER LINE BREAK AT INTERSECTION OF
HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD AND ARGYLE AVENUE

MTA construction crews working to locate utility lines at a previously closed section of Argyle Avenue in Hollywood exposed pre-existing cracks in an 8-inch water line at the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard about 4:45 a.m., today. Water from the exposed pipe began fountaining into the street.

The LA DWP was immediately alerted and responded to the scene. Crews shut off the 24-inch water main on Hollywood Boulevard at 8:30 a.m. DWP inspectors said the 8-inch pipe, installed in the 1920s, had existing cracks which began to leak as construction crews worked nearby.

DWP reported to the MTA that water service should be restored by noon. The water from the break was diverted into two large catch basins on the north side of Hollywood Boulevard. These catch basins empty into the storm drains. A storm drain man hole also was opened to receive the overflow water.

The section of Argyle between Yucca and Hollywood already had been closed to permit excavation and construction of the Hollywood/Vine Metro Red Line station. No through traffic has been permitted for some time, only local access to parking lots, which is not affected by this situation.

The MTA contractor, Kajima-Ray Wilson, has been drilling holes for soldier piles in preparation for the installation of decking on Hollywood Boulevard.

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A subway tunnel crew supervisor was sent into the tunnel at 7 a.m., today, and has reported no intrusion of water. The MTA will continue to monitor the tunnel. Support columns and other reinforcing materials are available for use in the tunnel, if necessary.

Repairs to the 8-inch line can now begin, but a DWP spokesperson told the MTA that the agency has not yet determined the number of customers that will be affected by the water line break.

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