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FACT SHEET METRO RED LINE WILSHIRE/WESTERN STATION

The Wilshire/Western station, scheduled to open in 1996, will be the terminal station on the Wilshire branch of the Metro Red Line. Located on the northeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Western Avenue, the station is approximately 95 percent complete.

The station features a 20,000 square foot (.5 acres), landscaped entrance plaza with escalators and an elevator. A stainless steel tower topped with the MTA's red logo will mark the station. The site includes an MTA bus plaza (1.1 acres) with layover capacity for 17 buses, and a parking lot.

The station interior design will include two large (51' by 10') ceramic tile murals on the end walls. Artist Richard Wyatt's works are titled, "People Coming" and "People Going." The murals depict members of Los Angeles' diverse community.

The Wilshire/Western station is expected to serve almost 17,000 daily passengers when the subway system is completed. The 2-mile Wilshire branch line will include stations at Vermont and Normandie avenues.

OTHER FACTS:

Prime Contractor:	Tutor/Saliba-Perini
Construction Cost:	\$185 million
Station Length:	899 feet
Station Width:	60 feet
Station Depth:	53 feet
Platform Length:	450 feet
Track Crossover Area:	372 feet

Immediately upon opening in 1996, passengers boarding at Wilshire/Western can travel to seven other Metro Red Line stations. Those stations are located at Wilshire/Normandie, Wilshire/Vermont, Wilshire/Alvarado (MacArthur Park), 7th and Flower streets (Metro Blue Line connection), Pershing Square, Civic Center and Union Station.

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