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TRACK TO THE STARS

These tunnel rail line workers are helping lay the tracks and foundation for an expected second Golden Age of Hollywood Boulevard, a transformation set to begin in late 1998 when the 4.5-mile extension of the MTA's Metro Red Line subway from Wilshire and Vermont to the world famous Hollywood and Vine opens to the public. The new extension of the Metro Red Line, featuring stations on Vermont at Beverly, Santa Monica, Sunset as well as on Hollywood Boulevard at Western and Vine will make it much easier for millions of visitors from around the globe to visit the film capital of the world, improve transit services for Los Angeles residents, plus attract retail development. In this photo, workers insert wooden forms that will become pliths on which the rail will rest and be bolted into after concrete is poured and hardens. By the year 2005, ridership on the Metro Red Line, which by that time will extend to North Hollywood from Union Station in Downtown, will average 297,000 passengers a day.

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