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## **MTA TO REOPEN HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD BETWEEN VINE STREET AND GOWER STREET FOLLOWING 24-DAY AROUND-THE-CLOCK RESTORATION**

MTA announced that Hollywood Boulevard between Vine and Gower will be reopened to traffic starting by noon Saturday, October 4, marking the end of restoration of the 3-block long section which began September 11.

The restoration work included the removal of 900 concrete mats which served collectively as a temporary road since construction of the 4.5 mile Vermont/Hollywood Extension of the Metro Red Line subway began 3½ years ago. Workers put in more than 37,000 hours on the restoration job which also included the removal of 67 steel beams weighing 3.24 million pounds, the pouring of 3,300 tons of street pavement and the installation of 2,000 cubic yards of concrete pavement, curbs, gutters and bus pads.

"We are grateful to the boulevard merchants and nearby residents who have endured considerable inconvenience during construction of what will be one of the region's most important transportation links," said MTA Interim CEO Julian Burke. "When the Metro Red Line begins operating through Hollywood in December of 1998, I'm confident all will agree that this model of safe, clean and efficient transportation will bring great benefit to the community."

The project was undertaken on an around-the-clock basis to avoid a protracted restoration which would have taken at least 80 days and nights to complete.

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