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Work Slated for Key San Fernando Valley Locations to Support Construction of Metro Orange Line

- [Encino](#), beginning Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004
- [Woodland Hills](#), beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004
- [Van Nuys](#), beginning Saturday, February 21, 2004

(Los Angeles) - Work is due to begin at several San Fernando Valley locations as part of construction of the Metro Orange Line, a 14-mile busway that is due to begin service from Warner Center to the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station in August 2005.

The work at these locations will include excavation of existing intersections, installation of underground electrical lines, grading repaving, restriping, resetting intersection timing and construction of new curbs, gutters and crosswalks. The schedule is as follows:

Encino, beginning Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004 - Reconstruction of a portion of Lindley Avenue between Oxnard Street and Topham Street. The work is expected to last for approximately three to five months and typically is expected to take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Occasional night work may take place between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. At least one lane in each direction will be open at all times. Rain may delay the construction schedule.

Woodland Hills, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004 - Reconstruction of a portion of De Soto Avenue just North of Victory Boulevard. The work is expected to last for approximately three to five months and typically is expected to take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nighttime construction is currently planned between 7 p.m. Feb. 24 and 7 a.m. February 25 and occasionally thereafter as required. At least one lane in each direction will be open at all times.

Van Nuys, beginning Saturday, February 21, 2004 - Reconstruction of a portion of Vesper Avenue between Bessemer Street and Aetna Street. The work is expected to last approximately five weeks and typically is expected to take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. To accomplish this work as quickly as possible, this portion of Vesper Avenue as well as Bessemer Street just east of and west of Vesper Avenue will be closed for the duration of the work. Rain may delay the construction schedule.

Meanwhile, similar work that began February 4, 2004, continues at three intersections along Chandler Boulevard in North Hollywood and Valley Village. Tujunga Avenue between Chandler Boulevard (north) and Chandler Boulevard (south) will be fully closed for approximately five weeks. Two additional intersections will be partially closed for three to five months including Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Whitsett Avenue.

Construction is expected to take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Occasional night work between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. will be required. Only three intersections along Chandler Boulevard are scheduled to be under construction at any one time. Moreover, in an effort to lessen traffic impacts, adjacent intersections will not be closed simultaneously.

In Woodland Hills, the intersection of Topham Street and Victory Boulevard will be partially closed for three to five months. Construction is expected to take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. and Saturday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Occasional night work between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. will be required.