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Metro Orange Line Intersection Reconstruction, Utility Installation Gets Underway at Four San Fernando Valley Intersections

(Los Angeles) – Crews have begun work at three San Fernando Valley intersections as part of construction of the Metro Orange Line. Work at a fourth intersection begins Wednesday. A 14-mile busway, the Metro Orange Line will begin operations between Warner Center and the Metro Red Line North Hollywood Station in August 2005. The schedule is as follows:

Intersection of Bellaire Avenue and Chandler Boulevard, Valley Village – Reconstruction of the intersection began Monday, May 24 and will consist of excavating the existing street, installation of underground utilities, grading and repaving, re-striping and traffic signal installation, construction of new curbs, gutters and crosswalks, and creation of left-hand turn lane pockets on Chandler Boulevard. The intersection will be fully closed for approximately five weeks.

Metro Orange Line Alignment Between Hudgins Way and Sepulveda Boulevard, Van Nuys – Installation of underground utilities began Monday, May 24 at Hudgins Way (a private access road for the Air National Guard facility located just south of Victory Boulevard and five blocks west of Haskell Avenue). The work will proceed toward Sepulveda Boulevard and will be followed by grading, earth moving and compacting on Metro property, construction of curbs and gutters, and paving. These activities are expected to last for approximately three months.

Intersection of Corteen Place and Chandler Boulevard, Valley Village – Metro began reconstructing the intersection of Corteen Place and Chandler Boulevard on Tuesday, May 25. The work will last for approximately five weeks and will necessitate full closure of the intersection. It will consist of excavating the existing street, installation of underground utilities, grading and repaving, re-striping and traffic signal installation, construction of new curbs, gutters and crosswalks, and creation of left-hand turn lane pockets on Chandler Boulevard.

Fulton Avenue North of Burbank Boulevard, Valley Glen – Crews will begin installation of underground utilities Wednesday, May 26. The work is expected to last for approximately five weekdays and will be conducted primarily at night (7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) to lessen the impact on traffic. Work activities also will include assembly of pipe and machinery on Metro property, excavation of trenches to accommodate installation of a drainage system.

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