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**MTA BOARD VOTES TO AWARD CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION
OF HOLLYWOOD/HIGHLAND METRO RED LINE STATION**

The MTA Board of Directors voted Wednesday (Feb. 22) to award a contract for construction of the Metro Red Line subway station at Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue.

Tutor-Saliba/Perini of Sylmar was the successful bidder for the Hollywood/Highland station contract at \$69,887,867. Two other firms were considered non-responsive for failure to meet the 30 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal set by the MTA.

Kajima/Ray Wilson of Pasadena bid \$68,912,089 and Kiewit-Shea of Santa Fe Springs bid \$72,970,345. The MTA's estimate for the contract was \$75,720,912. With a 10 percent contract contingency added to Tutor-Saliba/Perini's bid, the total Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) for the station project will be \$76,876,654.

The Hollywood/Highland project includes construction of the station, surface improvements, construction of an access shaft near La Brea Avenue and demolition of an underground parking structure. The Notice to Proceed with the project is scheduled April 1, 1995.

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