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STATE ALLOCATES \$75 MILLION FOR METRO RED LINE SEGMENT 3

The California Transportation Commission today allocated \$75 million which will fund the North Hollywood and East Side extensions of Segment 3 of the Metro Red Line.

"This allocation demonstrates the state commitment to the Red Line project and to the economy of Southern California, " said Joseph E. Drew, MTA chief executive officer. "By their continued support for the Red Line, the state is both creating jobs and a system that will help thousands travel throughout the Southland."

With today's action the MTA has received \$120.8 million of the \$245.8 million committed by the state for segment 3 of the Metro Red Line.

The Metro Red Line Segment 3, now under construction, consists of:

- a 6.3-mile North Hollywood extension going northwest from Hollywood and Vine through the Cahuenga Pass to North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley. This extension will have three stations at Hollywood/Highland, Universal City and North Hollywood;
- a 2.3-mile Mid-City extension going southwest from Wilshire and Western to Pico and San Vicente boulevards; and
- a 3.7-mile East Side extension going east from Union Station to First and Lorena streets. This extension will include four stations at Little Tokyo/Arts District, Cesar Chavez/Soto, First/Boyle and Firs/Lorena.

When complete, the \$5.8 billion Metro Red Line will be 23.4 miles with 22 stations.

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