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MTA REACHES ANOTHER MILESTONE ON THE METRO RED LINE NORTH HOLLYWOOD EXTENSION; INSTALLATION OF RUNNING RAIL COMPLETE

The MTA has reached another milestone in the construction of the 6.3-mile North Hollywood extension of the Metro Red Line subway. Workers finished the installation of the running rail in the segment's twin tunnels last weekend, completing the final link between Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley. This means that track now has been laid from Union Station to North Hollywood.

Installation of the contact rail, also known as the "third rail," is underway and will be completed within the next two weeks. Later in the year the contact rail will be energized with 750 volts of electricity and testing of rail cars on the extension will begin.

When the North Hollywood extension opens in May 2000, the Metro Red Line will stretch 17.4 miles from Union Station, and the entire Metro Rail System, which also includes the Metro Blue and Green light rail lines, will span nearly 60 miles and serve an estimated 200,000 boarding passengers each weekday.

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