

Metro Orange Line Extension



Summer 2010 Project Update

Now that the north parking lot is complete at the Chatsworth Metrolink Station, the contractor has started the underground utility activities on Lassen St. In preparation for this activity, the south parking lot at the Chatsworth Metrolink Station will be used as a staging area to support construction activities. These activities may vary from time to time depending on the phase of construction. The public can anticipate seeing construction work and equipment and material storage at this location.

LASSEN ST OVERCROSSING

One of the first major construction activities includes building a grade-separated bridge over Lassen St and active railroad tracks that will provide direct access into the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. The bridge will be a three-span, cast-in-place concrete structure supported by abutments and two intermediate columns. The bridge structure will be approximately 500 feet long and 30 feet wide. Construction of the bridge foundation is expected to commence in late spring.

In order for the bridge to span over Lassen St, LADWP overhead power lines and Time Warner communication lines on Lassen St will need to be relocated underground. Metro's contractor will construct underground ducts on Lassen St between Canoga Av and Owensmouth Av. This work is expected to be completed in the summer of 2010. LADWP and Time Warner will then place new wires inside the underground ducts and remove the interfering overhead wires and poles.

Also, to accommodate construction of the bridge structure and its approaches, Metro entered into agreements with Metrolink to realign railroad track, relocate rail signals and upgrade the at-grade rail crossing on Lassen St, as well as other Metrolink improvements. Metrolink has completed new trackwork at the at-grade rail crossing and relocated approximately 3,300 feet of track between Lassen St and Brown's Creek. Metrolink will soon complete and activate two new rail signals and remove the interfering rail signals south of Lassen St. Completion of this work will allow construction of the bridge adjacent to and over the top of the railroad tracks.

BUSWAY AND BIKEWAY

The busway and bikeway are currently being designed by the contractor. Metro has relocated 82 lease holders along the right of way, allowing the contractor to remove debris, demolish vacant structures and clear the right of way. This will take place through the summer of 2010. Excavation for the busway and bikeway is expected to commence after the right of way is cleared and design is completed.

UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Starting in the summer of 2010, the contractor will also begin sewer, storm drain and other utility improvements in the areas where the busway will cross existing streets. These improvements will allow the contractor to build the busway and bikeway across these intersections in the future.

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