

# Metro Orange Line Extension



## Fall 2010 Project Updates

### Construction is underway to extend the valley's popular Metro Orange Line from the current Canoga Station to Chatsworth.

To support the undergrounding of overhead utilities on Lassen St, the Contractor has installed five LADWP vaults and seven Time Warner vaults. Time Warner completed the undergrounding of their overhead lines. LADWP is expected to start the undergrounding of the power lines mid-December 2010; lasting thru the end of the year.

#### LASSEN ST OVERCROSSING

The Contractor started working on the foundation of the Lassen St Railroad Overcrossing. This activity requires the Contractor to excavate and drill pile foundations and erect abutments bents and walls. This work is expected to last thru the end of the year. Following the completion of the bridge foundations, the abutment, the bents and walls; the Contractor will begin erecting the shoring and falsework in order to build the bridge superstructure. The Contractor anticipates starting working on the bridge superstructure in early 2011.

#### BUSWAY AND BIKEWAY

The Contractor has completed 85% design. The bike path which includes a pedestrian path will be within the Metro right-of-way and will extend from the terminus of the existing Orange Line bikeway/pedestrian path at Canoga Av, north to Lassen St. Along Lassen St it will connect to the existing bike path on the east side of the Browns Creek drainage channel. Final design is expected to be completed by early 2011. Construction of both the busway and bikeway will commence following the completion of design.

#### UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Contractor has commenced utility improvements at the south parking lot of the Chatsworth Metrolink Station. As part of the utility improvements the domestic waterline was relocated and reconstructed; the sanitary sewer was modified and relocated to allow for the bridge foundation to be constructed.

#### LANDSCAPING

As part of the project Metro will re-landscape the busway and bikeway. The Contractor and Metro are working cooperatively to implement a responsible landscape design that will incorporate plants that require less water. To re-landscape the right-of-way the Contractor will need to implement a tree replacement plan, this plan calls for the removal of some existing trees. The Contractor is diligently working to incorporate the trees that are in good condition to the new landscape. Approximately twice as many new trees will be planted as are being removed. The new landscape will be similar to the landscape on the original Orange Line.

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