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SUBJECT: POLICE COMMISSION ACTION



The Los Angeles Police Commission in a unanimous action voted today to revoke the MTA's nighttime noise variance for the Hollywood/Highland Metro Red Line station construction site at Yucca Street and McCadden Place in Hollywood. The Commission's action will prohibit the contractor, Tutor/Saliba-Perini, from performing construction work at night. The Commission acted on complaints from neighbors at the Rita Apartments about alleged noise levels at the construction site.

The MTA is directing the contractor to shift as much fabrication and staging work as possible to other sites. We also will meet with Councilmember Goldberg to discuss extending daylight work hours. The contractor had not been conducting major construction work during daylight hours at the request of local merchants who wanted to avoid traffic congestion.

MTA's construction manager has been documenting noise level readings at the Rita Apartments and has found that the contractor has, in a vast majority of the time, been in compliance with the noise variance. The Commission voted without reviewing the MTA's noise level readings, indicating they were acting solely on the neighbors complaints about noise and alleged lack of MTA response to complaints.

Prior to the Commission's vote, the MTA had offered to provide temporary relocation to the residents of the Rita Apartments while double-paned glass was installed. These measures were used effectively at another apartment building located close to an MTA construction site. The MTA also told the Commission that approval was expected January 23 from CAL-OSHA that would allow the contractor to silence the back-up alarms on its construction vehicles. The MTA can apply for a new variance permit whenever our proposed mitigation measures will satisfy the residents of the Rita Apartments. However, staff is continuing to pursue other measures, as mentioned above, to alleviate community concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Chesser at (213)922-2718.