

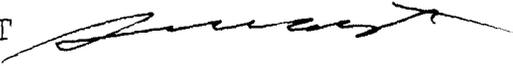


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TO: MTA BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

FROM: JIM SMART 

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SUBJECT: UPCOMING LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE

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The Los Angeles Times has inquired regarding statements made by an MTA rail construction tunnel inspector that thin tunneling work has been done on a section of tunnel beneath Santa Monica and Beverly boulevards. A section of tunnel crown some 5-feet-by-5-feet was found to have been poured less than 10 inches, the thickness required without reinforcement.

MTA engineers believe that this small section was the result of an air pocket in the concrete form. The material was removed and replaced, however, necessary core samples to insure all of the less-than-specified concrete was found and repaired have not been completed. These necessary core samples are now scheduled to be completed in mid July.

The MTA inspector has raised questions and apparently likened this thin tunnel incident to those which occurred on Segment I. We explained to a reporter with the newspaper that this incident was unlike those on Segment I because the error was discovered immediately upon removal of the concrete forms and corrective action was taken by the contractor under the direction of the Construction Manager.



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TO: MTA BOARD MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES

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SUBJECT: UPDATE ON TUNNELING INCIDENT IN HOLLYWOOD

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The street area bordering Barnsdall Park has stabilized and the hole which opened in the street at 6:15 a.m. Thursday is being filled with slurry, a mixture of concrete, sand and water. Work will continue until the hole is filled at which time work crews will conduct roadway repairs to Hollywood Boulevard in an effort to open two lanes to allow a single line of traffic in each direction as soon as possible.

Hollywood Boulevard remains closed from Vermont Avenue on the east to Kenmore on the west. Utility agencies continue to work to insure that water, power, natural gas and telephone services are maintained in the area. We have publicly expressed our gratitude to the Los Angeles City Fire Department, the DWP, the Southern California Gas Company, Pac-Bell, and LAPD.

Tunnels beneath Hollywood Boulevard remain closed to workers at the order of CAL OSHA. Our engineers estimate it will be the middle of next week before a plan is developed that will allow the contractor to resume tunneling beneath Hollywood Boulevard. MTA has established a free bus shuttle service for area residents. Hours of the service are from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. daily until further notice.

State Senators Richard Polanco and Tom Hayden visited the site and called for the shutdown of all tunneling work by the MTA.