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TO: MTA Board Members, Alternates

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SUBJECT: Anticipated Article in the Los Angeles Times

The Los Angeles Times is preparing an article concerning the technology MTA consultants and engineers use to measure subsidence above Red Line tunneling projects. The article is expected to include an update on our mitigation efforts for North Hollywood merchants whose businesses are located within construction zones.

Our consultants use the latest technology to measure ground subsidence, which includes monitoring in-street sensors on a daily basis and the use of highly accurate electronic surveying devices. Our construction mitigation efforts include leasing parking for merchants who lose street parking and numerous publicity efforts aimed to remind the public that businesses located within construction zones remain open for business. These publicity efforts include direct mail, special signage and newspaper advertising.

As you know, we have ordered the North Hollywood tunnel contractor, Obayashi, Inc., to stop tunneling and submit a new work plan to us before proceeding.