

	<i>Are there penalties if the contractor does not complete work in 2 ½ years?</i>	<b>Yes. The contract penalizes the contractor \$3,500/calendar day for each day that the work is not complete beyond the allotted contract time.</b>
	<i>There are new billboards that are being placed on top of buildings along the boulevard. Are these permitted?</i>	<b>Currently there is a moratorium in place prohibiting any new off-site billboards within the City of Los Angeles. On-site billboards/signs are allowed in relationship to advertising for a specific business at that location and must adhere to the city codes and requirements. In other words, if someone wants to advertise their business at their business location it is allowed.</b>
	<i>What will we physically see occurring on the Boulevard?</i>	<b>Heavy work will begin in April 2003.</b>
	<i>Are you going to widen the intersection at Beverly Glen?</i>	<b>Yes, Beverly Glen Blvd. is being widened both north and south of Santa Monica Blvd. This widening will provide two through lanes in each direction, double left turn lanes for northbound and southbound traffic, and a northbound and southbound right turn lane.</b>

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		required to shuttle employees into the work area.
<b>Schedule</b>	<i>Is there a construction schedule that shows work from Beverly Hills moving west?</i>	No. The magnitude of the work will require that the contractor work in many locations along the boulevard at the same time.
<b>Utility</b>	<i>What is the utility work that will be occurring?</i>	The following utilities are being worked on during the project: Rehabilitation and replacement of sewers, installation of additional storm drains, replacement/relocation of the water distribution system, under grounding of the overhead power distribution system, replacement/relocation of the 28-inch Metropolitan Water District feeder line, various smaller relocations for Verizon, Pacific Bell, Southern California Edison, The Gas Company, and several smaller communication lines at various locations.
	<i>When will utilities be placed underground?</i>	The following utility systems will be relocated underground: Existing overhead power lines that serve the street lighting system, overhead power lines that serve traffic signal controls, power distribution system that crosses the boulevard, and Southern California Edison communication lines.
<b>General Construction</b>	<i>What does improving the Boulevard mean?</i>	This project is intended to reconstruct and reconfigure this 2.5 mile portion of Santa Monica Blvd. by combining the two existing roadways, Big and Little Santa Monica Blvd. and the railroad right-of-way into three eastbound and westbound lanes. The project will include a new street lighting and traffic signal system, landscaped median, and bicycle lanes.
	<i>Why does the project have to take 2 ½ years?</i>  <i>(R) Require the contractor to hire more workers to reduce the amount of time the project will take.</i>	Requiring the contractor to hire more workers will not reduce the amount of time the project will take to complete. The contractor has a limited work area in which to do construction. In addition, the contractor is required to adhere to the Holiday Work Restriction which precludes work in the right-of-way from November 15, to January 2 each year.

## Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project

### Questions & Responses from February 25, 2003 Community Meeting

Category	Questions & (R) Recommendations	Responses
Traffic	<i>Describe the improvements occurring at the 405 Freeway on ramps?</i>	The north and south onramps are being widened from the existing two lanes to three lanes for additional capacity. A sound wall is being provided on the southbound onramp. Landscape is being provided on both onramps
	<i>How does adding lanes improve traffic conditions?</i>	Additional lanes are not being added to Santa Monica Blvd. as a part of this project. Today, there are two lanes in each direction on Big Santa Monica Blvd. and one lane in each direction on Little Santa Monica Blvd. When the Santa Monica Blvd. Transit Parkway is constructed, there will be three lanes in each direction on Santa Monica Blvd. However, at the signalized intersections along Santa Monica Blvd., there will no longer be two separate roadways (Big and Little Santa Monica Blvd.). This improvement will help the City to operate the traffic signals more effectively.
	<i>I live on Comstock, three blocks away from Century City. How do I get to Century City from where I live?</i>	You would need to travel west from Comstock Ave and turn left onto Beverly Glen Blvd. to travel south to Santa Monica Blvd. and turn left to travel east to Century City.
	<i>Please identify all intersection where u-turns can be made on Santa Monica Boulevard.</i>	U-turns will be allowed at Sepulveda Blvd. westbound, at Veteran Ave., at Westwood Blvd., at Selby Ave. eastbound, at Overland Ave. westbound, at Manning Ave. eastbound, at Westholme Ave. eastbound, at Beverly Glen Blvd., at Century Park West westbound, at the Century City Shopping Center westbound, at Ave. of the Stars eastbound, and at Century Park East eastbound.
Parking	<i>How is parking being handle by contractor? Is the contractor required to shuttle workers into the work area? (R) The contractor should have a mandate to shuttle workers in so that they do not impact parking in our neighborhoods.</i>	The contractor is responsible for providing parking for his employees. It is stipulated in the project specifications that the employees are not to park in the residential areas. The contractor has indicated that his employees will park their own vehicles on the work site. The contractor was not