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**Rosa Parks Station to Receive \$10.25-Million in Federal Grant Money**

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority has been awarded \$10.25-million by the federal government to improve the Willow brook/Rosa Parks Station.

The grant, announced Friday by the U.S. Department of Transportation, will be used to revamp one of the oldest and busiest stations in Los Angeles. Specifically, the project will lengthen the Metro Blue Line platform, link existing rail, bike and bus facilities and enhance pedestrian and car access.

The new station is part of a larger economic development and improvement plan currently underway to make Willowbrook a hub for health and wellness services. The Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Campus, in the heart of Willowbrook and only a few blocks south of the Rosa Parks station, includes the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital, which will open next year, the recently opened MLK Outpatient Center, the Mental Health Urgent Care Center and the Center for Public Health.

“I would like to thank President Obama and the Department of Transportation for allocating this money where it will benefit so many,” said Los Angeles County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Mark Ridley-Thomas. “This award will allow us to overhaul the Willowbrook/Rosa Parks Station, a major transfer point where our Blue and Green lines meet a multitude of buses. It will also serve as an efficient way for county

residents to use the services at the new Martin Luther King Jr. Medical Campus—the anchor of revitalization in Willowbrook.”

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grant program, allows the Department of Transportation to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve critical national objectives. Since 2009, Congress has dedicated more than \$4.1 billion to fund projects around the nation.

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