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Metro Ridership Soars In May

Media Relations distributed a news release today noting a sharp increase in Metro ridership for the month of May. The release notes a surge in ridership on the Metro Orange Line and Metro Red Line. Metro Rail ridership climbed 18 percent in May over last year, a gain of more than 1.1 million boardings. Directly operated Metro Bus service, including the Metro Orange Line, carried 10 percent more riders than last year. Media Relations staff did media interviews with KFWB and KFI radio regarding the increase in ridership. Stories are expected to air this afternoon and tomorrow. The Daily News is preparing a story on the capacity of the new Metro Orange Line as well as a graphics that will show the monthly increases in Metro Orange Line ridership since the system opened in October 2005.

14th Annual International Rail Rodeo

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Maintainers team placed second at the 14th Annual International Rail Rodeo, held in New York City (June 7 – 10). Representing L.A. Metro were maintainers Ronnie Burt, Eric Czintos and Rafaele Mastrangelo. The rail maintainer team competition is a competitive test of the maintainer's skills and abilities to troubleshoot a variety of maintenance problems. The competition also measures the team's professional customer service and operating skills including knowledge of safety regulations, train equipment, wayside rules, regulations, and procedures.

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