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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **LINE NOTCHES 33,000 AVERAGE WEEKDAY BOARDINGS IN OCTOBER** **METRO GREEN LINE RIDERSHIP SOARS TO NEW HIGH**

Ridership on MTA's Metro Green Line hit an all-time high in October 2001 when the light rail line had average weekday boardings of 33,000. The previous high watermark of 31,075 was reached in October 2000.

"The steady growth in ridership on the Metro Green Line shows that more people are discovering the benefits of the Metro Rail System in Los Angeles," said MTA Board Chair John Fasana. "Along with the Metro Blue Line and Metro Red Line, the Metro Green Line is providing a safe, inexpensive and convenient way for thousands of people to get to jobs, schools, medical facilities and places of recreation."

The 20-mile Metro Green Line runs from Norwalk in southeast Los Angeles County to Redondo Beach, primarily in the center median of the I-105 freeway. It opened in 1995.

The Metro Green Line is part of a 59.4-mile integrated rail system, the Metro Rail System, which also includes the light rail Metro Blue Line and the Metro Red Line subway.

To accommodate the increase in ridership on the Metro Green Line, MTA has added an extra car to some trains, making them two-car trains. Similarly, MTA has begun running some three-car trains on the Metro Blue Line, which reached capacity just a decade after it opened in 1990.

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The Metro Blue Line runs along a 22-mile route from Long Beach to downtown Los Angeles with a convenient transfer point to the Metro Green Line at the Imperial/ Wilmington/Rosa Parks Station. The Metro Blue Line also links with the Metro Red Line subway at the 7<sup>th</sup> St./Metro Center/Julian Dixon Station in downtown Los Angeles. The 17.4-mile Metro Red Line, which opened in January 1993, runs from Union Station to Wilshire/Western and North Hollywood.

The Metro Rail System has a combined average weekday ridership of nearly a quarter million boarding passengers.

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