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| **Wednesday, December 12, 2012 121212-1**  **In this Issue:**  **APTA Releases Transit Ridership Statistics for Third Quarter of 2012** |
| **APTA Releases Transit Ridership Statistics for Third Quarter of 2012**  The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) released their latest ridership statistics which show that more than 7.9 billion trips were taken on U.S. public transportation during the first three quarters of 2012. Ridership increased by 2.6 percent over this time last year. Additionally, Los Angeles County experienced public transit ridership increases, specifically in both light rail and commuter rail. Light rail showed an increase of 13.7 percent, commuter rail increased 5.56 percent, heavy rail rose by .57 percent, and bus ridership was up by .12 percent. The high increase in light rail is partly attributed to the first phase of the Expo Line, which debuted in late April and fully opened to Culver City in June. Please click [here](http://thesource.metro.net/2012/12/10/2012-a-good-year-for-transit-use-so-far/) to view the complete story as posted on The Source.  <http://thesource.metro.net/2012/12/10/2012-a-good-year-for-transit-use-so-far/> | |
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