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**Media Inquiry into System Ridership Growth**

Today, KPCC radio did a live interview with Media Relations staff on our ridership growth as well as Metrolink's for the station's "Airtalk with Larry Mantle" program. Staff reported that Metro Rail ridership has increased six percent year over year as of May. It is one of the highest one-month increases on record. Bus ridership is down due to the fare increase for the Day Pass last summer. Metrolink reports five percent growth year over year, but double digit ridership growth for the month of June.

We are continuing to improve public transit services to meet growing demand. Next week, for example, we will be introducing six [new Metro Rapid Lines](#) throughout Los Angeles County.

**Board Chair O'Connor's Live Chat**

Chair Pam O'Connor held another Internet "Chat" today. The topic was high gas prices and ideas for going car-less this summer. Numerous participants also submitted questions ranging from ways to use our system to travel to points of interest here in the region as well as support for additional transportation funding including support for a possible ½ cent sales tax.

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