

5,000 Board Metro Red Line for Hollywood Christmas Parade

November 29--**Santa Claus didn't ride the Metro Red Line to Sunday night's Hollywood Christmas Parade, but a lot of other folks did – perhaps as many as 5,000.**

According to the MTA Revenue Department, receipts for tokens and cash on the Metro Red Line, Sunday, were up 29 percent over the previous Sunday to a total of \$10,235.

Festive parade-goers and "children of all ages" crowded aboard the trains. They emerged at Hollywood and Vine, a major venue along the two-mile parade route. Metro Rail personnel and LAPD Transit Group officers were on hand to control the crowds and provide assistance.

The parade boosted a Sunday subway ridership that reached an average of 25,400 in October, an increase of more than 10,000 since October, 1998. The Vermont/Hollywood line opened June 12, 1999.

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