

New Subway Segment Boosts Ridership 49% to 59% in 2 Days

(June 29) Figures from the Metro Red Line's first two days of operation following the opening of the North Hollywood segment show a 49 percent to 59 percent increase in ridership.

The Metro Red Line averaged 65,000 weekday boardings during the month of May, prior to the addition of the three new stations – Hollywood/Highland, Universal City and North Hollywood.

On Monday, June 27, checkers recorded 103,500 boardings – up 59 percent over May's average weekday boardings. On Tuesday, June 28, checkers estimated 96,900 boardings – 49 percent more than an average weekday in May.

More visitors at Universal Studios

Officials at Universal Studios Hollywood reported that trams transported 30,000 visitors up the hill from the Universal City station over the grand opening weekend. Revenues at various fast food restaurants in the theme park increased between 35 percent and 100 percent.

Meanwhile, many buses on the new Metro Rapid lines are traveling with full loads, although no firm ridership figures are available. Metro Rapid Line 720 serves the Wilshire/Whittier corridor, while Line 750 serves the Ventura Boulevard corridor.

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