

Universal City Station Rose to 5th Place Following NoHo Extension Opening

(July 18) With the Metro Red Line's arrival in the San Fernando Valley, June 24, the Universal City station immediately took its place as the fifth most heavily used station on the 16-station subway system.

The station now averages 19,488 boardings and arrivals each day. Not far behind in seventh place is the North Hollywood station with 15,902 average daily boardings and arrivals. Interestingly, about 1,000 of those who board at North Hollywood, get off at Universal City station each day.

Parking lots at both of the subway's Valley stations provide further evidence of the spurt in ridership. By mid-morning, the 847-space lot at the North Hollywood station and the 250-space lot at Universal City usually are full.



Opening day crowds pack Universal City Station

Most heavily used stations

The most heavily used subway stations are 7th/Metro, with 41,712 average daily boardings and arrivals; Union Station, 23,772; Wilshire/Vermont, 23,526; Pershing Square, 21,560; Universal City, 19,488; Wilshire/McArthur Park, 16,239; and North Hollywood, 15,902.

Two stations have gained more than 100 percent in patron usage since the extension opened. They are Hollywood/Western, by 147 percent, and Vermont/Beverly, by 122 percent. In addition, the Wilshire/Vermont station saw a 97 percent increase in usage.

Since the opening of the North Hollywood extension, total average daily boardings on the Metro Red Line have jumped from 64,190 to 121,477 -- an average increase of 89 percent. The opening also boosted ridership on the Metro Blue Line by five percent and on the Metro Green Line by 10 percent.

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