

Metro Red Line Sees Upsurge in Cash, Token Revenues During DNC

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(August 23) The amount of revenue collected from Metro Red Line ticket vending machines increased appreciably during the Democratic National Convention last week, a strong indication that many out-of-town visitors, including delegates and protesters, rode the system to reach Staples Center and other venues.



According to MTA Revenue Director Agapito Diaz, total cash and token revenues recovered during the period of Aug. 14-17 was 21.3 percent higher than the Monday through Thursday period of the previous week.

The best single day was Monday, Aug. 14, when Revenue employees counted \$27,480 in receipts, compared to \$18,148 for Monday, Aug. 7, a 51.42 percent increase.

Overall, passengers paid \$89,523 to ride the Metro Red Line for Aug. 14-17 versus \$73,795 for Aug. 7-Aug. 10.

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