

Metro Green Line Ridership Soars to New High

By ED SCANNELL

(Nov. 30, 2001) Ridership on the Metro Green Line hit an all-time high in October 2001 when the light rail line had average weekday boardings of 33,000. The previous high-watermark of 31,075 was reached in October 2000.



Passengers board Metro Green Line train at Aviation Station

"The steady growth in ridership on the Metro Green Line shows that more people are discovering the benefits of the Metro Rail System in Los Angeles," said MTA Board Chair John Fasana.

To accommodate the increase in ridership on the Metro Green Line, MTA has added an extra car to some trains, making them two-car trains. Similarly, MTA has begun running some three-car trains on the Metro Blue Line, which reached capacity just a decade after it opened in 1990.

Ridership on the Metro Red Line fluctuated following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, dropping from 140,750 daily boardings in August to 124,100 in September. Boardings rose to 130,075 in October.

Metro Blue Line boardings, meanwhile, dropped from a high of 69,400 in August to 61,475 in September to 60,050 in October. Metro Bus boardings also were down to 1.079 million in September from 1.226 million in August. They rose again to 1.205 million in October.

A number of factors besides public wariness apparently affected ridership during those months, including the economic downturn and subsequent layoffs, a dramatic dip in gasoline prices and a significant decline in tourism in the region.

The Metro Rail System has a combined average weekday ridership of nearly a quarter million boarding passengers.

[Back to MTA Report](#)