



Los Angeles County Using More and More Public Transport

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(May 17, 2002) New MTA ridership data shows that more and more, Los Angeles commuters are choosing to use public transportation.

^ Metro Rapid links commuters to Metro Red Line in the San Fernando Valley.

As reported in the Los Angeles Times on May 15, data from the 2000 Census indicates the percentage of Los Angeles commuters who rely on mass transit is double the state average. And Los Angeles has fewer cars per household than other big cities in Los Angeles.

This data should come as no surprise to those who have been following the MTA's transit ridership figures. Metro Red Line daily boardings rose 61 percent in 2001, while the number of bus riders increased by 11.7 percent in the same period.

More growth is on the horizon. With the recent expansion of Metro Blue Line platforms to accommodate three-car trains and the opening of the Metro Gold Line to Pasadena scheduled in July 2003, more and more commuters can choose to leave their car at home and ride the Metro system.

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