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Orange Line Reached 10 Million Rider Mark in June

(Aug. 14, 2007) A year and a half since it opened, Metro's Orange Line has driven more than 10 million riders to their destinations back and forth across the San Fernando Valley.

The first week of June was when Service Performance and Analysis reckons the mark was reached, in a month that had an average weekday boardings of 25,475.

"[Ridership] has more than doubled since the first month of operation," said Ed Muncy, director of Service Performance and Analysis. Boardings on the 14-mile line are now regularly more than 20,000 a day.

Service Performance and Analysis computes the numbers by combining random field samples – counting actual riders on the buses by hand – with ticket vending machine (TVM) data to estimate the boardings on any given day. The TVM data helps narrow the field estimates down to the most specific numbers possible.

The Orange Line continues to exceed expectations, with this as just another example. In April, daily ridership numbers surpassed projections that weren't supposed to be reached until 2020.

