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## THE METRO GREEN LINE TURNS ONE

The Metro Green Line turned one year old today, August 12.

"The Green Line carries nearly 15,000 passengers each weekday, which is more than we projected for our first anniversary when the line opened last August. This is exciting news for all of us," said Larry Zarian, MTA Chairman. "With everyone's support, we expect ridership to rise as the traveling public realizes how convenient and cost effective the rail is to travel to many destinations, including Los Angeles International Airport."

Park-n-ride use has risen 31 percent since January, particularly at Norwalk and Aviation Stations where many people are boarding the Green Line to access the Blue Line.

"The public is continuing to learn about the Metro system's convenient connection to LAX. Increasingly, people are using the free shuttle that takes passengers from the Green Line's Aviation Station to all the airline terminals in less than ten minutes," said Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana. "Ridership on the shuttle has grown about 10 percent every month since the opening, and it is now carrying 2,430 patrons on average every weekday to and from LAX. It's the best bargain in town, LAX to downtown L.A. for \$1.60."

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"Hours on the Metro Green Line have been expanded," said MTA CEO Joseph Drew. "The first Green Line train now departs Norwalk for Redondo Beach at 4:03 a.m. The last train departs from Norwalk at 11:42 p.m. For night passengers taking the Green Line from LAX, the last eastbound train leaves Aviation Station at 11:41 p.m., and the last westbound train departs Aviation at 12:07 a.m.

"Now that we have opened three new stations on Wilshire Blvd., we are seeing Green Line riders travel all the way to Western Station on the Red Line," added Drew. "As our transportation network grows, we are pleased to see people take advantage of all the new services."

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