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## METRO RAIL RIDERSHIP TOPS 100,000 BOARDINGS A DAY

Ridership on Metro rail lines passed the 100,000 mark in February, with a final tally of 102,075 boardings for an average weekday.

Metro Rail surpasses the rail operations of 12 other major U.S. cities, although it is comparatively young, having opened its first segment in 1990. Metro Rail now operates on 48.5 miles of track.

On the Metro Red Line, 37,450 people boarded on an average day in February, an increase of 69 percent over the previous year. Patronage on the Red Line has increased steadily since the line was extended last summer to include three new stations along the Wilshire corridor.

Ridership on the Metro Blue Line increased 6 percent to 46,550, compared to last year. On the Metro Green Line, patronage hit 18,075 on an average day, up 26 percent from the year before.

The Metro Rail system operates between Union Station and the Wilshire-Western Station in the downtown area on the Red Line, between Norwalk and El Segundo on the Green Line, and from downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach on the Blue Line.

"People are becoming more aware of the convenience and comfort of the rail system," said MTA Chairman Larry Zarian. "As they become more familiar with the system, ridership goes up. Los Angeles residents are learning that public transit is a good way to travel."

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