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**Ridership on Metro Blue Line Reaches Record**

- Average weekday boardings reach 76,030 in May

Ridership on the Metro Blue Line reached a record this May, with more than 76,000 average weekday boardings, the highest month of ridership since the 22-mile rail line between Los Angeles and Long Beach opened in 1990.

Metro Blue Line ridership has averaged between 65,000 and 70,000 average weekday boardings for most of 2004 and early 2005. In March, however, ridership jumped to 75,122. April ridership reached 73,883.

So far this fiscal year, Metro Blue Line ridership has reached 20.9 million boarding passengers, which nears the all-time record of 22.1 million boarding set in June 2003.

The increase may be partially a result of higher gasoline prices in the Los Angeles Basin, which have risen to record levels this year. Metro's Red and Green Lines have also experienced moderate ridership increases this year.

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