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New station validators that were added in four locations at 7th/Metro Center Station have been making a notable impact on Metro Rail transfer tapping. Twenty validators have been configured into virtual "gate arrays" on either side of the stairwells on the upper (Blue Line) level. New identification signage has also been developed and installed for better visibility of the validators and to call attention to the need to tap upon transfer to another line. A silo-breaking team of Rail Operations, Maintenance, Communications, IT, OMB, Fire/Life Safety, Revenue and TAP staff worked diligently to get the installation done in time for the 7th/Metro Center test-latching that occurred on June 7, 2013. A report compiled on weekly tapping demonstrated the success of the new validator placements. Compared to the previous week, transfer tapping improved over 24% with nearly 20,000 extra taps on the new validators.

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The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) recently published the [2013 First Quarter Ridership Report](#) for participating U.S. and Canadian transit agencies. The report summarizes estimated ridership characteristics for the most recent completed quarter, from January through March. In all modes, Los Angeles Metro quarterly ridership performance outperformed national averages. Metro's light-rail system was one of the top performers among the nationally reported quarterly ridership gains. Metro's light-rail network, thanks in large part to the new Exposition Line, observed a 17.88% increase in quarterly ridership. Metro's heavy rail system composed of the Red and Purple subway lines, had the second greatest gain with 5.55% increase to quarterly ridership. Nationally, ridership in all modes observed slight declines; however, is largely attributable to 2012 benefitting from being a Leap Year and having one extra weekday versus 2013. To view APTA's press release about First Quarter ridership, please click [here](#). The 2013 Second Quarter Ridership Report will be published in mid-September.

http://www.apta.com/mediacenter/pressreleases/2013/Pages/130613_Ridership.aspx

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