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METRO BLUE LINE RIDERSHIP HITS ALL-TIME HIGH WITH MORE THAN 50,000 AVERAGE WEEKDAY BOARDING PASSENGERS USING THE SYSTEM. METRO RED AND GREEN LINES SHOW DRAMATIC INCREASES

Average weekday ridership on the Metro Blue Line, a light rail trolley operating from downtown Los Angeles to Long Beach, has reached an all-time new high, announced the MTA.

"During the month of July, the average weekday ridership on the Metro Blue Line was more than 50,000 boarding passengers, truly a milestone accomplishment and testimonial to the success of the Blue Line," said L.A. County Supervisor and MTA Board First Vice Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

During the month of July, Blue Line ridership reached 50,425 for an average weekday, up from 44,900 recorded a year ago.

Ridership on segment one of the Metro Red Line, the subway system in downtown Los Angeles that operates from Union Station to Wilshire and Western, also increased to 39,700 average weekday boardings, up from 27,950 for the same period last year.

July ridership counts on the Metro Green Line, operating from Norwalk to El Segundo, showed an increase to 19,000 average weekday boarding passengers. This marks an increase of nearly 4,000 compared to last year's ridership of 15,400.

"Nearly 110,000 boarding passengers each weekday now use the Metro Rail system," said Burke. "We are delighted that ridership continues to climb and that more and more people are finding the Metro Rail system convenient and easy to use."