

# **METRO News Release**

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## **METRO ridership continues positive in February**

**PHOENIX** — For February 2009, METRO ridership totals 908,052 boardings, resulting in an average weekday ridership of 35,277, average Saturday ridership of 31,417 and average Sunday and holiday ridership of 19,212.

In January, METRO ridership totaled 911,883 boardings, resulting in an average weekday ridership of 30,617, average Saturday ridership of 31,331 and average Sunday and holiday ridership of 23,815.

METRO forecasted an annual average weekday ridership of 26,000 boardings in its first year. “We hope to exceed that projection by continuing to attract new transit users and maintaining our positive relationship with existing passengers,” said METRO CEO Rick Simonetta.

METRO will continue to monitor ridership and report new totals on a monthly basis; numbers will be available by the middle of the subsequent month. Detailed reports of boardings by station and time of day will be available mid- to late-April for the first quarter 2009 and on a quarterly basis thereafter.