

# METRO News Release

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### METRO August ridership swings back up

**PHOENIX** — METRO light rail ridership totaled 882,328 boardings in August 2009 creating an average weekday ridership of 33,111, average Saturday ridership of 22,575 and average Sunday and holiday ridership of 14,823.

Ridership is again trending positive with the start of schools, particularly ASU, and return of the fall season. ASU began its fall semester on Monday, Aug. 24 and the impact to METRO ridership was immediate. Comparing to the Monday before ASU's start (Aug. 17), METRO served an additional 7,000 passengers on Aug. 24.

After eight months of operation and completion of the system's first summer cycle, METRO ridership remains above all projections.

	Projection	Average Actual Ridership Jan. – Aug.	Above Projection
<b>Weekday</b>	26,000	32,518	25.1%
<b>Saturday</b>	20,800	27,548	32.4%
<b>Sunday/Holiday</b>	11,267	19,333	71.6%