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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: FY-1996 METRO RAIL RIDERSHIP

**ISSUE**

Receive status report of FY-1996 Metro Rail ridership.

**BACKGROUND**

Total boardings for the Metro Blue, Red and Green Lines for FY-1996 was 25.9 million. This figure represents a 38.5% increase from the 18.7 million boardings in FY-1995. Notwithstanding Metro Green Line's ridership, which was put into revenue service last August, rail boardings increased 15.8%, from 18.7 million to 21.6 million.

**Metro Blue Line**

Total FY-1996 boardings on the Metro Blue Line was 14.5 million, an increase of 13.3% over FY-1995 of 12.8 million. Weekday boardings averaged 44,450, an increase of 12.4% over FY 1995 of 39,600 boardings.

**Metro Red Line**

Total FY-1996 boardings on the Metro Red Line was 7.1 million, an increase of 20.3% over FY-1995 of 5.9 million. Weekday boardings averaged 22,200, an increase of 16.5% over FY 1995 of 19,050 boardings.


With the opening of the Metro Red Line stations at Wilshire/Vermont, Wilshire/Normandie, and Wilshire/Western on July 13, 1996, the Metro Red Line weekday ridership during the period of July through August increased from 22,200 to approximately 34,000 boardings. This represents an increase of 55% from the FY-96 daily riders at full fare.

Staff anticipates with the implementation of the new bus/rail interface plan on September 15, 1996, ridership on the Metro Red Line will continue to grow.

**Metro Green Line**

Revenue service for the Metro Green Line was put into effect on August 12, 1995, carrying a total of 4.3 million passengers during the first year of operation. Weekday boardings for April-June 1996 averaged 14,700, an increase of 26.7% over the first three months of the Green Line's operation (Sept-Nov 1995) of 11,600.

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