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## **Capital Metro sees double-digit increases in June** Authority exploring all avenues for added service and frequency

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### **NEWS FACTS**

- Across the board, more people are riding Capital Metro, and June ridership statistics indicate increases in nearly every category.
- Ridership on Capital Metro's express routes increased 55 percent in June 2008 compared to last June.
- On average, in June 2008, Central Texans made about 9,300 more trips each weekday on Capital Metro's local fixed-routes, compared to last June.
- Other notable statistics include a 24 percent increase in trips made by City of Austin employees, and an 18 percent increase by UT students and faculty using local fixed-route service.
- Capital Metro has optimized its resources by ensuring the largest buses are assigned to the busiest routes, and by forecasting ridership trends to anticipate future challenges.
- In response to the sustained demand, Capital Metro has added service to the busiest express routes, including routes 982, 983, and as needed, 935 and 990.
- In June, Capital Metro also had an opportunity to purchase an available MCI 45-foot bus like those currently in service on some express routes. The bus will supplement service on express routes when it arrives within the next two months.
- Capital Metro is exploring other avenues for acquiring buses to supplement service on routes at or near capacity.

## MULTIMEDIA ELEMENTS



New riders will find our How to Ride Guide helpful.

<http://www.capmetro.org/riding/using.asp>

## QUOTES

- “These are challenging economic times for the Austin community, and Capital Metro is poised and prepared to assist, by offering extremely affordable transportation options. With 134 bus routes and on-time arrivals at 90 percent, Capital Metro is also convenient and worry-free.”

-- Fred Gilliam, Capital Metro President and CEO

## ABOUT CAPITAL METRO

Capital Metro's mission is to provide quality public transportation choices for our community that meet the needs of our growing region. Capital Metro provides bus service on flexible, convenient schedules at more than 3,000 bus stops throughout Central Texas, providing an average of up to 140,000 one way trips per day. The fixed route bus system includes metro, flyer and express routes, downtown 'Dillo circulator routes, and UT Shuttle service. Capital Metro also provides special transit services for passengers with disabilities, van and carpool coordination, and freight rail service.

Capital MetroRail is a new passenger rail system that will extend 32 miles between the City of Leander and the Convention Center in Downtown Austin. Beginning this year Capital MetroRail will serve nine stations providing convenient service every 30 minutes during morning and afternoon rush hours. MetroRail is part of the All Systems Go Long-Range Transit Plan that includes expanded local and express bus service, MetroRapid bus service, and new and improved park and ride lots. For more information, including an online trip planner and a commute cost calculator, visit [www.capmetro.org](http://www.capmetro.org) or call (512) 474-1200.

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