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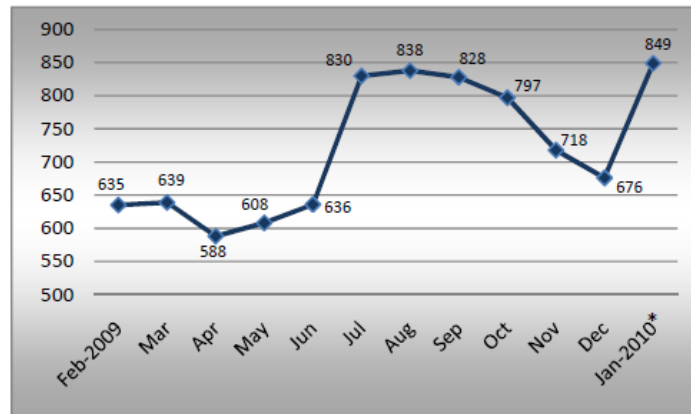
Third train car added to Music City Star due to increasing ridership

NASHVILLE – On Monday, January 25, 2010, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) added a third train car to the Music City Star to assist with increasing ridership. The car has been placed on the train that departs Lebanon at 6:40 a.m. en route to Nashville and the train that leaves Nashville at 5:05 p.m.

“More people are choosing public transportation for their way to get around,” RTA Chief Executive Officer Paul J. Ballard said. “We are confident this ridership trend will continue as more people realize the many wonderful benefits that transit offers to them and the environment.”

Music City Star Average Daily Ridership

February 2009 - January 2010



*Data compiled from daily ridership January 1 - 21, 2010.

In the last month, ridership has increased 25.6 percent from 676 to 849 passenger trips per day. Since February 2009, ridership has grown 33.7 percent.

“Ridership has been on a steady increase,” said Sheila Varga, a daily rider and president of the Regional Commuters Association. “As someone who has ridden the Star since the beginning, it is exciting to see more people realizing how great it is to commute by train.”

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