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# Village of Skokie

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## **SKOKIE SWIFT RIDERSHIP INCREASES** *Weekend Service to Continue*

The CTA reports a 7.3% increase in weekday Skokie Swift Yellow Line ridership during July 2008, by comparison to a 4% ridership increase in the entire CTA rail system that month. For 2008 year-to-date, ridership on the Skokie Swift Yellow Line is up nearly 15%, with just over a 6% ridership increase across the entire CTA rail system.

In addition, the CTA announced that it will continue to offer weekend service on the Skokie Swift. Instituted earlier this year on a trial basis, weekend Skokie Swift ridership has been brisk. The CTA reports an average of 1,323 Saturday boardings and 1,135 Sunday boardings at the Dempster Street station in July. This represents the fifth highest weekend ridership out of CTA's 18 suburban stations.

"These statistics validate the need for increased public transportation, and the need for additional stations along the Skokie Swift Yellow Line," commented Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen. "The Village of Skokie looks forward to the 2009 groundbreaking the Downtown Skokie Swift Station just north of Oakton Street and west of Skokie Boulevard. We also are grateful for the state and federal support of this important project, and also look forward to working with all parties involved in extending the Yellow Line service north to the Old Orchard corridor in the near future."

The CTA statistics show a total of 70,675 Skokie Swift boardings in July at the Dempster Street station, a 27% increase over July 2007 boardings and the greatest ridership since the Skokie Swift reopened in 1991.

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