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DLR breaks ridership record

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The Docklands Light Railway (DLR) has carried one-hundred-million passengers in the past year, breaking all previous records for passenger numbers on the system.

The figures, which cover the financial year April 2012 to March 2013, include the 7.2 million passengers who used the service during the Olympic Games.

At the height of the competition, 500,000 people used the DLR in just 24 hours – the railway's busiest day ever.

The DLR's head of planning, Robert Niven, said: "This significant milestone caps a magnificent year for the DLR which saw us carry 7.2m people during the 2012 Olympic Games – double what we would normally carry during that time.

"And in just 25 years, the DLR has grown from running 11 trains on just two routes to becoming a key part of the world's most prestigious sporting event while also servicing a rapidly growing local community.

"We have managed our expansion and increased our capacity to these unforeseen levels all while maintaining some of the highest reliability scores in the UK. We are now well placed to meet exciting future challenges as the east and south east of London host new developments and become the job creation hotspots of the next decades."

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