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# MBTA subway ridership returning to normal, officials say

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Ridership on MBTA subway lines has returned to, and sometimes exceeded, normal levels in recent days after a series of historic snowstorms caused chronic delays and multiple shutdowns on the system last month.

Officials at the transit agency released data Tuesday showing that faregate transactions on the subway system have stabilized. Ridership levels were consistently below normal from the end of January through the end of February.

During that period, the subway system was shut down three times. On three other days that fell immediately after or during snowstorms, the subway system recorded ridership at half or less than half of usual levels.

Ridership matched or exceeded normal levels just six times during that roughly one-month period. One particular bright spot came on Feb. 4, when ridership on the subway system hit 112 percent of its typical level. On that date, the Boston held a

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parade to celebrate the New England Patriots' Super Bowl victory.

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