

**Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board
Meeting Agenda
September 8, 2022; 5:30-7:00 P.M.**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Agenda

4. Public Involvement Announcement:

Audience participation at this meeting is limited to the Public Comments section of the agenda. However, the Chair may open any agenda item for public comment. Written comments will be addressed first, then verbal comments on a first-recognized basis by the Board Chair. Each commenter should state their name so it can be recorded in the minutes. Commenters will have two minutes to speak on each agenda item they wish to comment on. If you used the call-in number, please mute yourself when not speaking by dialing *6. A recording is being made of this meeting and will be posted on the Municipal website.

5. Action / Information Items

- A. Minutes of the May 12, 2022 Meeting (Action Item)
- B. Minutes of the July 14, 2022, Meeting (Action Item)
- C. Minutes of the August 11, 2022 Meeting (Action Item)
- D. Director's Update (Info Item)
- E. Budget Resolution (Action Item)
- F. Ridership Update (Info Item)

6. Public Comments [2 minutes each]

7. Member Comments

8. Adjournment

Next PTAB Meeting Date:

PTAB regular meeting – October 13, 2022

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2022, 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PTAB Members Present

Sarah Preskitt

Ric Nelson

Doug Miller

Peter Hill

CB Brady

Michael Williams

PTAB Members Absent

N/A

Citizens Present

N/A

After the roll call, a quorum was present.

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Michael Williams moved to approve the March 10, 2022 agenda with two amendments:

Amendment 1. “Bus Stop Winter Maintenance” was added as an “Info Item.”

Amendment 2. Item F was changed from an “Info Item” to an “Action Item.”

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read the public involvement announcement.

Action/Information Items

A. Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Meeting (Action Item)

Mr. CB Brady moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022 meeting.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

B. Director's Update

Ms. Jamie Acton provided information.

C. Targeted Awareness Campaign (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

D. Bus Stop ADA Compliance Inventory (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

E. Bus Stop Winter Maintenance (Info Item)

Ms. Sarah Preskitt and Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

F. PTAB Board Member Website (Info Item)

Mr. Nicholas Abugel provided information.

G. Summer PTAB Meetings (Info Item)

Mr. Nicholas Abugel and Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

H. Ridership Update (Info Item)

Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Mr. Paris Butler, and Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Member Comments

Mr. Ric Nelson said that he's looking forward to the PTAB retreat.

Mr. Peter Hill said that he was going to miss the PTAB retreat. He added that he's happy that the board is working on bus stop winter maintenance.

Mr. Doug Miller said that he's happy that the board is continuing to meet. He also said that he's impressed with People Mover's social media presence; he was specifically impressed with People Mover's posts on Instagram.

Mr. CB Brady said that he's thankful to be on the board. He thanked the other board members for their participation on the board. He added that his focus is on winter sidewalk maintenance, and he added that the board is talking about this issue.

Mr. Michael Williams said that he was happy to have been appointed to the board. He noted that he's also a bicycle commuter and can appreciate the challenges of getting around Anchorage in the winter by pedestrian paths and sidewalks.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt welcomed Mr. Michael Williams to the board. She added that she's been seeing more people use People Mover. She also said that she's excited to talk about sidewalk winter maintenance.

Adjournment

Mr. Peter Hill moved to adjourn the PTAB meeting of May 12, 2022.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on June 9, 2022, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel, Transit Planning Technician

For details of the Board discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting on the municipal website at

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/Pages/PublicTransitAdvisoryBoard.aspx>.

Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022, 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PTAB Members Present

Sarah Preskitt

Doug Miller

Peter Hill

CB Brady

PTAB Members Absent

Ric Nelson

Michael Williams

Citizens Present

Wava W.

Jessie Doherty

Melinda Gant

After the roll call, it was identified that a quorum was not present.

Approval of the Agenda

Without a quorum, the agenda could not be approved. The meeting continued as an information session.

Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt stated that the meeting would continue as an information session, as there was no quorum.

Action/Information Items

A. Minutes of the May 12, 2022, Meeting (Action Item)

Without a quorum, the May 12, 2022, minutes could not be approved.

B. FTA Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant – Muldoon Transit Hub (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

C. Transit Center Site Selection Study (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

D. Ridership Update (Info Item)

Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Ms. Lydia Farless, and Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

Public Comments

Wava W. said that AnchorRIDES is not responding to her questions; they refused to communicate about her concerns regarding safety. She stated that she was unable to retrieve AnchorRIDES safety policies and that her interactions with AnchorRIDES drivers were not good.

Melody R. said that she had recently started riding the People Mover bus. She shared that she has had very good experiences with the drivers and that she appreciates the senior discount. She also said that she looks forward to hearing more about the transit center on Muldoon and Debarr.

Member Comments

Mr. Peter Hill expressed his concern about the lack of interior space to rest while using the bus. He was also concerned that the downtown transit center remained closed. He stated that he looked forward to having a heated interior space where he could take a break while in transit during the winter.

Mr. CB Brady agreed with Mr. Hill's statement. He stated that increased ridership is correlated with accessibility and that clean sidewalks are a huge part of this. He was also concerned about the interaction that Ms. Wava had with AnchorRIDES.

Mr. Doug Miller agreed that travel in the winter is a problem. He sympathized with the transit department about the limitations available to address winter sidewalk maintenance. He also said he is glad that the board will be meeting in the summer.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt expressed that she would like to see a driver training item at the next meeting. She wanted to know if the board could support driver training somehow.

Adjournment

Without a quorum, this information session ended at 6:22 p.m.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on August 11, 2022, at 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel, Transit Planning Technician

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Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2022, 5:30–7:00 p.m.



Call to Order

Ms. Sarah Preskitt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PTAB Members Present

Sarah Preskitt
Doug Miller
CB Brady
Ric Nelson

Citizens Present

PTAB Members Absent

Michael Williams
Peter Hill

After the roll call, it was identified that a quorum was not present.

Approval of the Agenda

Without a quorum, the agenda could not be approved. The meeting continued as an information session.

Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt stated that the meeting would continue as an information session, as there was no quorum.

Action/Information Items

A. Minutes of the May 12, 2022, Meeting (Action Item)

Without a quorum, the May 12, 2022, minutes could not be approved.

B. Minutes of the July 14, 2022, Meeting (Action Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

C. Director's Update (Info Item)

Ms. Jamie Acton provided information.

D. Title 21 Parking Amendment Update (Info Item)

Mr. Tom G. Davis provided information.

E. Budget Update (Info Item)

Ms. Jamie Acton provided information.

F. Phase 1 of People Mover's ITS Marketing Plan (Info Item)

Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

G. Bus Operator Training (Info Item)

Mr. Wes Renfrew provided information.

H. Ridership Update (Info Item)

Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Mr. Paris Butler, and Mr. Bart Rudolph provided information.

Public Comments

Chase wrote that People Mover should look into providing weekend service for Route 91.

Member Comments

Mr. CB Brady asked if the contract for AnchorRIDES was with the same entity that has had the contract. Ms. Acton responded that Mr. Brady was correct.

Mr. Doug Miller said that it was a good meeting and that he hopes we have a quorum at the next meeting.

Ric Nelson said that he did not have any comments at this time.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt agreed with Mr. Miller that it would be good to have a quorum. She asked if there were any applicants in the queue. Ms. Acton responded that she was not aware of any current applications.

Adjournment

Without a quorum, this information session ended at 6:17 p.m.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on September 8, 2022, from 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel, Transit Planning Technician

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Municipality of Anchorage
Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2022-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING THE
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023.

WHEREAS, the Public Transit Advisory Board (Board) was established to advise the Assembly and the Mayor on matters related to public transportation, and

WHEREAS, the Board is charged with making recommendations to the Assembly and Mayor on municipal policy with respect to budget review, capital improvement programs, and funding of the publicly owned and operated transit system, and

WHEREAS, high frequency transit routes provide an incentive to housing and commercial development and infill development over the long term, and

WHEREAS, the Public Transportation Department (PTD) utilizes local funds provisioned by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the operation of People Mover, AnchorRIDES, and RideShare services; and

WHEREAS, PTD's proposed budget to OMB has been forecasted to maintain existing levels of public transportation services for fiscal year 2023 within the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA); and

WHEREAS, Special consideration has been given to the following items:

1. Increases in AnchorRIDES contractual costs to maintain existing level of paratransit services,
2. A fuel budget increase to account for fuel price hikes within the MOA,
3. A Grant Accountant position to alleviate the workload on PTD's finance team in managing several state and federal grants in addition to pursuing other grant opportunities to help reduce costs to PTD's operating budget, and

WHEREAS, PTD has demonstrated its effectiveness and value to the community through several recent notable achievements, including:

1. The award of the Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant in the amount of \$450,000 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to assist in the development of an improved off-street Muldoon Transit Hub,
2. Voters' approval of General Obligation Bonds in 2021 to help replace eleven 40-foot People Mover buses that have exceeded their useful life of 15 years or 500,000 miles,

3. The award of an ITS grant of \$4.2 million by the FTA to replace People Mover's 20-year-old ITS system to improve system reliability and improved rider tools to be completed by the winter of 2022,
4. Implementation of Route 85 that connects downtown, West Anchorage, the Loussac Library, and the Dimond Center, and

WHEREAS, PTD maintained service levels despite fluctuating COVID-19 protocols and driver shortages that crippled other transit systems; and

WHEREAS, Replacements for 14 AnchorRIDES vehicles that have exceeded their useful life with the system's first all-wheeled drive busses to improve overall safety and reliability throughout the winter months are expected to be delivered by the winter of 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board strongly supports the Public Transportation Department's budget proposal for fiscal year 2023 and recommends the Assembly and the Mayor not reduce the amount allocated during the annual budget or quarterly budget revision processes in order to maintain existing service levels that thousands of Anchorage residents rely upon to maintain their quality of life.

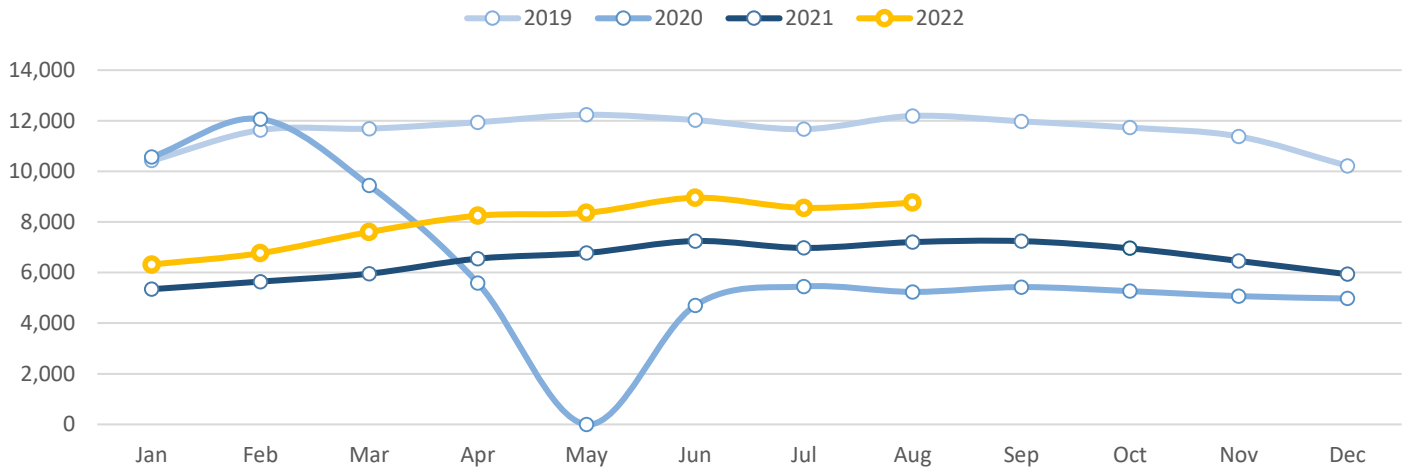
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board
this 8th day of September, 2022.

Sarah Preskitt
Chair

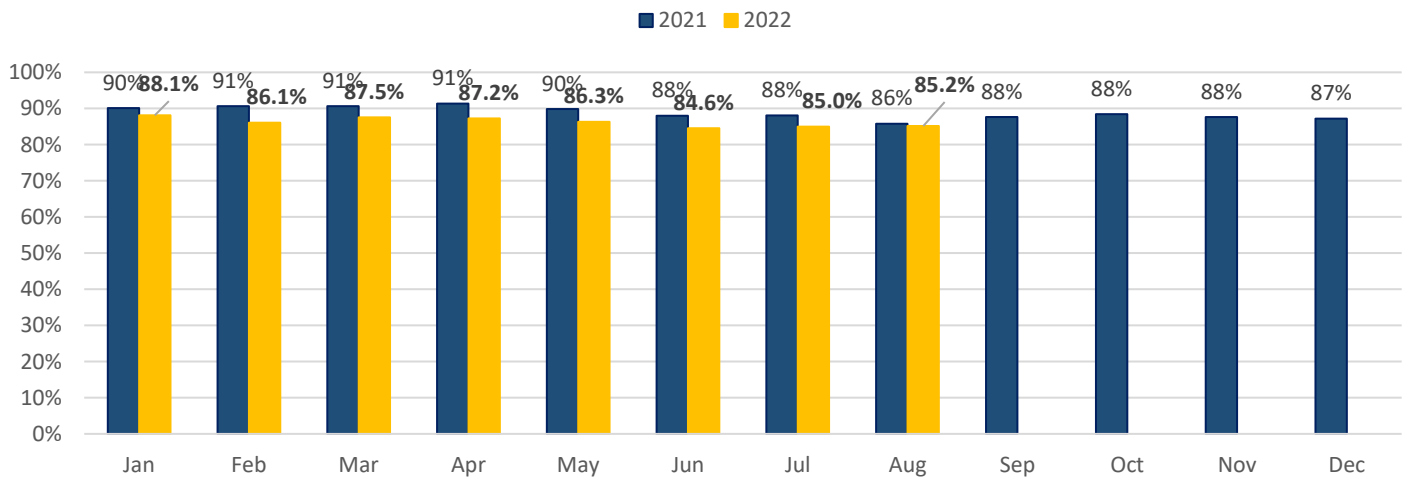
Ridership Report - August 2022



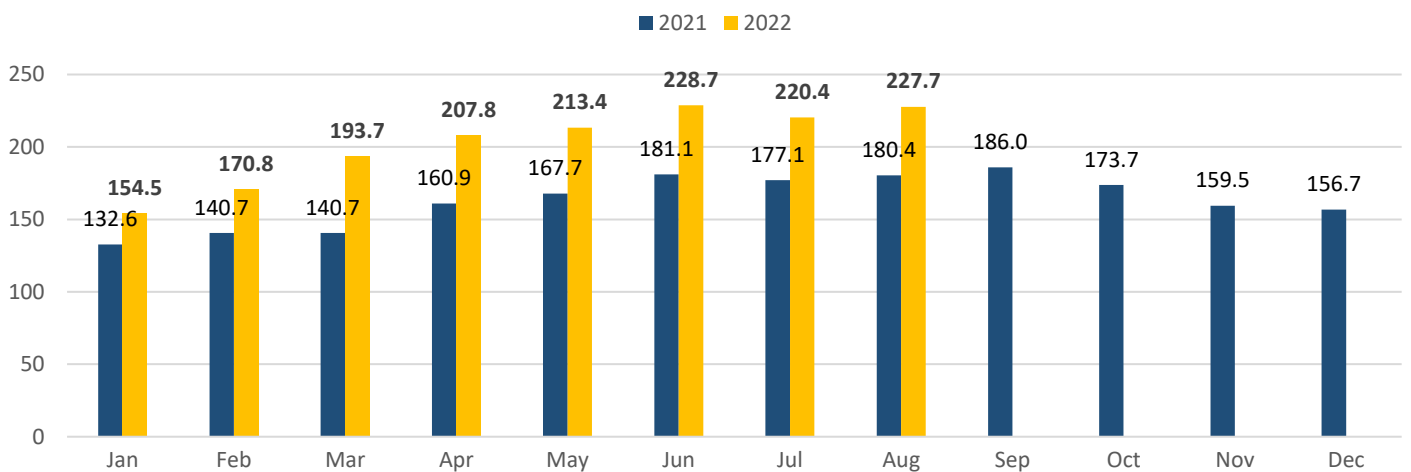
Monthly Weekday Average Ridership History



On-time performance by Month



Total Productivity by Month



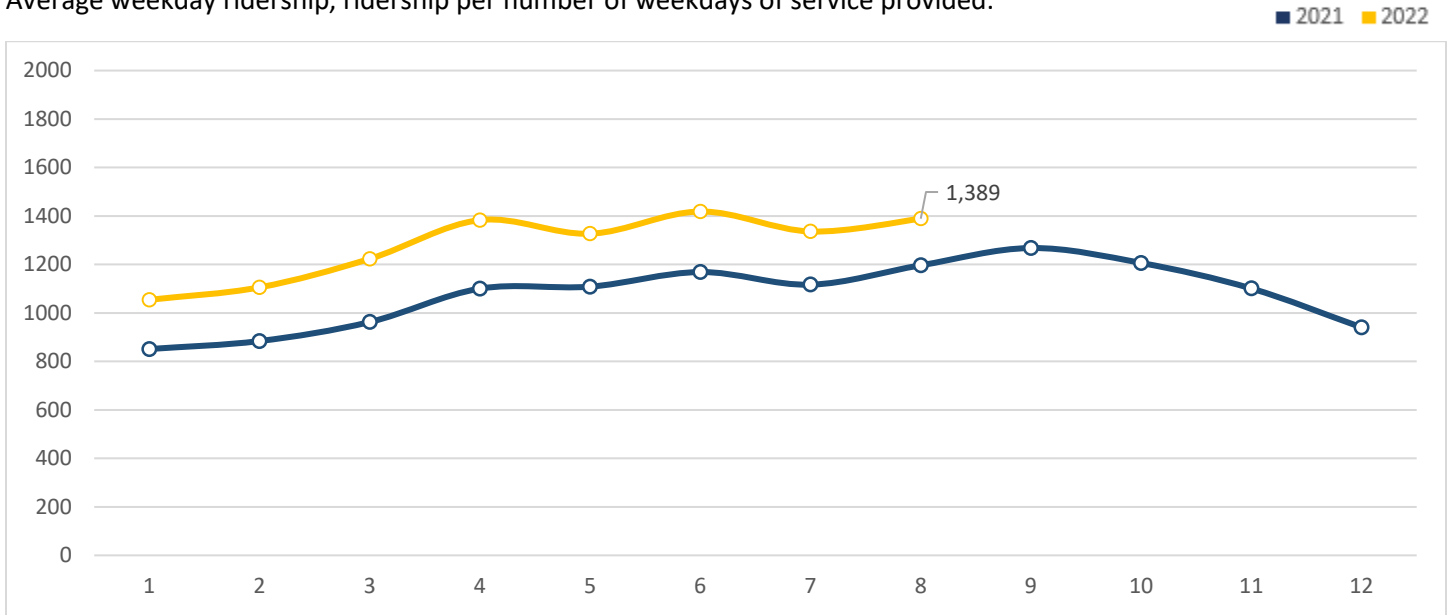
Route Report- August 2022

Frequent Routes, 15 Min Peak Frequency

Route 10

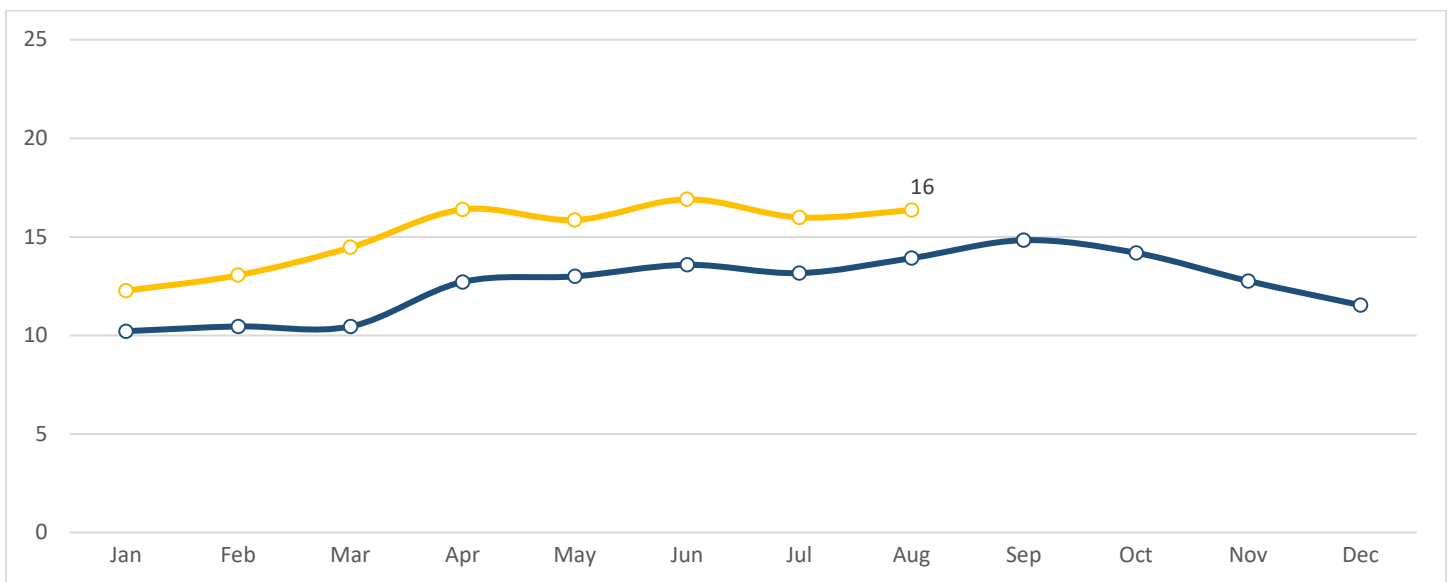
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Productivity

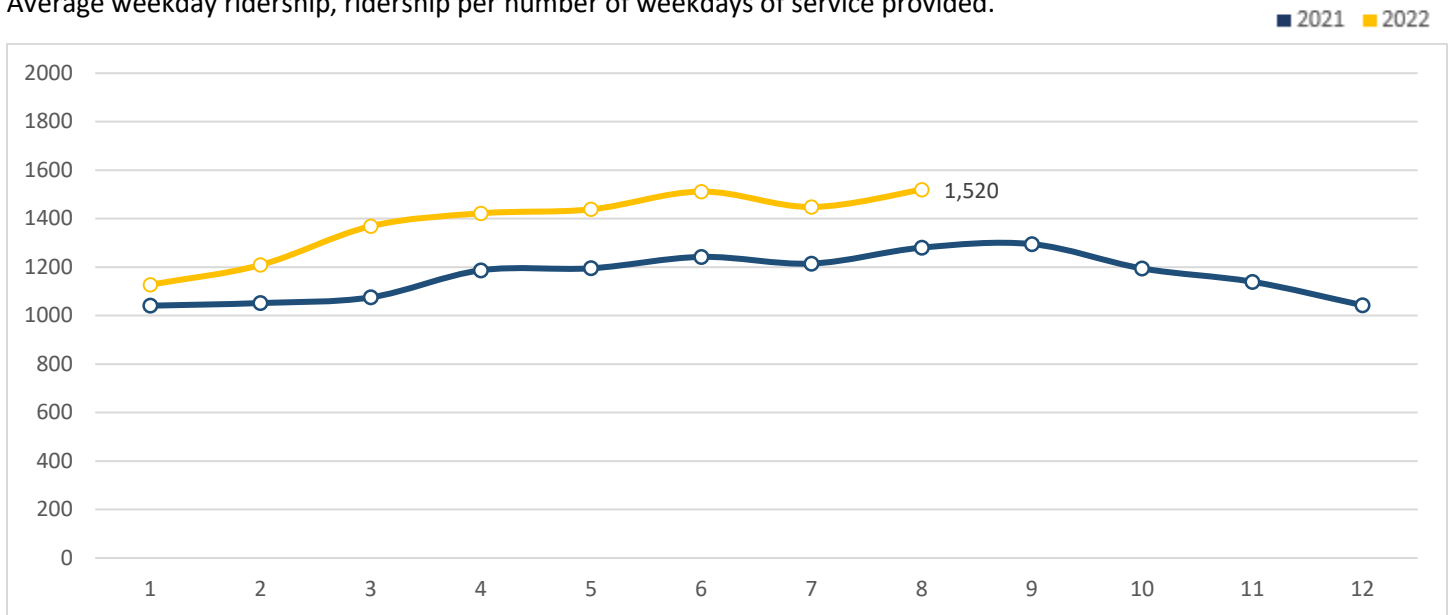
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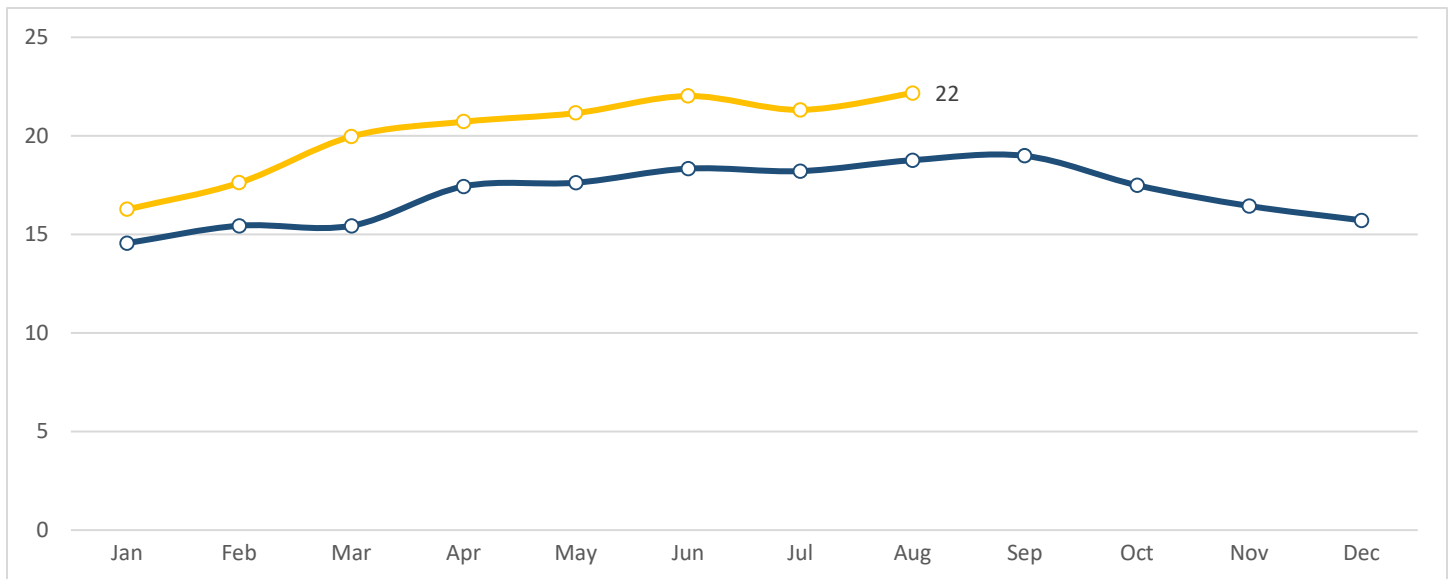
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Productivity

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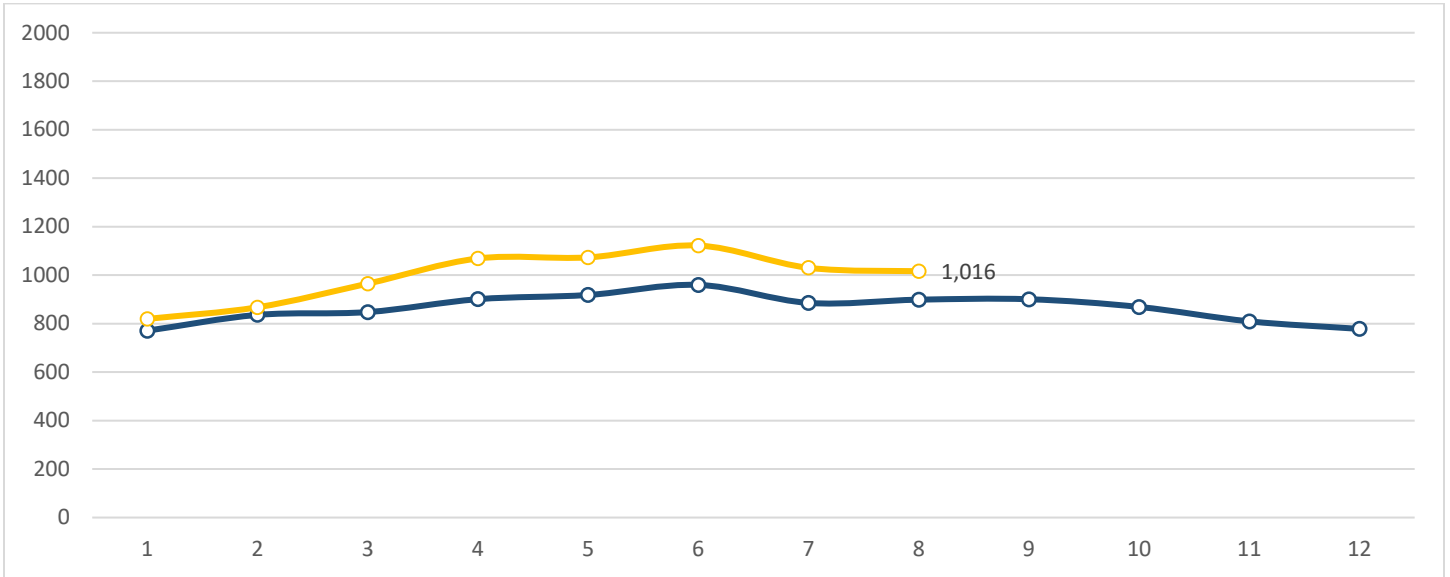


Route 30

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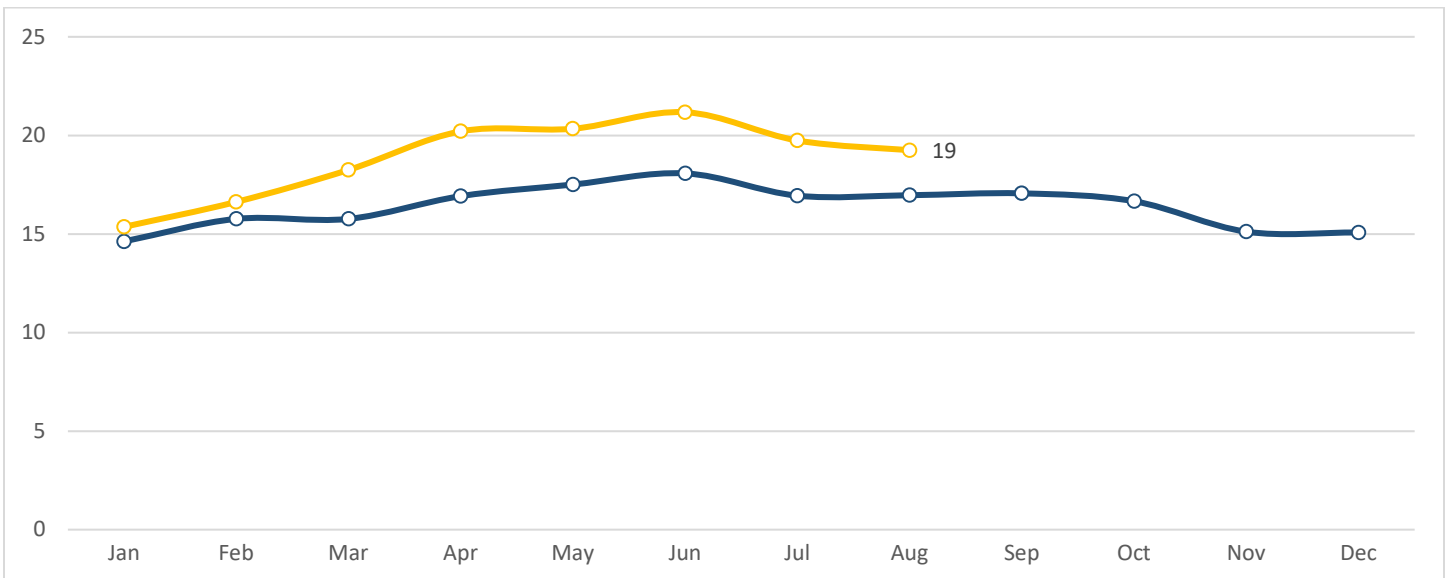
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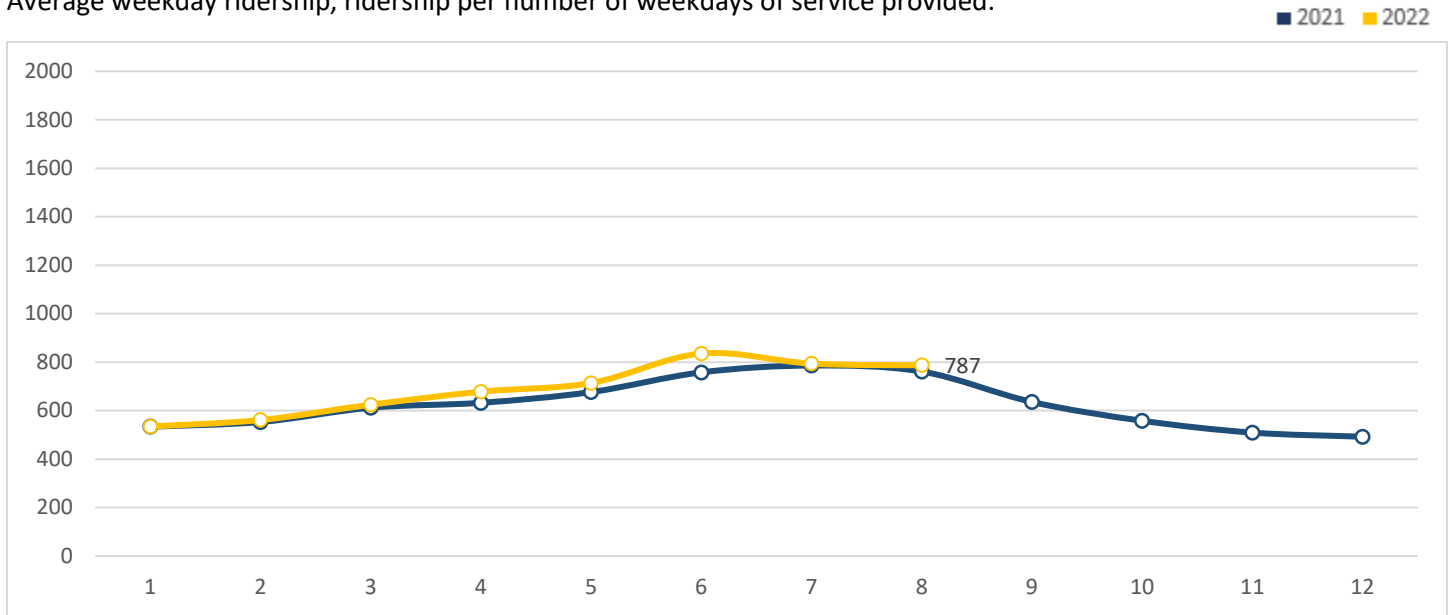
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Route 40

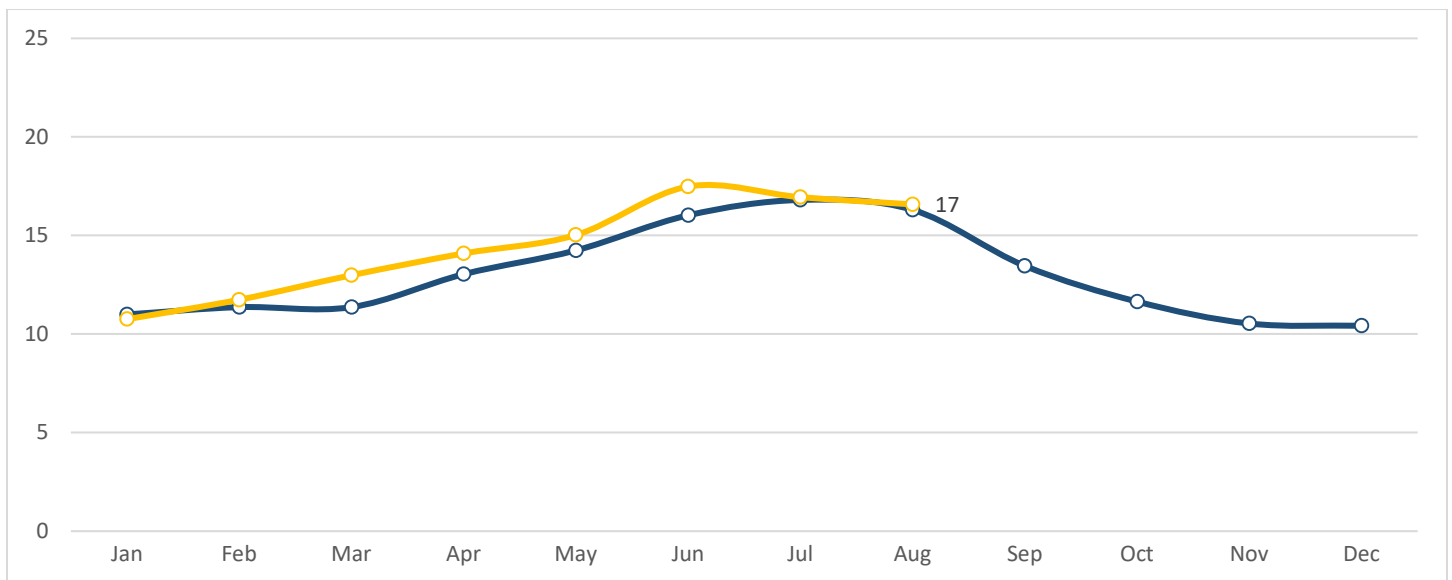
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Productivity

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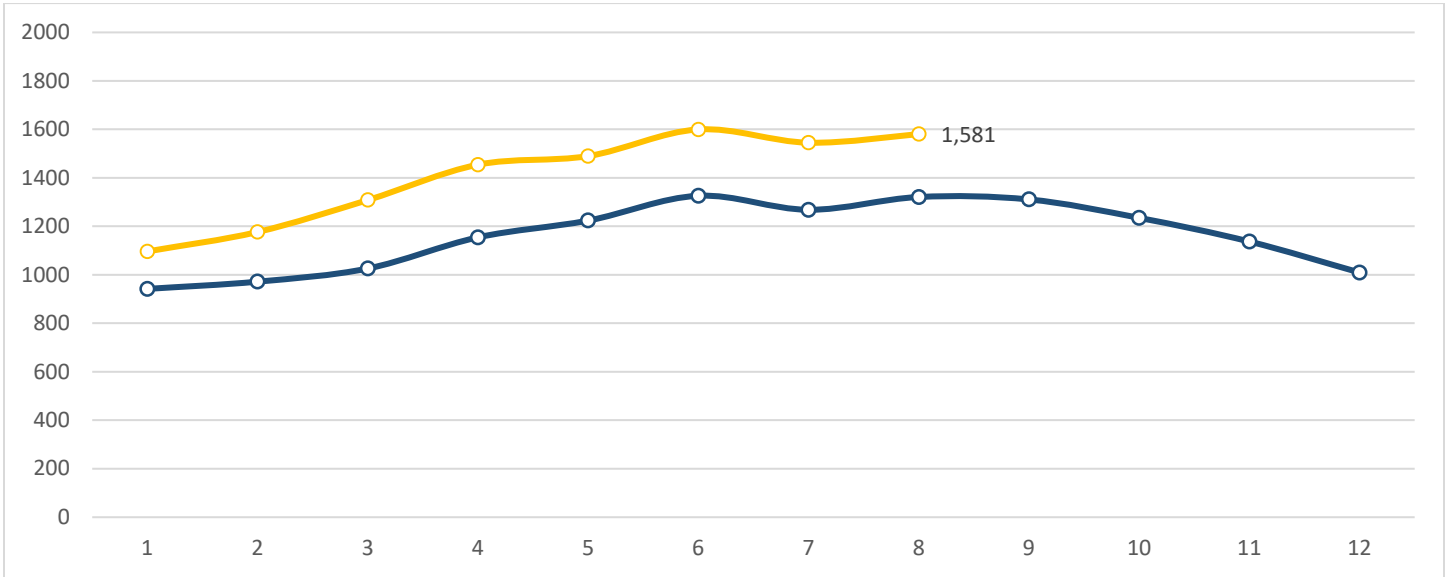
Standard Routes, 15 - 60 Min Peak Frequency

Route 25

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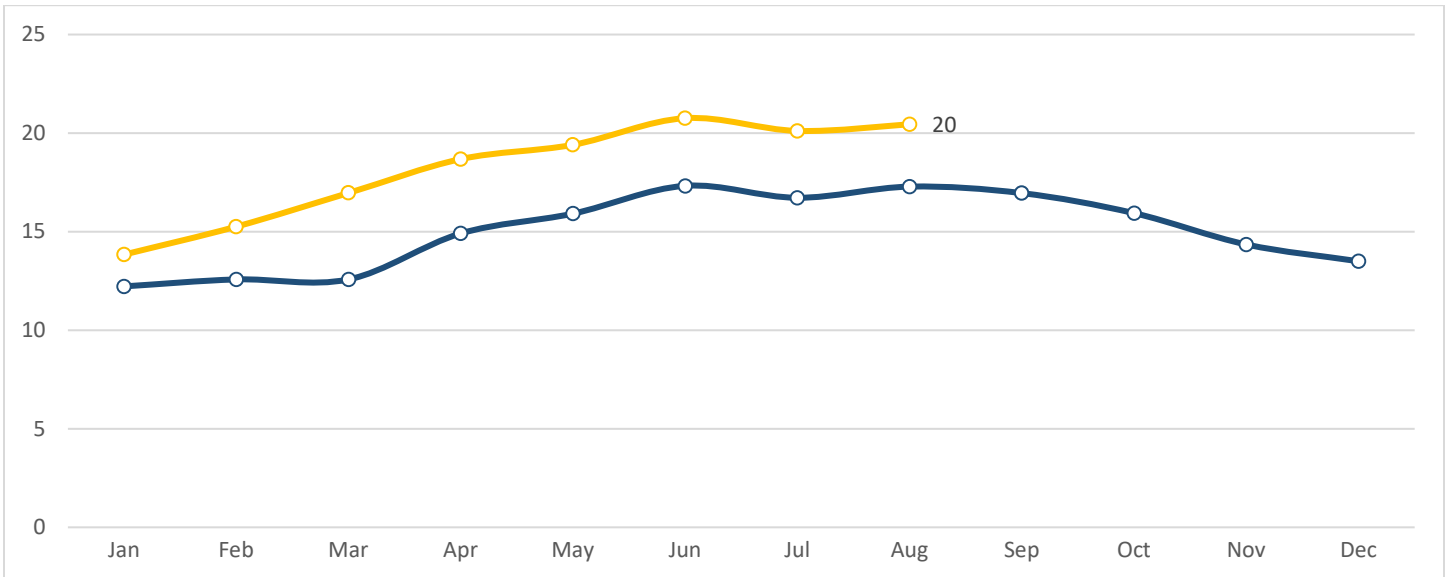
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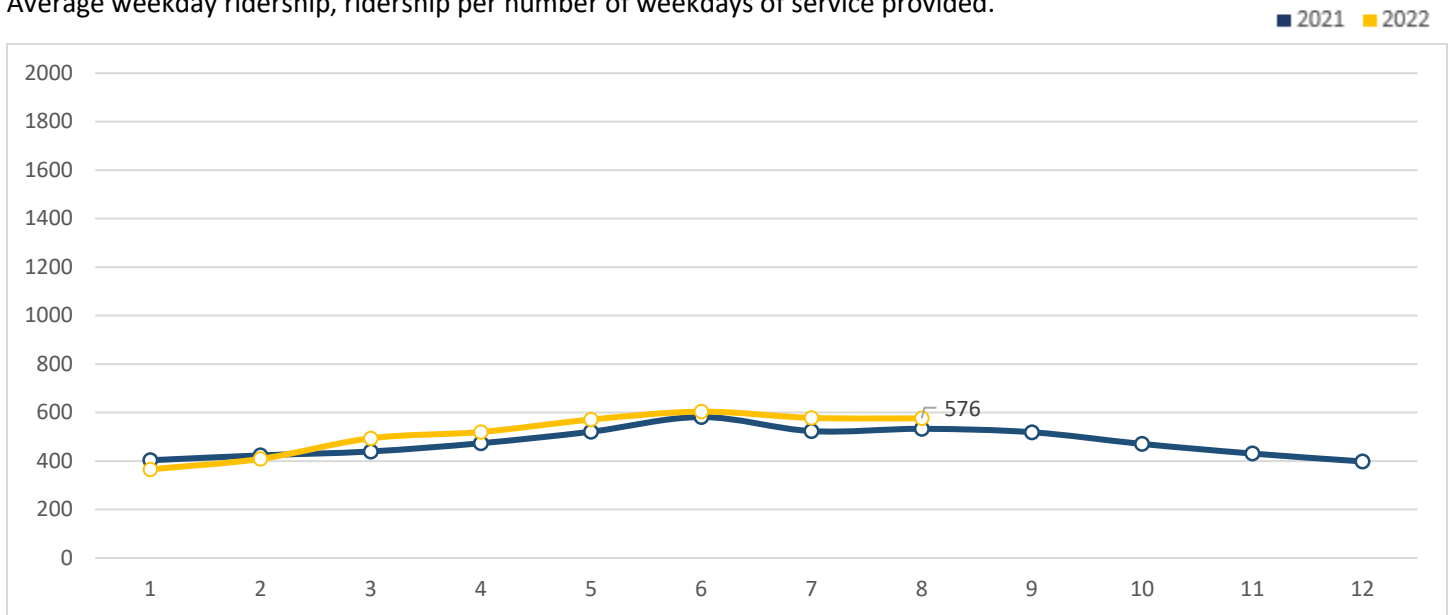
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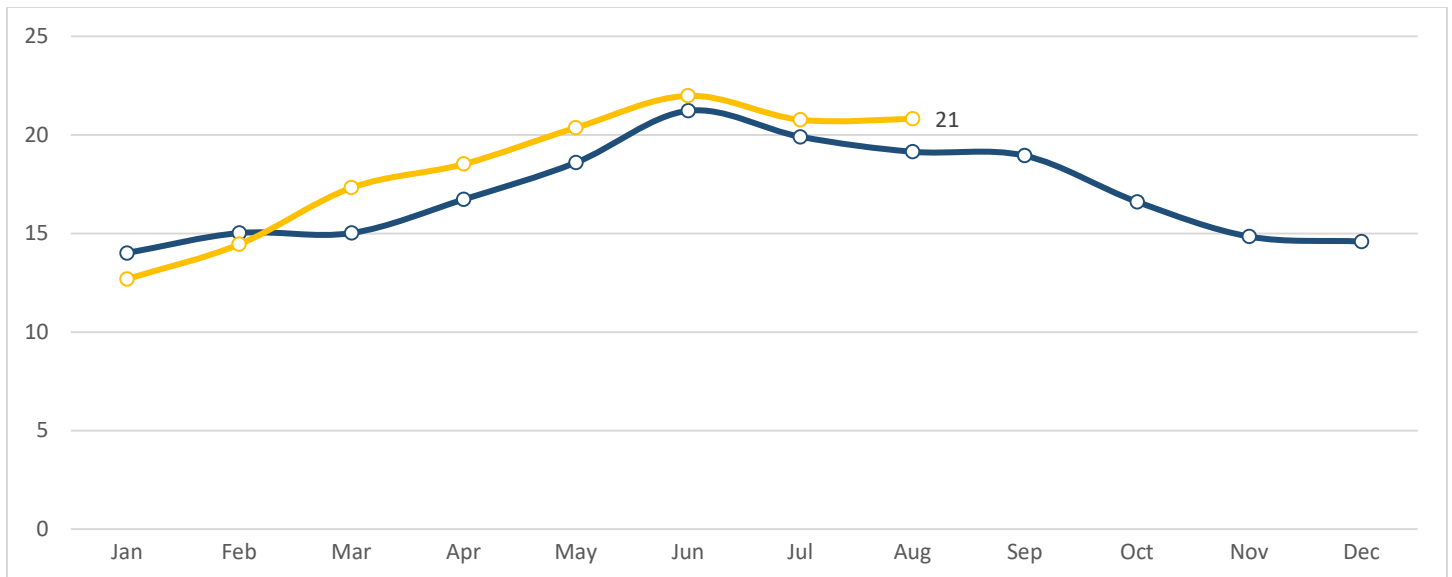
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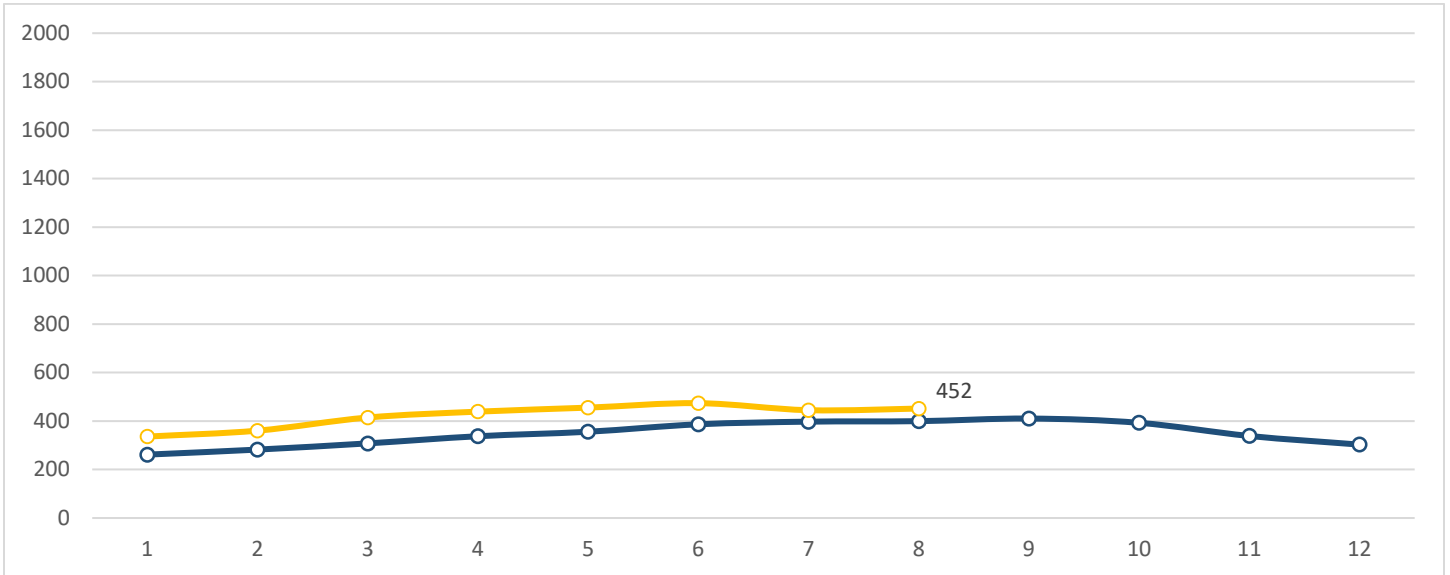


Route 55

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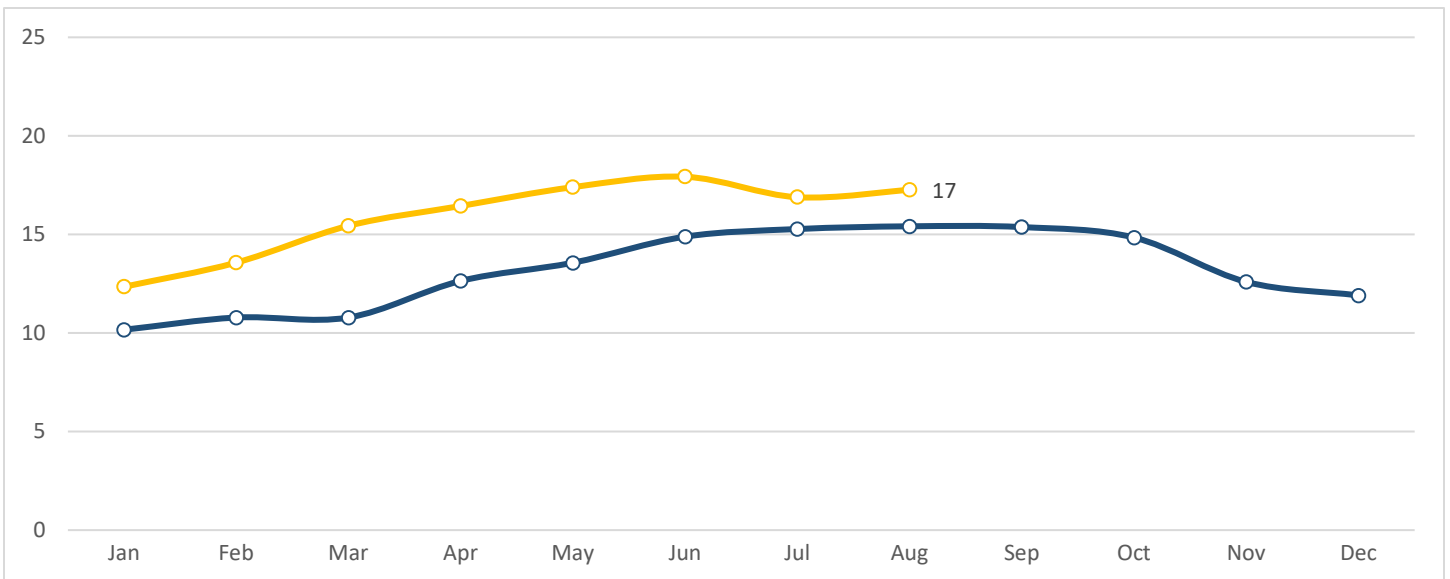
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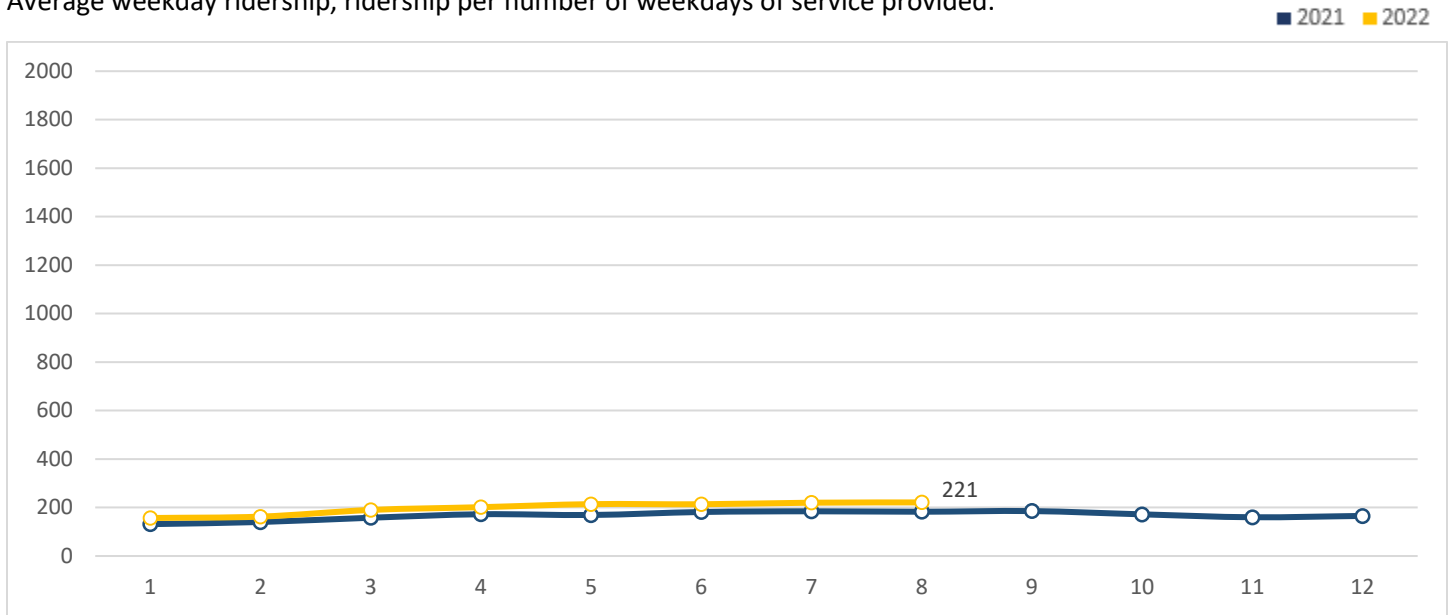
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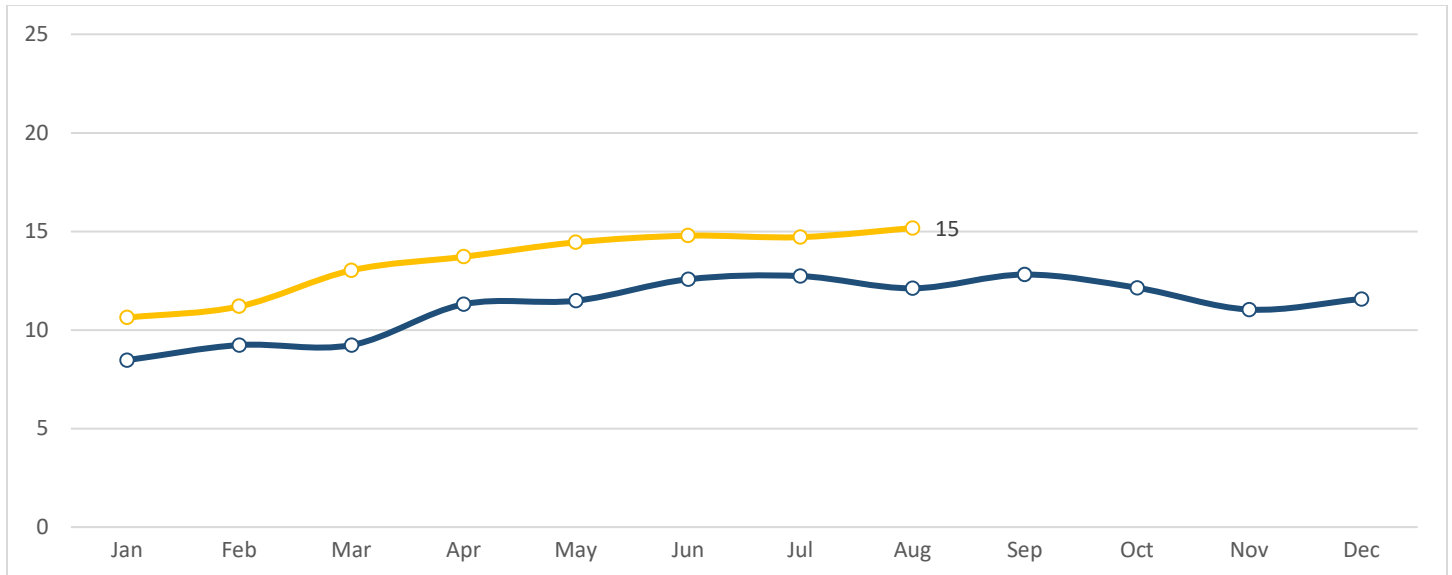
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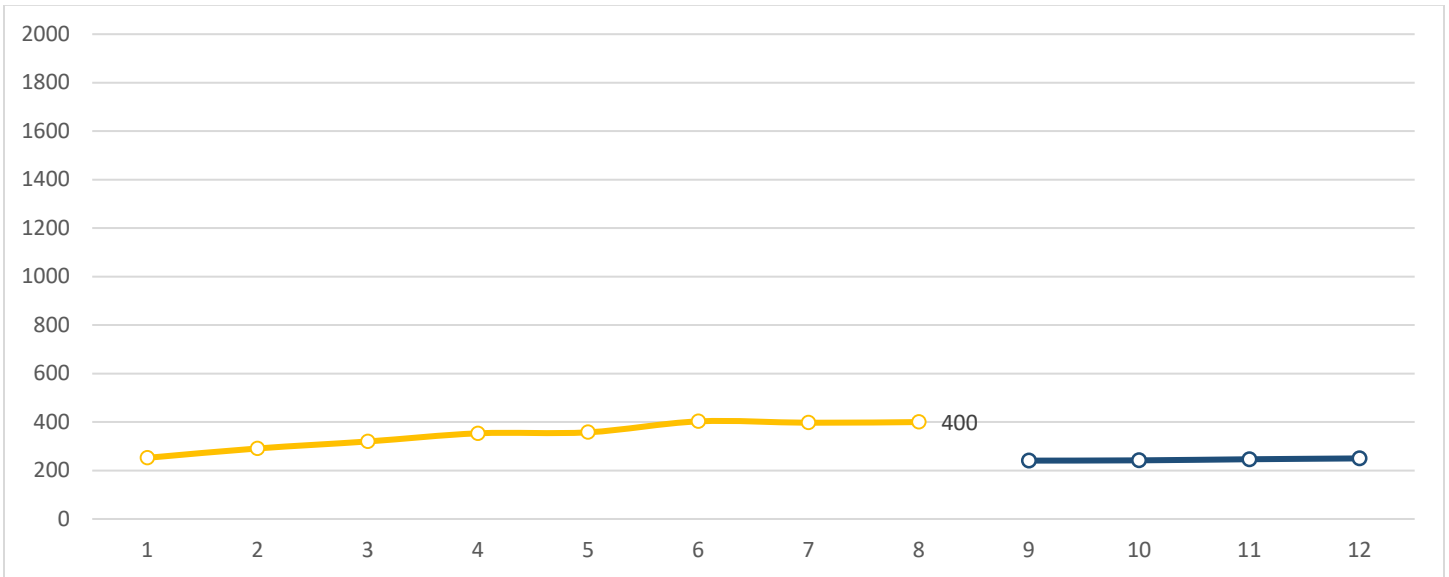


Route 85

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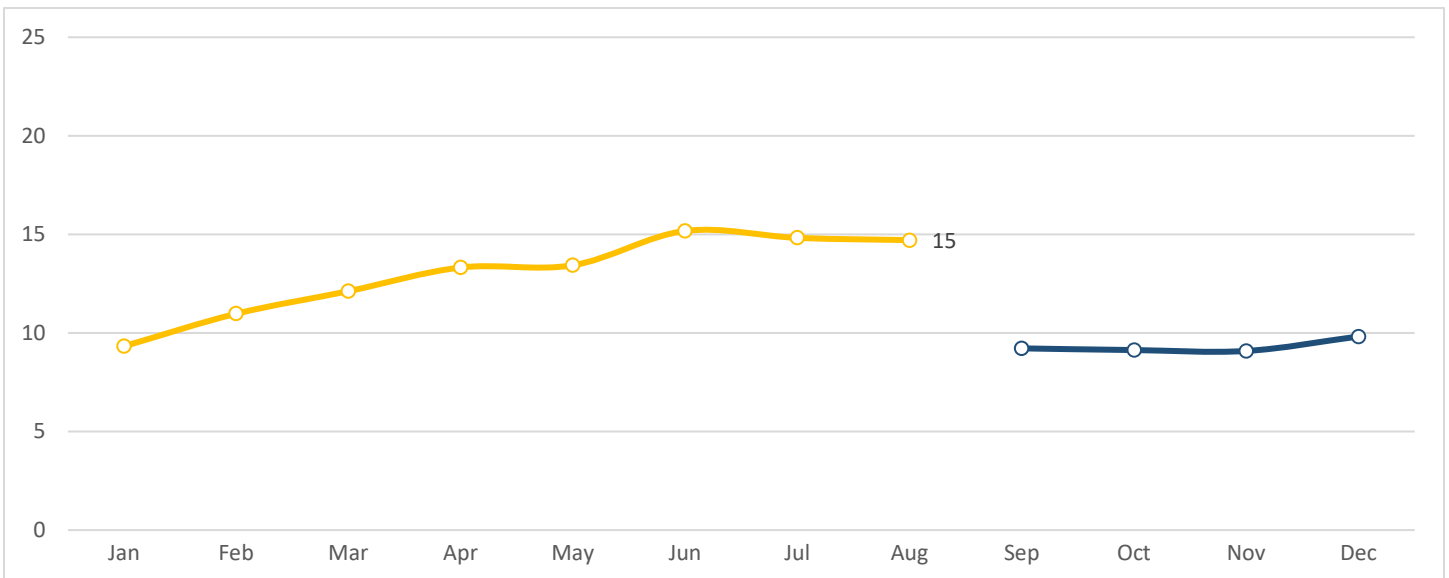
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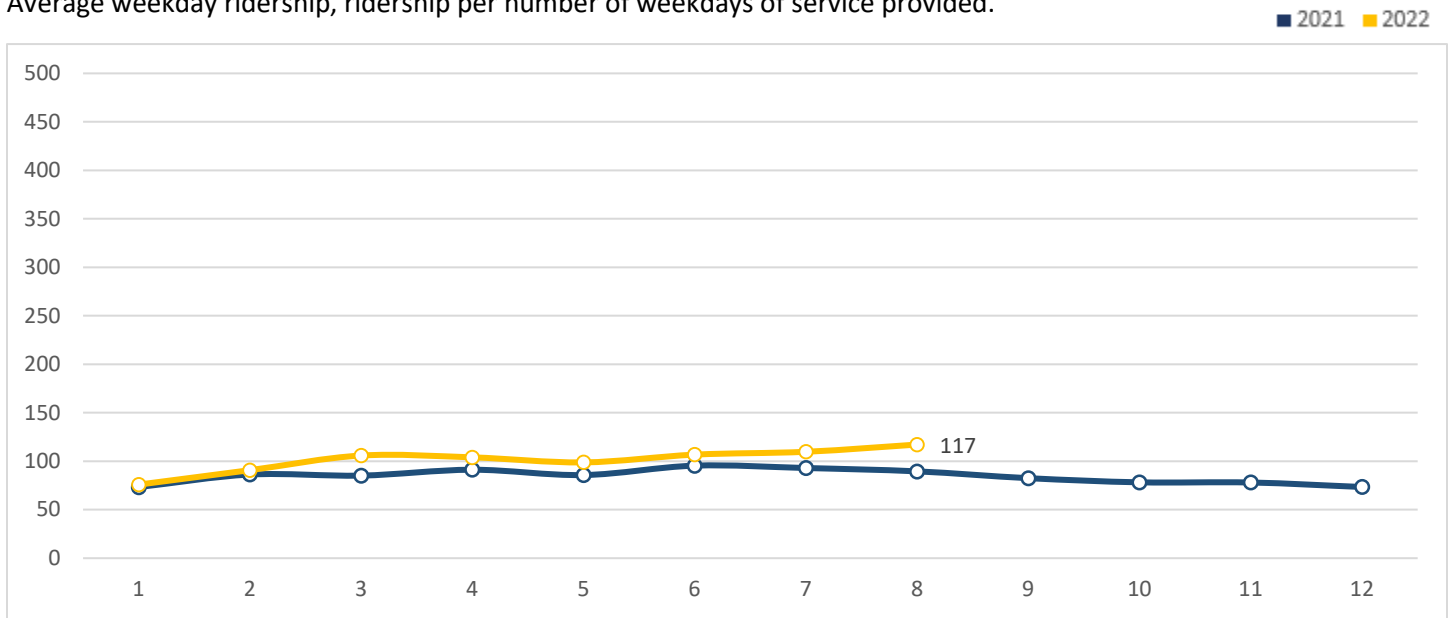


Neighborhood Routes, 30 or 60 Min Peak Frequency

Route 21

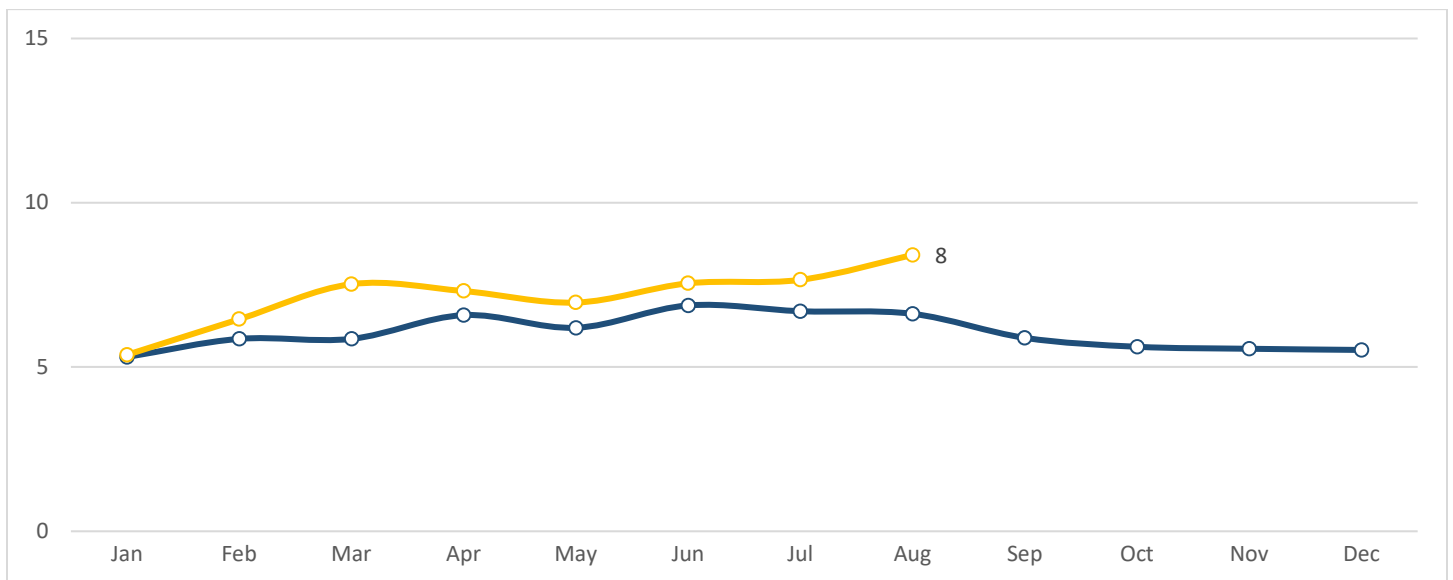
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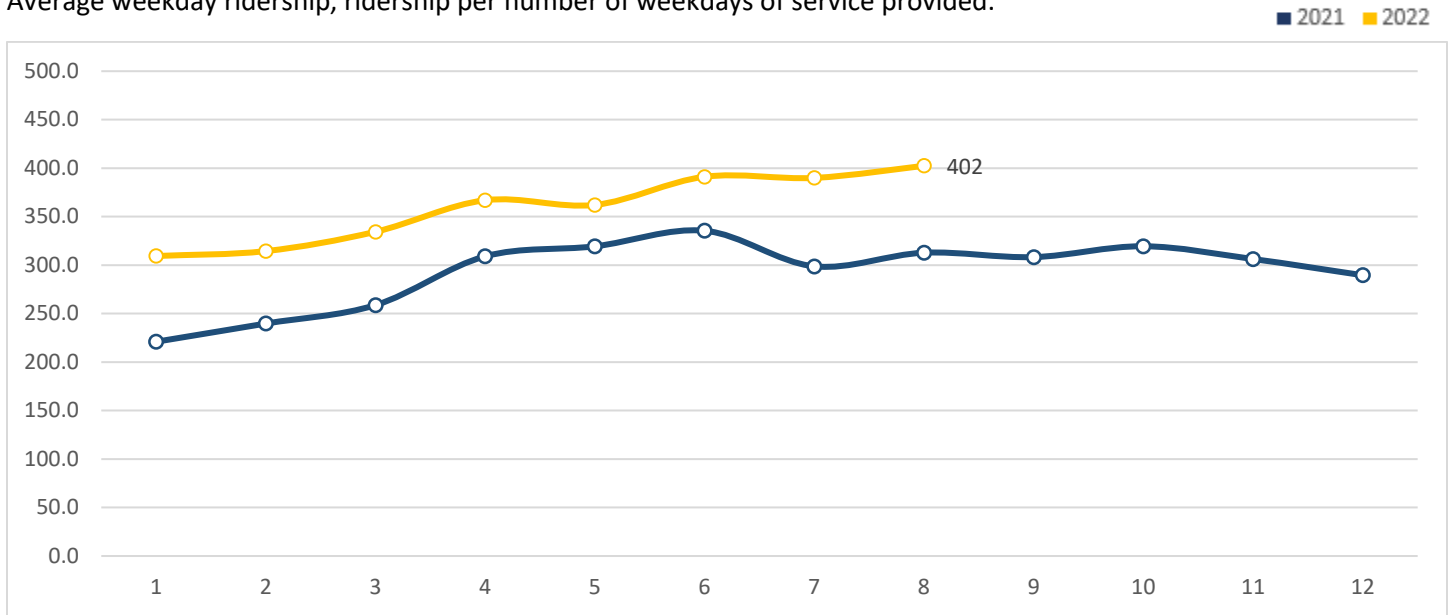
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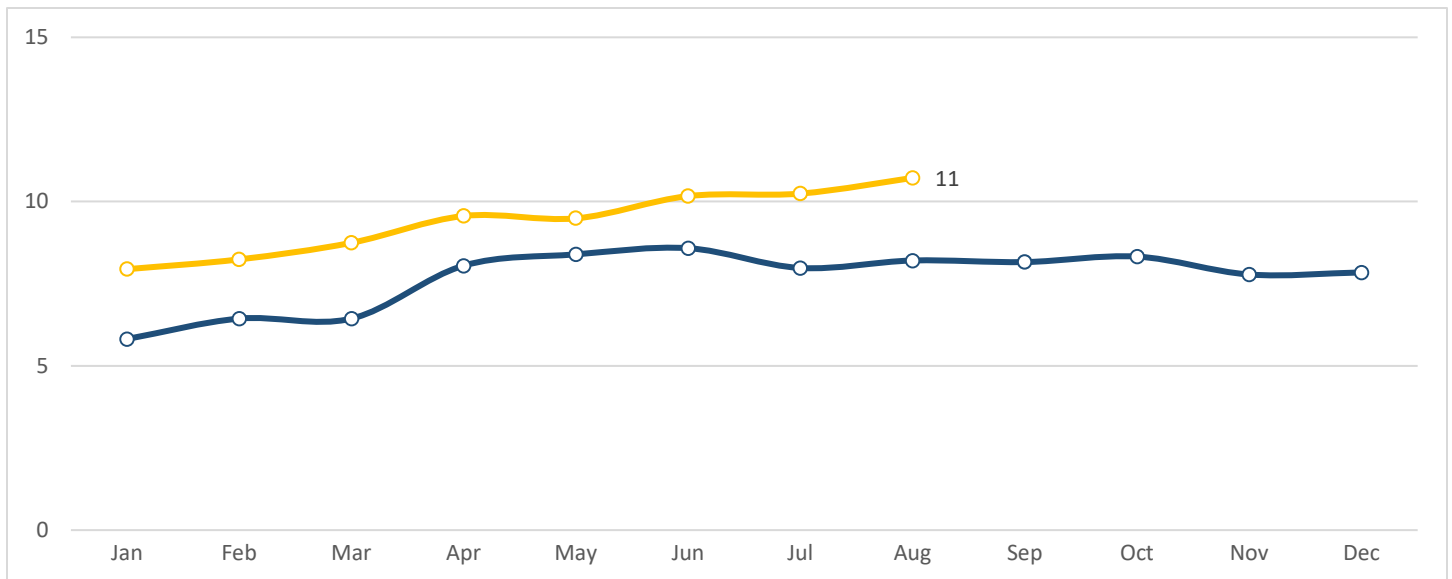
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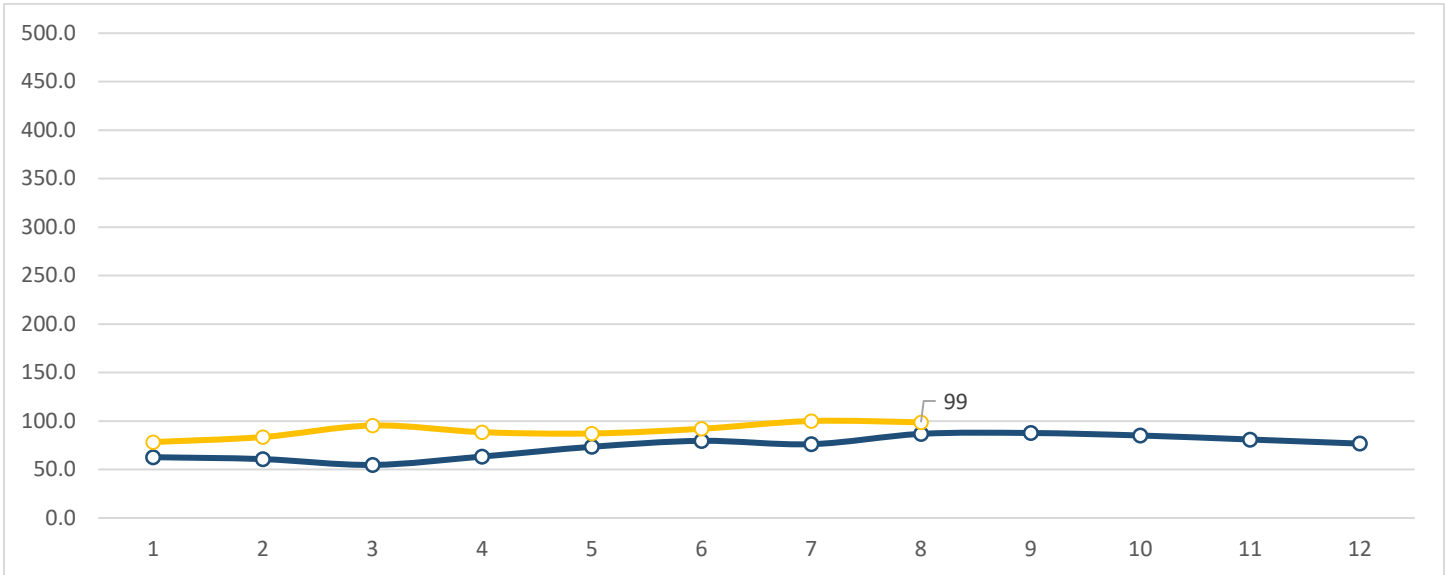


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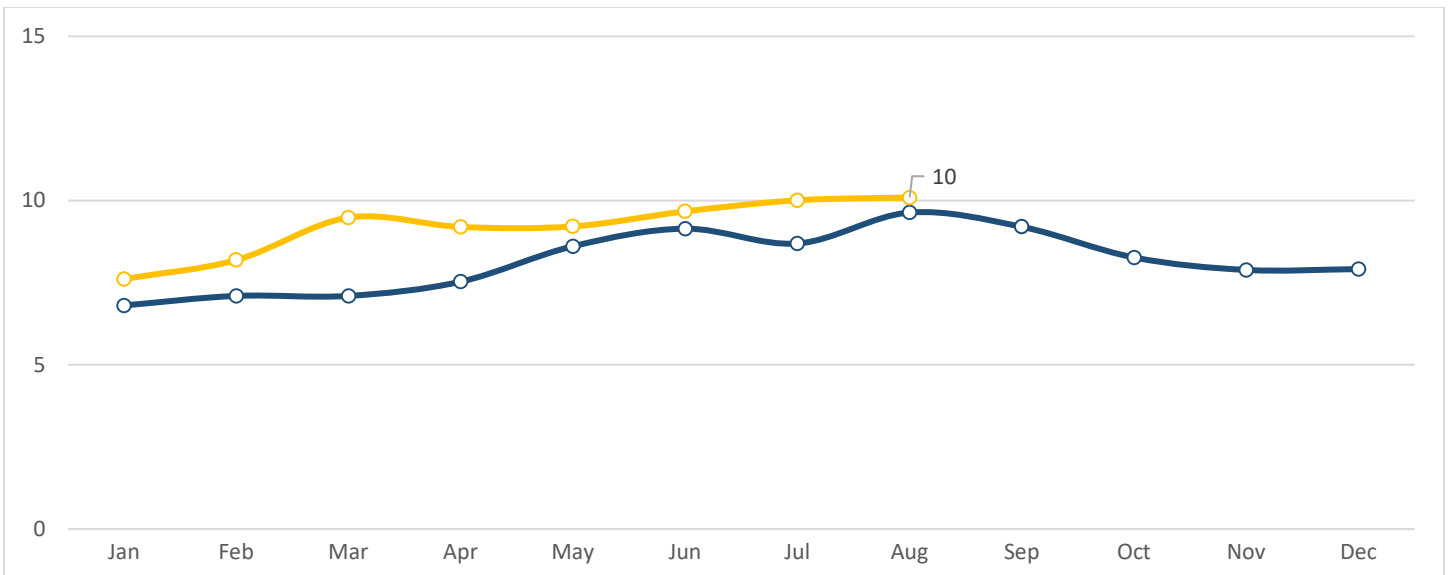
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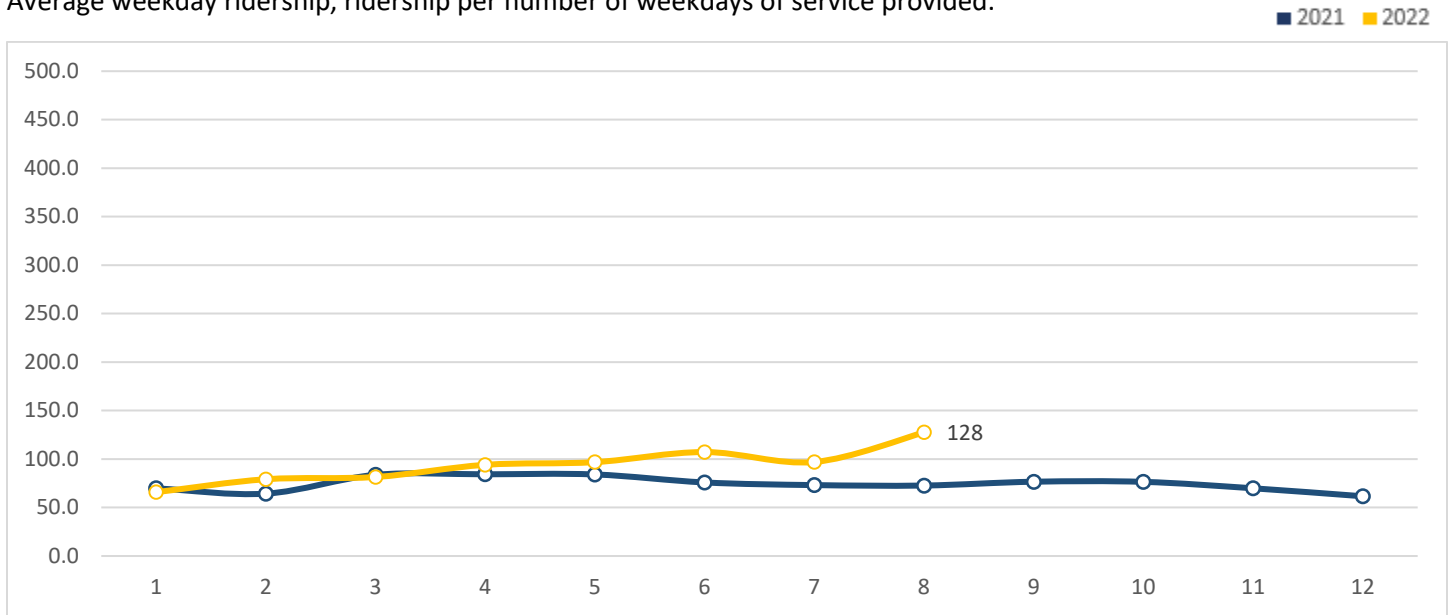
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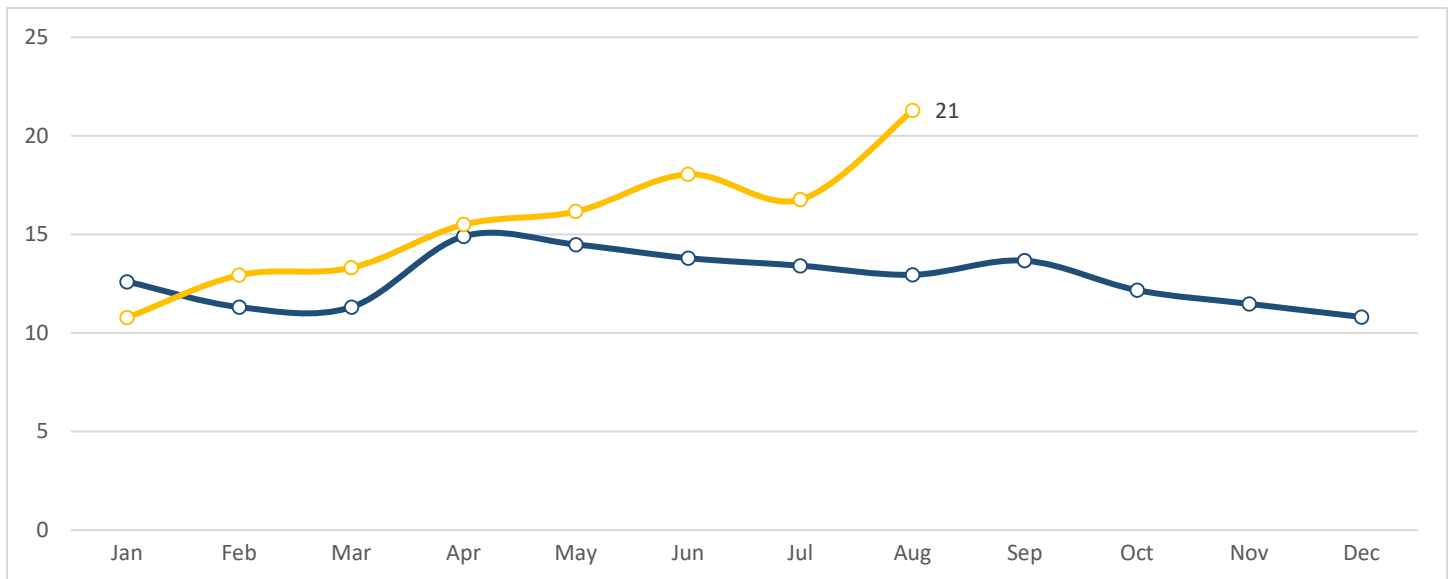
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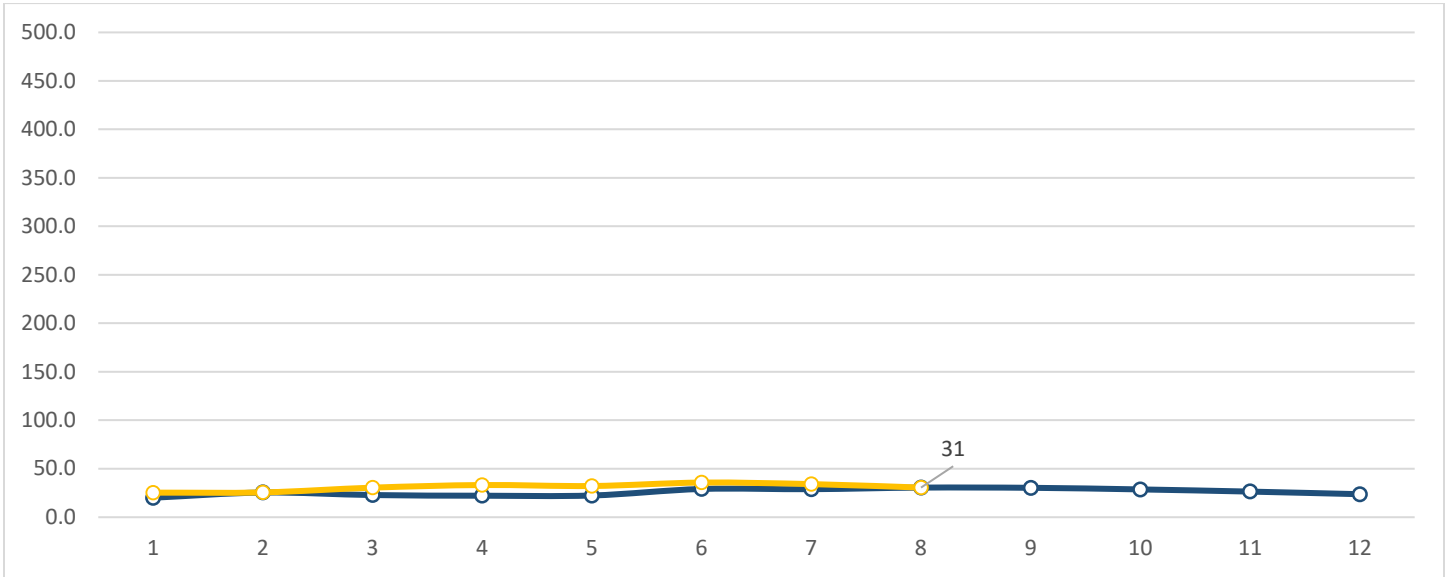
Commuter Routes, Rush Hour Service

Route 91

Ridership

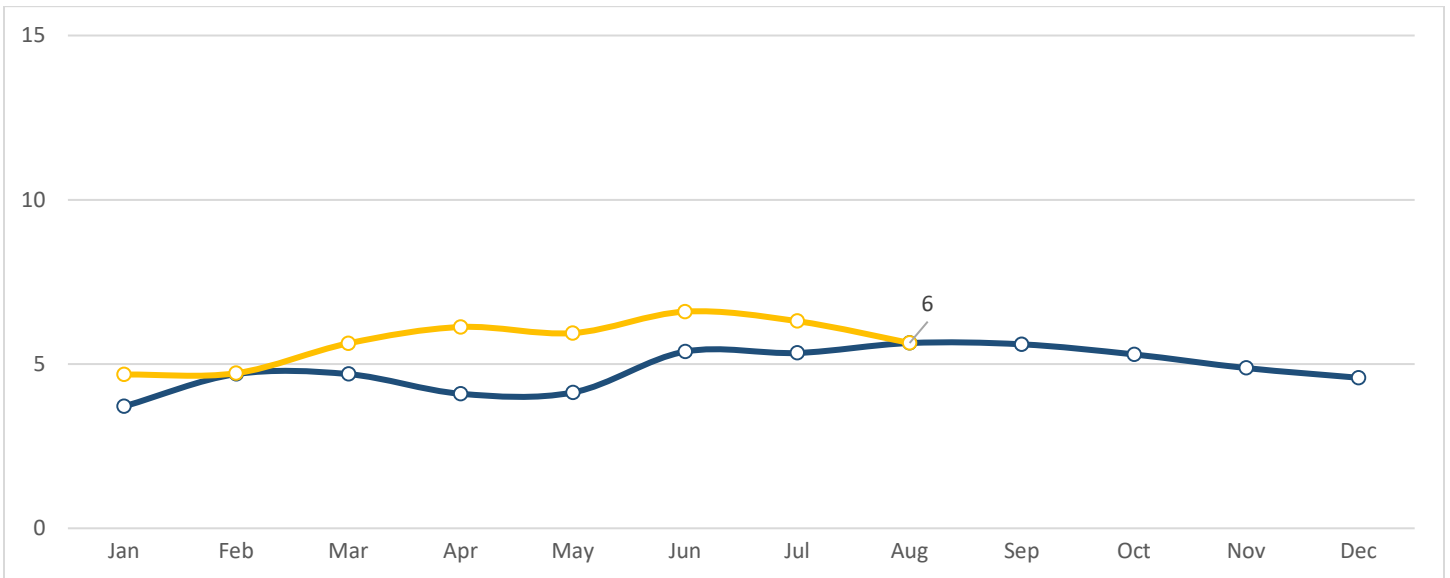
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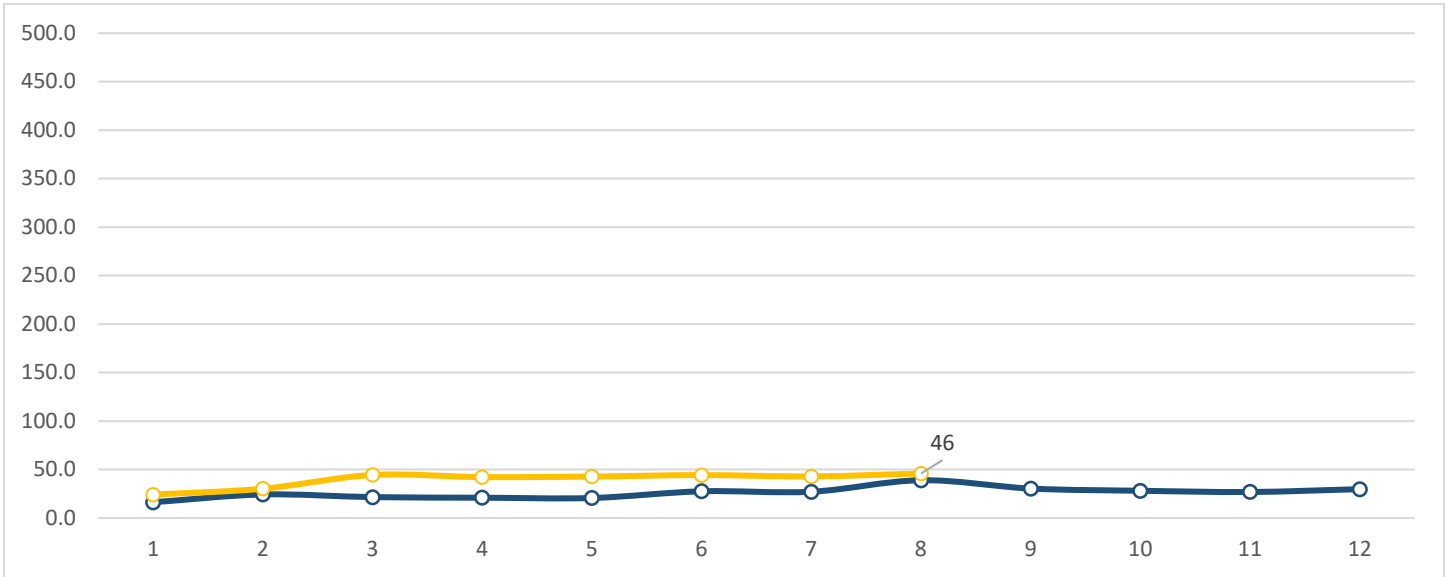


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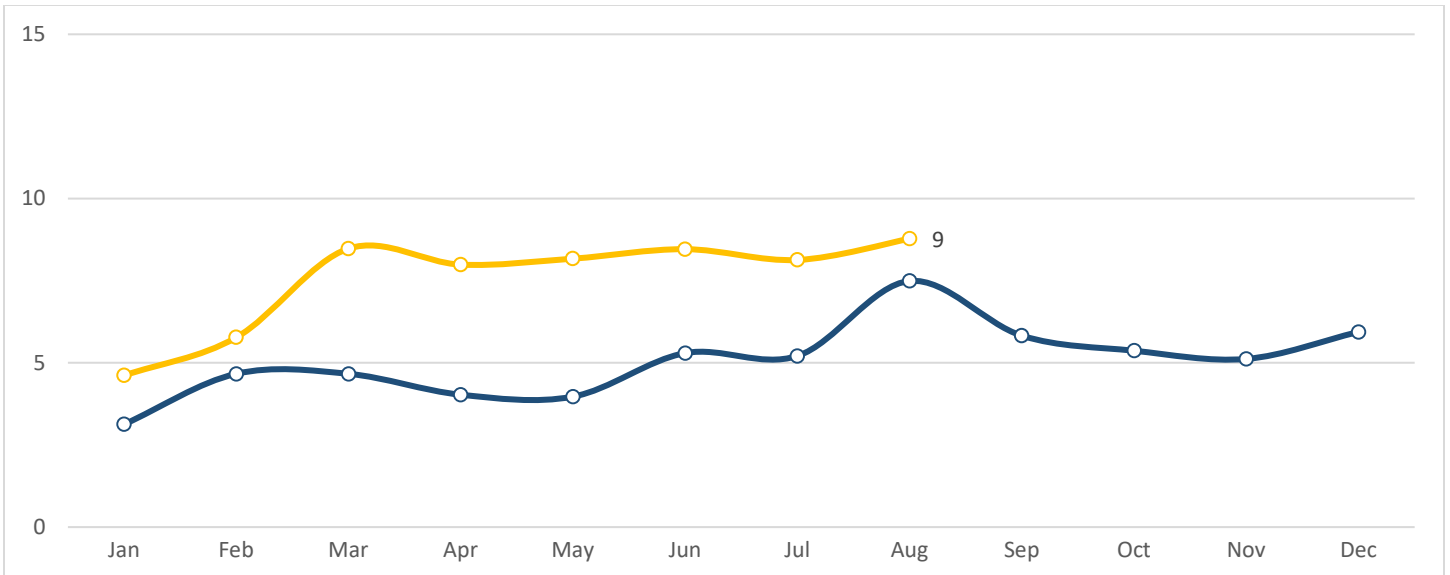
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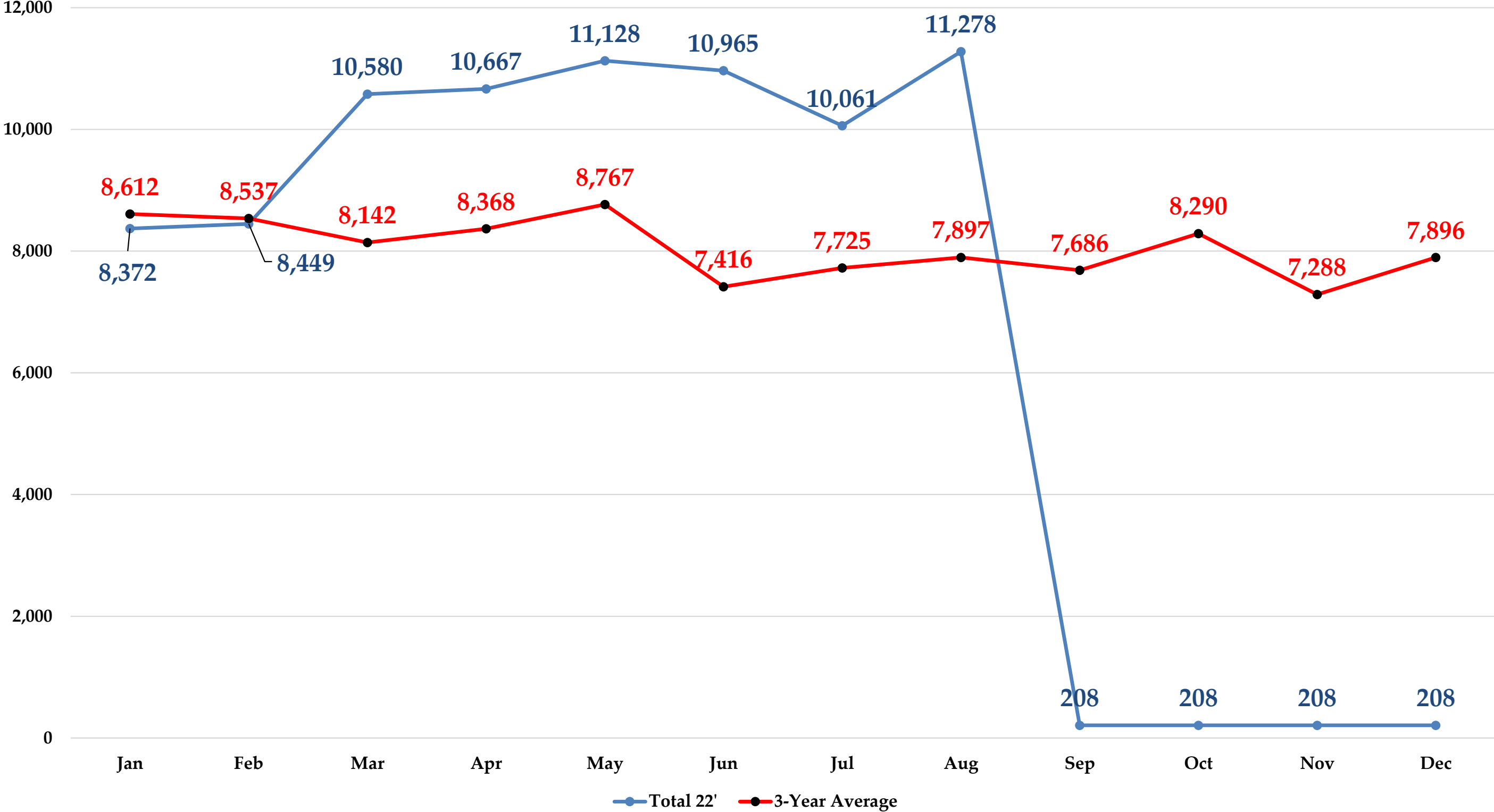


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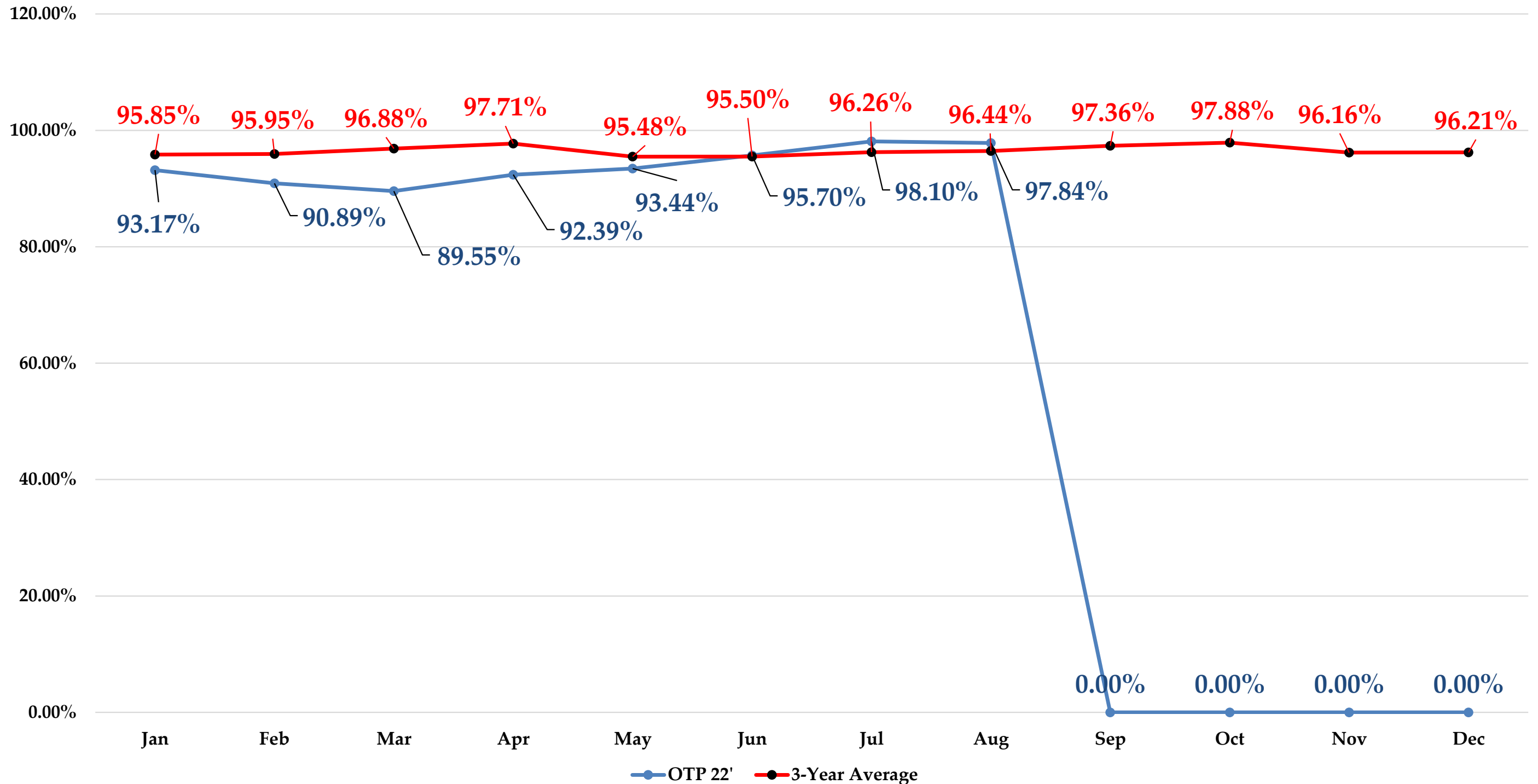
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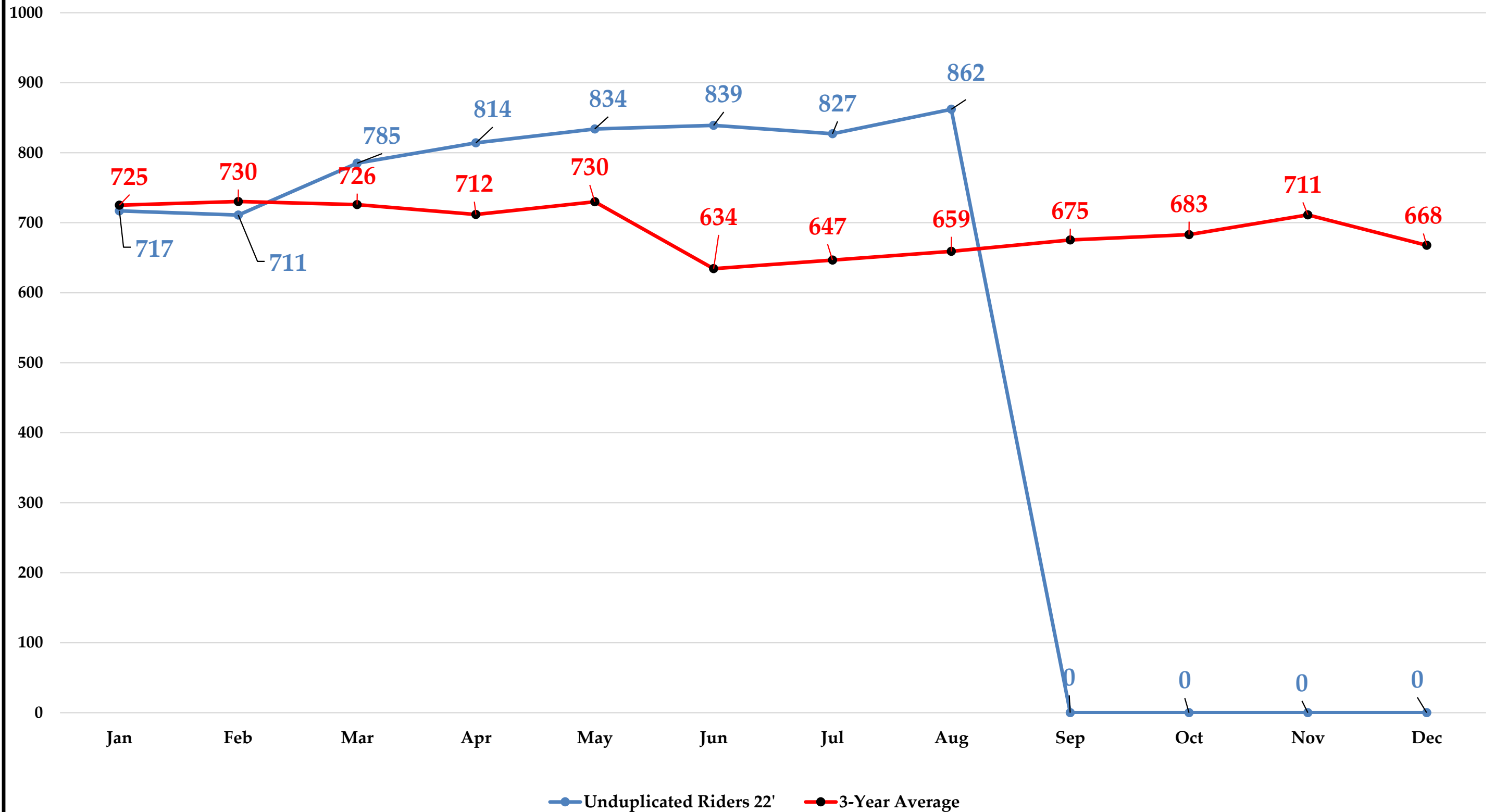
AnchoRIDES 2022 Ridership



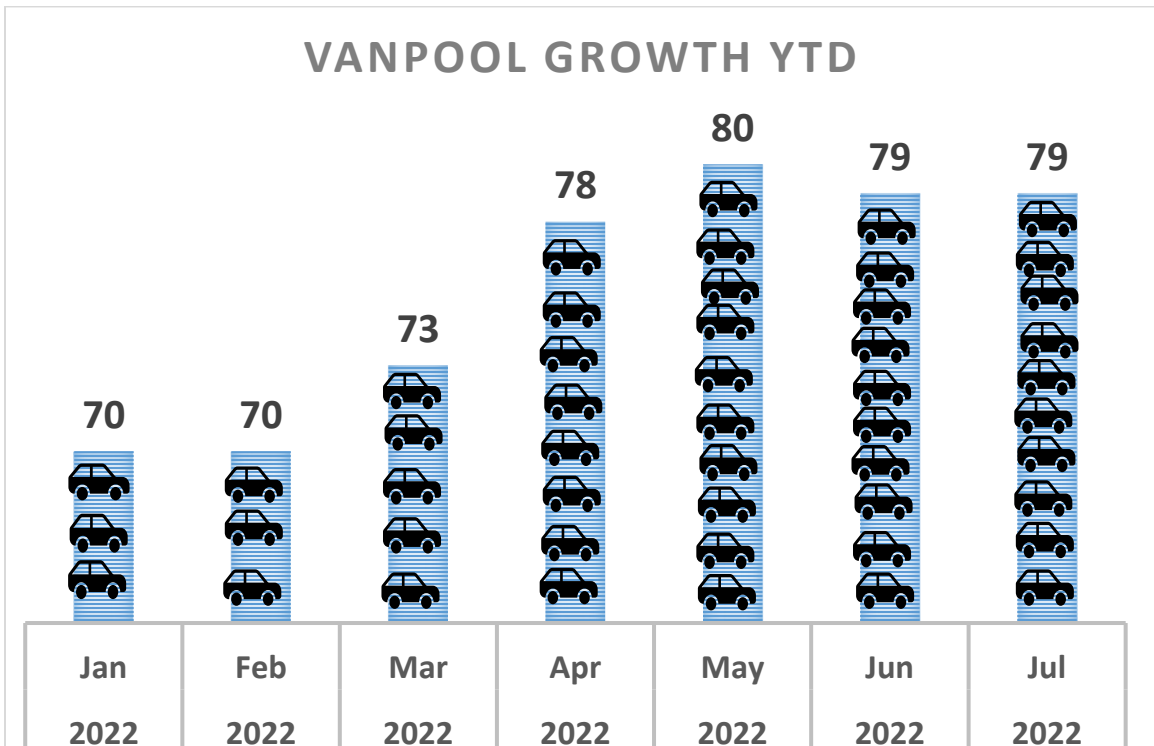
2022 AnchorRIDES On-Time Performance 15min +/-



2022 Unduplicated Customers



September 8 PTAB Meeting RideShare Report





July 2022, about 486,150 (LBS.) CO2 emissions were reduced!