

**Municipality of Anchorage  
Public Transit Advisory Board  
Meeting Agenda  
October 12, 2023; 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**

1. Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Meeting (Action Item)
2. Director's Update (Information Item)
3. Operations Update (Information Item)
4. Transit Center Study Update (Information Item)
5. September Rider Survey Results (Information Item)
6. Budget Resolution (Action Item)
7. Ridership Update (Information Item)

- 6. Public Comments [2 minutes each]**
- 7. Member Comments**
- 8. Adjournment**

**Next PTAB Meeting Date:**

PTAB Regular Meeting – Thursday, November 12, 2023

# Public Transit Advisory Board (PTAB)

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2023, 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

Doug Miller  
Michael Williams  
Nathaniel Lackey  
Peter Hill  
Ric Nelson  
Sarah Preskitt

### PTAB Members Absent

CB Brady

### Citizens Present

Chelsea Ward-Waller  
Jacob  
Keelan Kenny  
Kyle Mielke

After the roll call, it was identified that a quorum was present.

## Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Michael Williams moved to approve the September 14, 2023, agenda.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The motion passed without objection.

## Public Involvement Announcement

Ms. Sarah Preskitt read the public involvement announcement.

## Action/Information Items

### 1. Minutes of the June 8, 2023, meeting (Action Item)

Mr. Peter Hill moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2023.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey seconded the motion.

The motion passed without objection.

### 2. Minutes of the August 10, 2023, meeting (Action Item)

Mr. Michael Williams moved to approve the minutes of August 10, 2023.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded the motion.

Mr. Doug Miller objected and suggested amending the minutes to include Mr. Nathaniel Lackey's last name in the comment section of the August 10, 2023 minutes.

None opposed the amendment.

The motion passed as amended.

**3. Director's Update (Information Item)**

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

**4. Operations Update (Information Item)**

Mr. Wes Renfrew was unavailable for this item. This item was skipped.

**5. Service Change Update (Information Item)**

Information was provided by Ms. Jamie Acton.

**6. Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Presentation (Information Item)**

Information was provided by Ms. Chelsea Ward-Waller.

**7. Transit Center Study (Information Item)**

Information was provided by Mr. Randy Brown.

**8. Rider Survey (Information Item)**

Information was provided by Mr. Randy Brown.

**9. Ridership Update (Information Item)**

Information was provided by Mr. Nicholas Abugel, Mr. Bart Rudolph, and Ms. April White.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Member Comments**

Mr. Michael Williams mentioned that he liked the AMATS 2050 presentation and that he is excited to start reviewing all the documentation. He also mentioned that he remains optimistic about the increase in ridership. Additionally, he mentioned that in either the May or June meeting, he committed to working on PTAB's

goals, and now that his field season for work is over, he will have more time to commit to this.

Mr. Peter Hill echoed Mr. Michael Williams's statements about the AMATS 2050 presentation and ridership increases.

Mr. Nathaniel Lackey mentioned that it was great to see ridership increase and that People Mover has been successful in hiring additional drivers.

Mr. Doug Miller said that he appreciates all the hard work and transparency, and he added that he does not feel that anything is being hidden and that this was a very productive meeting.

Mr. Ric Nelson did not have any comments for this meeting.

Ms. Sarah Preskitt said that it was a great meeting, but she added that she was a bit disappointed and frustrated that the Service Change was postponed. However, she thanked People Mover staff for their continued effort.

## **Adjournment**

Mr. Michael Williams moved to adjourn the PTAB meeting of September 14 at 6:52 PM.

Mr. Peter Hill seconded.

The next PTAB meeting will be held on October 12, 2023, from 5:30–7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Abugel  
Transit Planning Technician

*For details of the board's discussion, please refer to the recording of this meeting on the municipal website at <http://www.muni.org/Departments/transit/Pages/PublicTransitAdvisoryBoard.aspx>*

**Municipality of Anchorage**  
**Public Transit Advisory Board Resolution #2023-03**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORTING THE  
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

**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 2024 within the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA); and;

**WHEREAS**, special consideration has been given to the following item:

1. PTD has plans to merge Route 85 with Route 91 to provide more service south of Dimond Boulevard, including new weekend service. It is the only route that serves the Turnagain area in west Anchorage and provides direct service to the Loussac Library. After the merge, it will also be the only route south of Dimond Boulevard. Currently, Route 85 travels along Old Seward Highway, filling a gap that did not have service between Lake Otis Parkway and Arctic Boulevard.
  - a. Route 85 had 113,850 total rides in 2022.
  - b. Route 85 was the 9th most productive route out of 15, averaging 18 people per service hour in 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 2024 and recommends that the Assembly and the Mayor do 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.

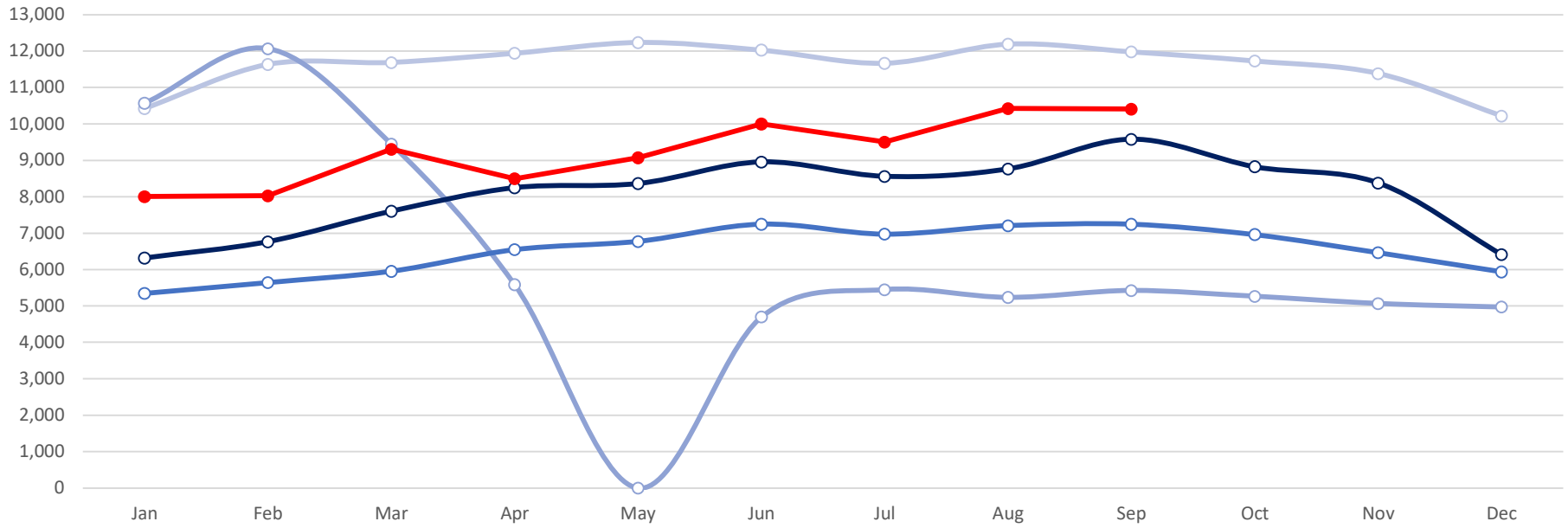
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Public Transit Advisory Board  
this 12th day of October, 2023.

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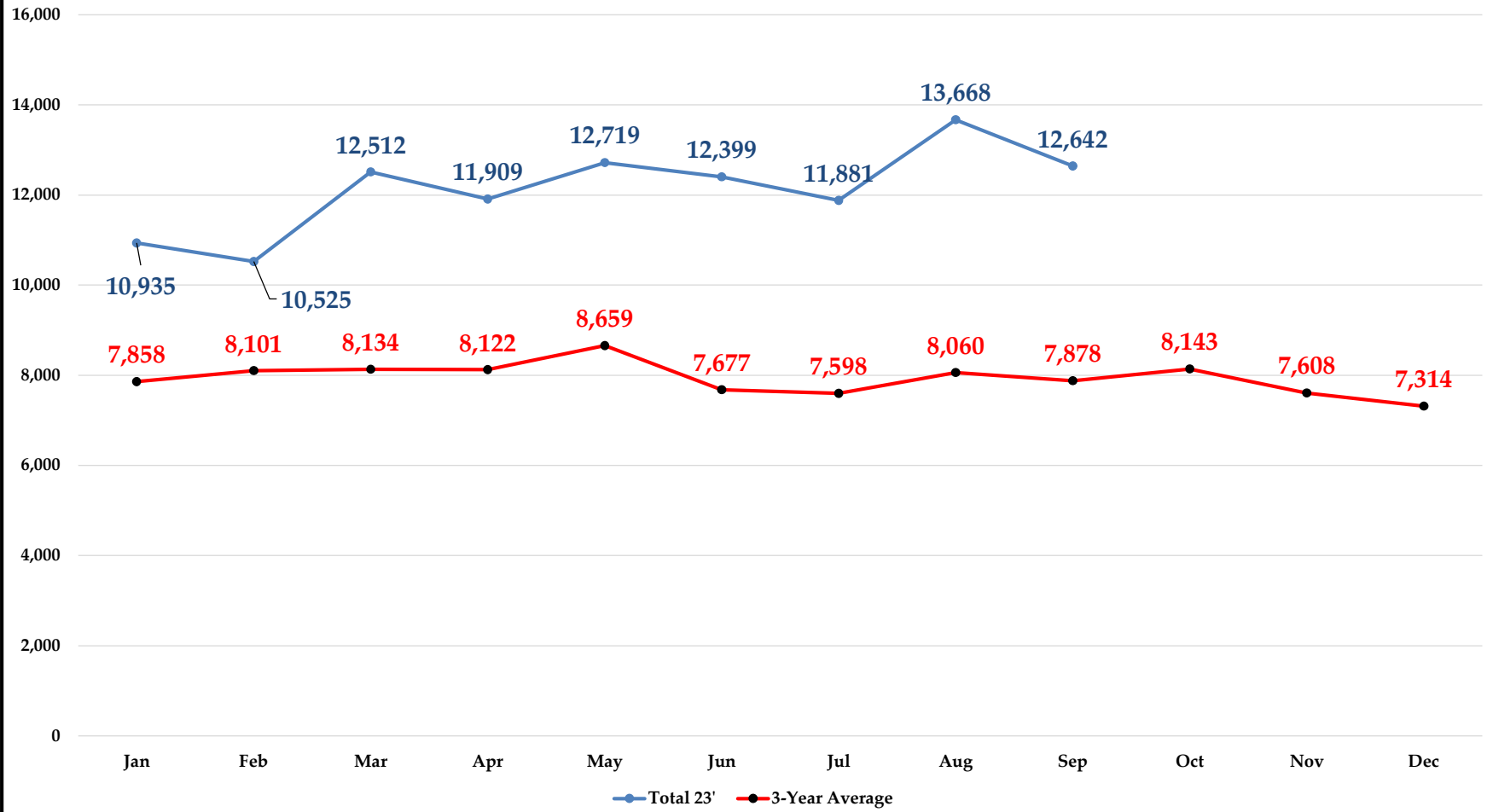
Sarah Preskitt  
Chair

### Monthly Weekday Average Ridership History

○ 2019 ○ 2020 ○ 2021 ○ 2022 ● 2023



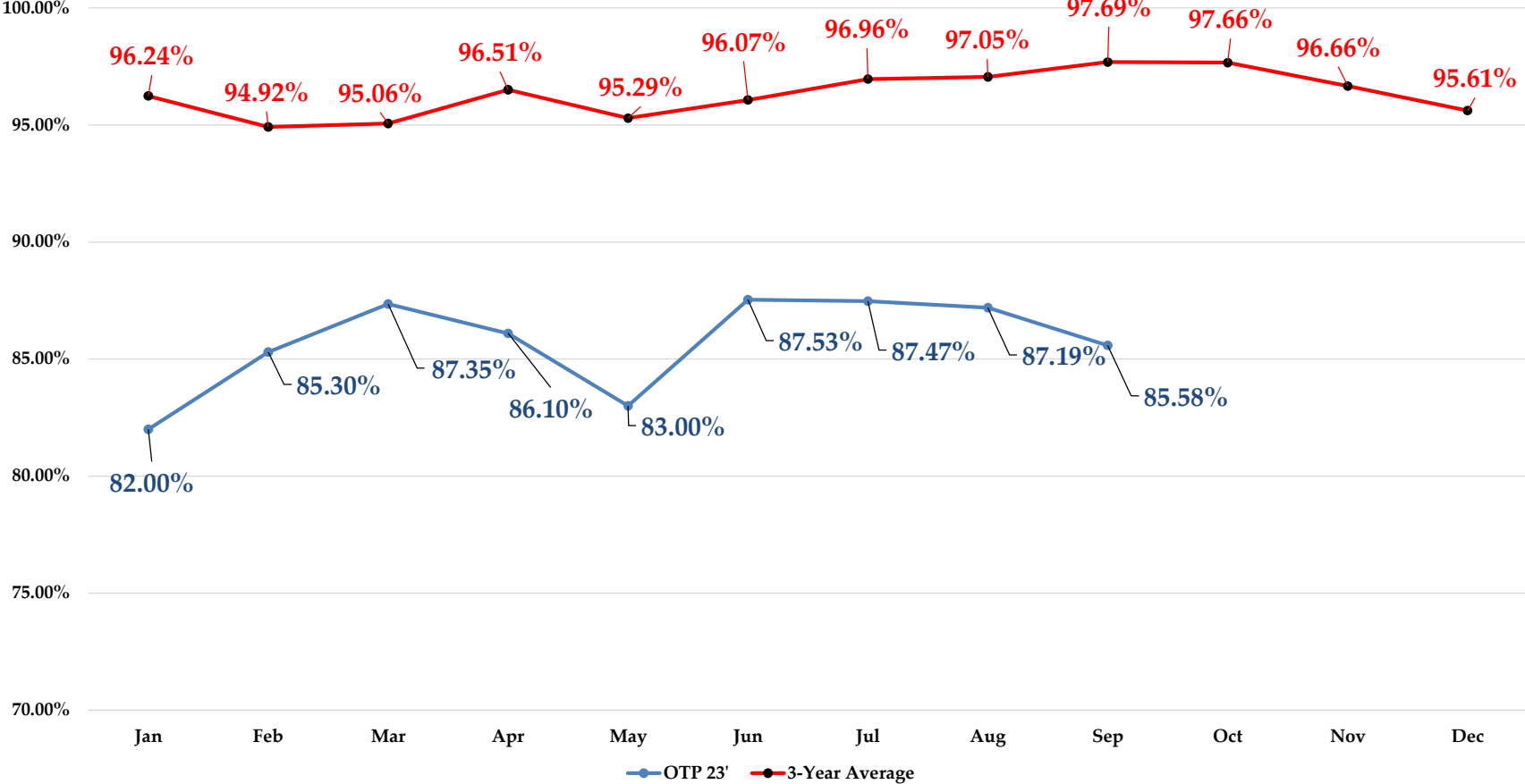
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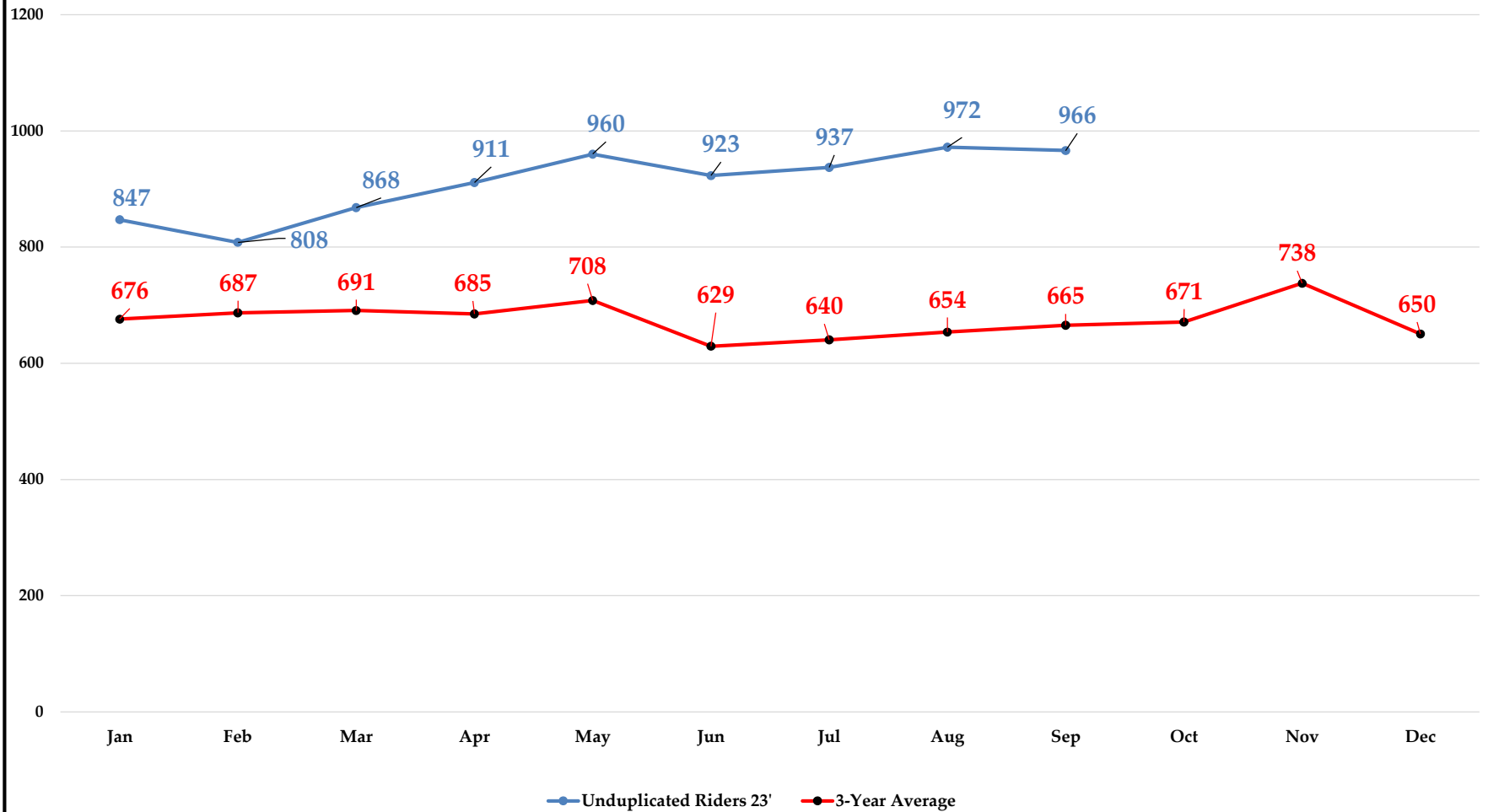


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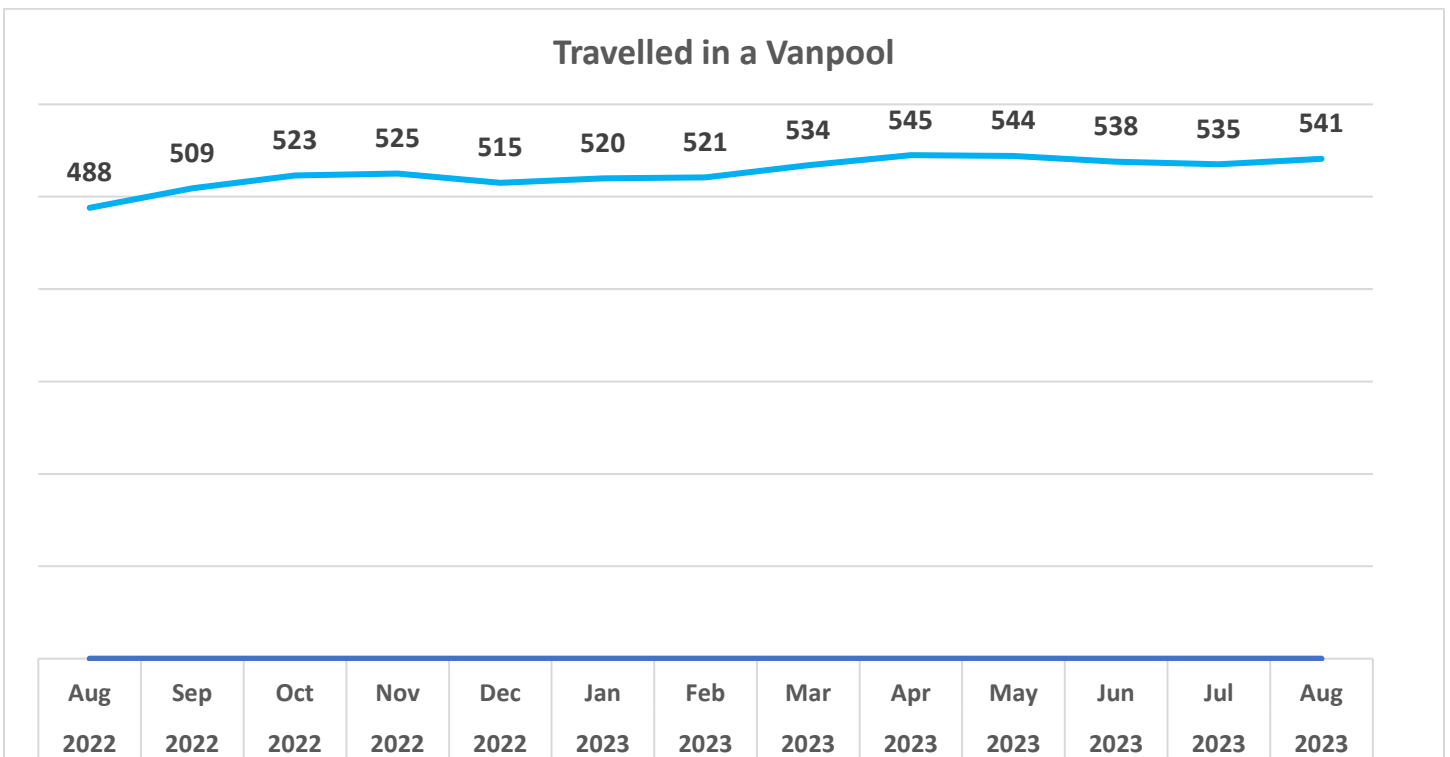
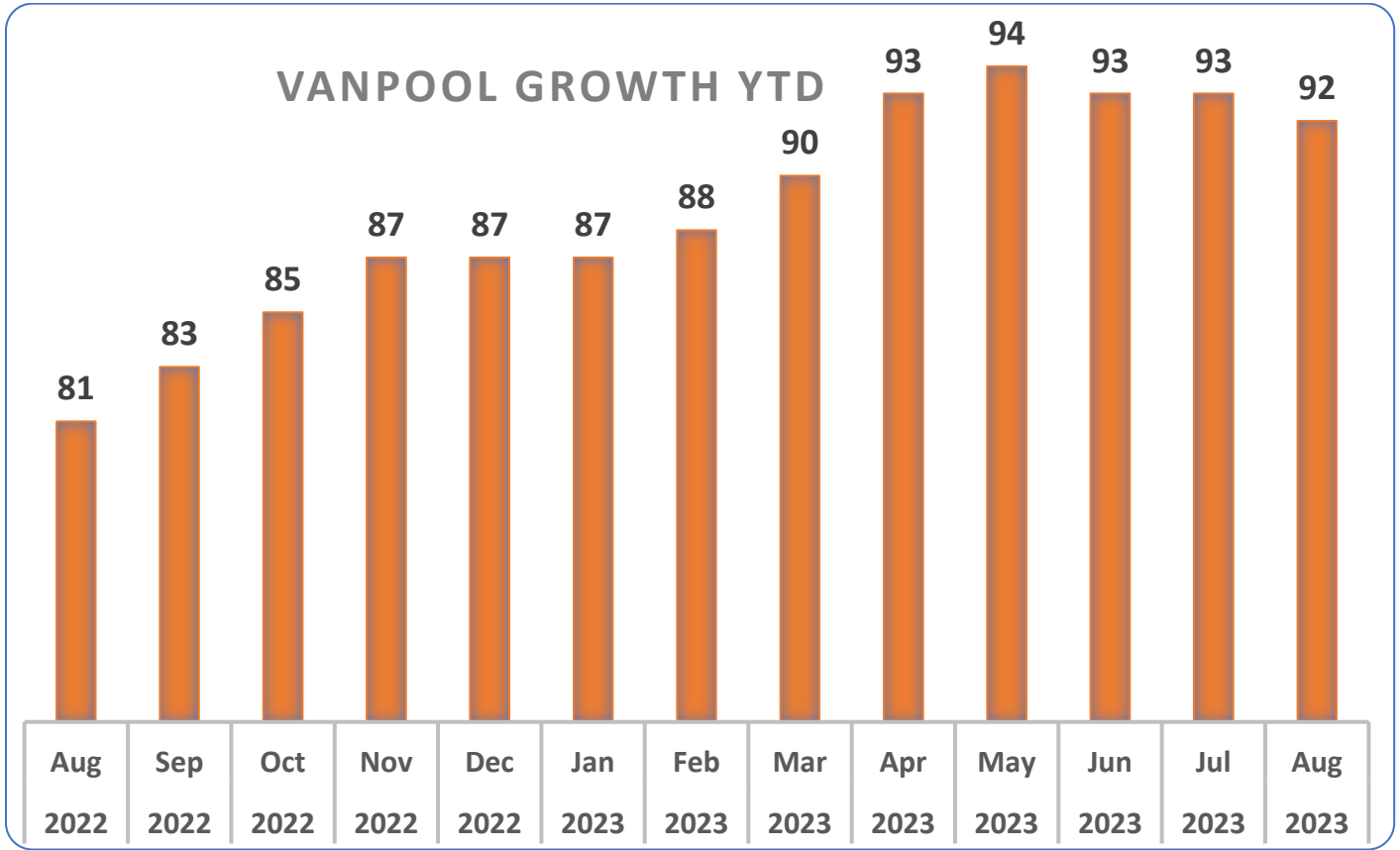
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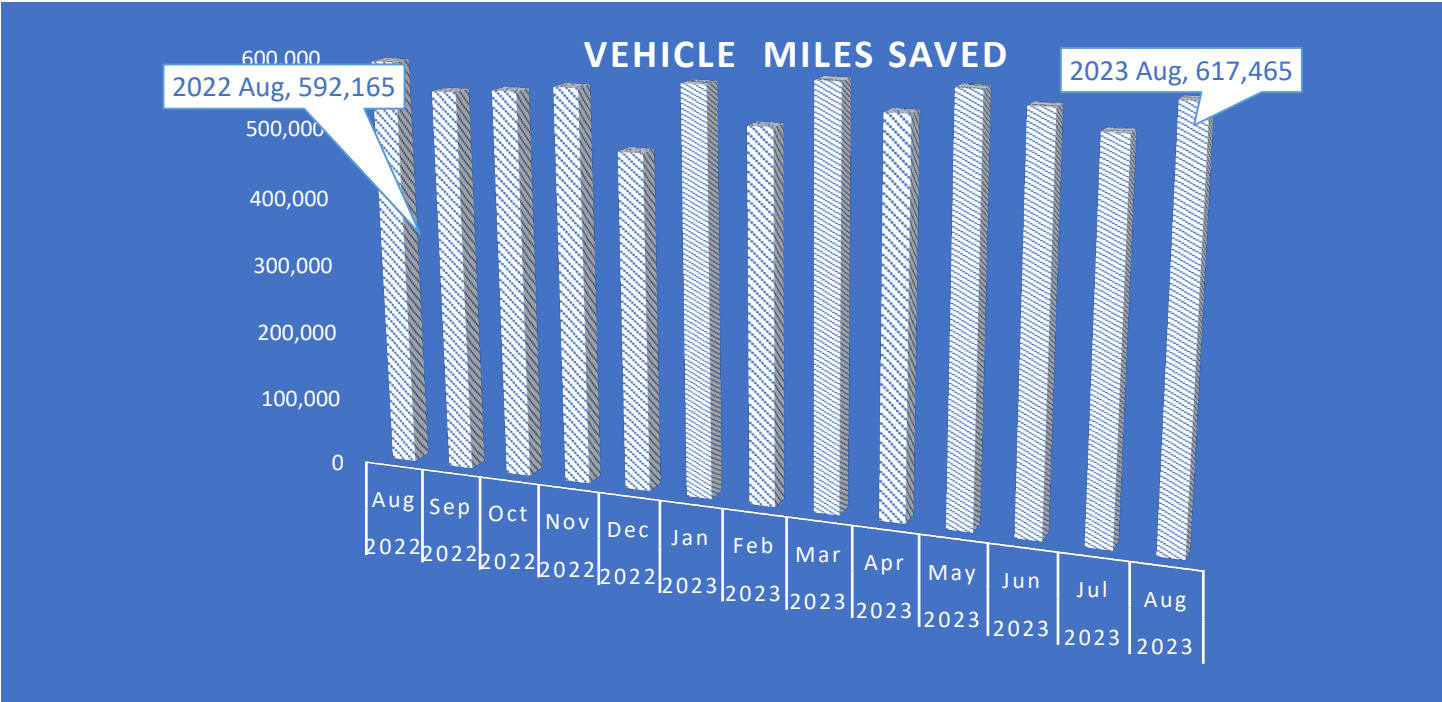


## 2023 Unduplicated Customers



# October 12, 2023, PTAB Meeting RideShare Report





**Program Goal is to reduce CO2 emissions**

