

Metro Ridership Snapshot

April 2021

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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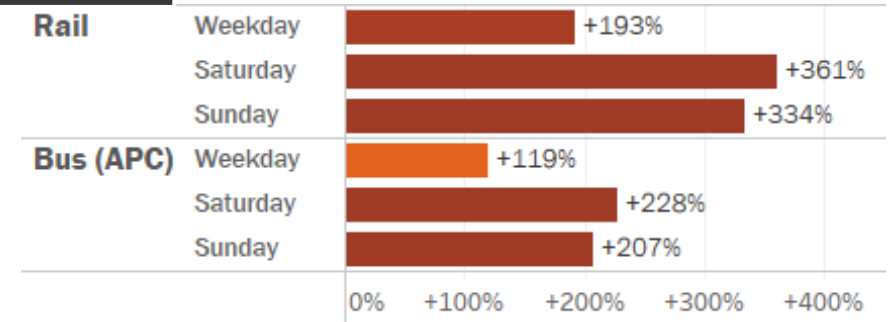
Note: Bus ridership shown here is from Metro’s automatic passenger counters, in both current and baseline months. Rail and parking ridership is from the farebox system.

All percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type last year. For more details, see [How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data](#)

Overall Ridership in April

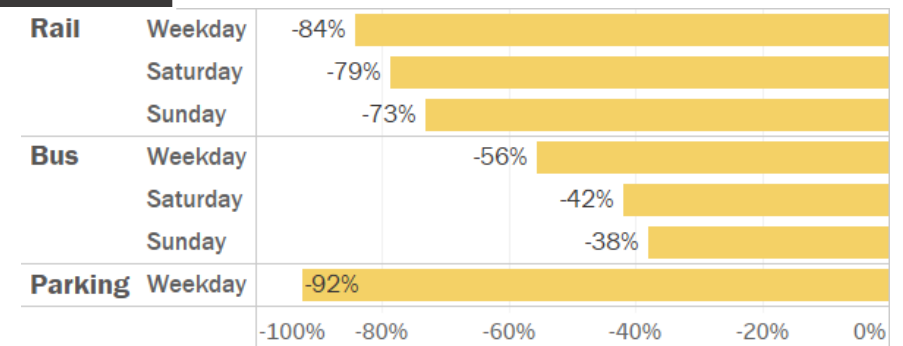
- **Ridership is compared to April 2020, the lowest-ridership month in the early part of the Covid-19 pandemic**
 - However, ridership remains significantly below pre-pandemic levels
- **Rail**
 - Since April 2020, ridership has nearly tripled on weekdays
- **Bus**
 - Since April 2020, ridership has more than doubled on weekdays; almost tripled on weekends
- **Parking**
 - Usage above April 2020 levels, but still significantly below pre-pandemic

vs. April 2020



(paid parking suspended in April 2020)

vs. April 2019

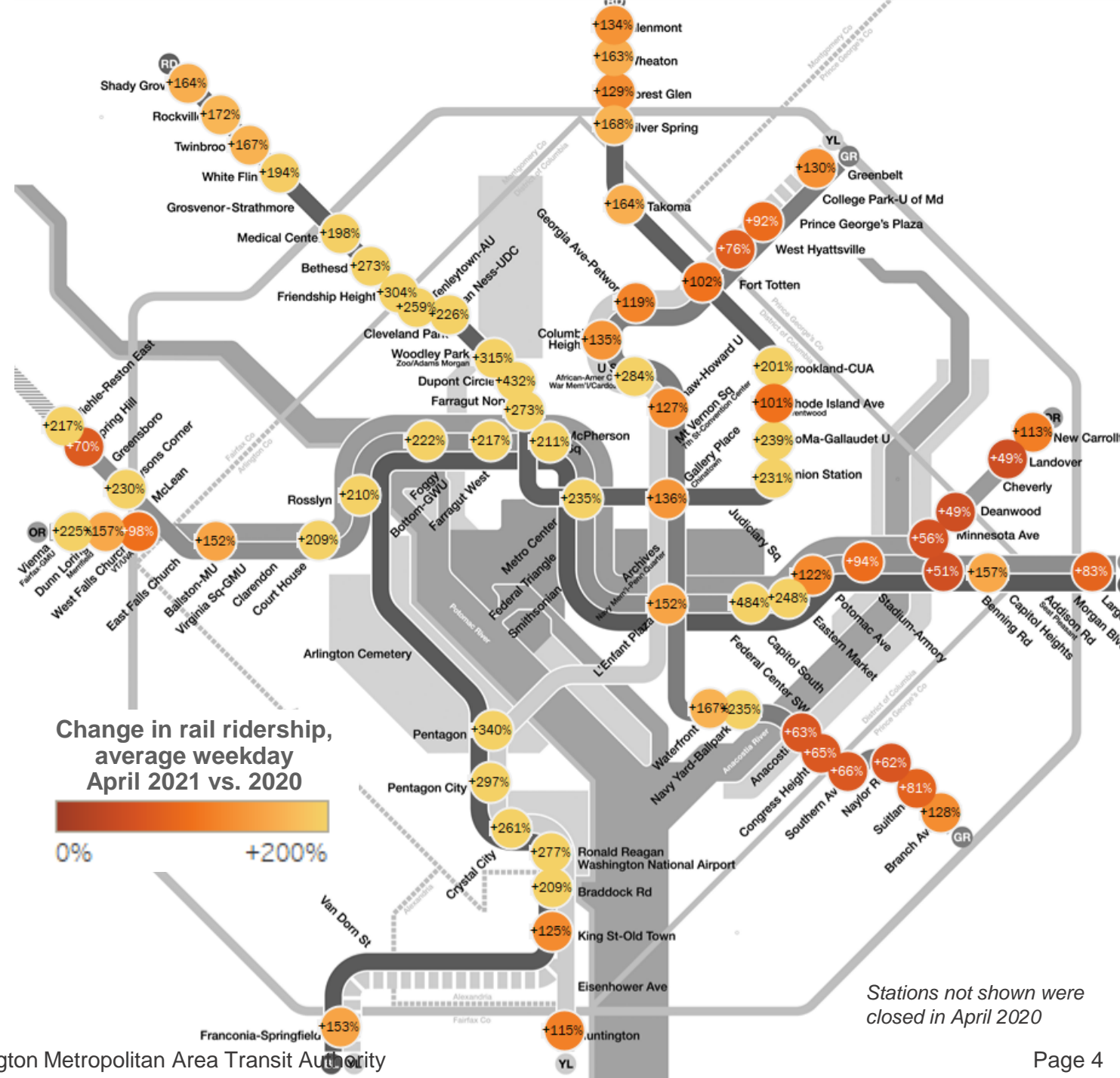


April 2021 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	104,000	77,000	55,000
Bus (APC)	160,000	111,000	84,000
Parking	3,000		



Metrorail Ridership

- Ridership significantly above April 2020 levels
- Gains on western side of the region appear relatively strong compared to lower base ridership in April 2020
- Notes:
 - Nineteen stations closed in 2020 due to COVID-19 response (ridership change from zero not shown at right)
 - Significant reductions in frequencies and hours of operation in 2020



Stations not shown were closed in April 2020



Metrobus Ridership

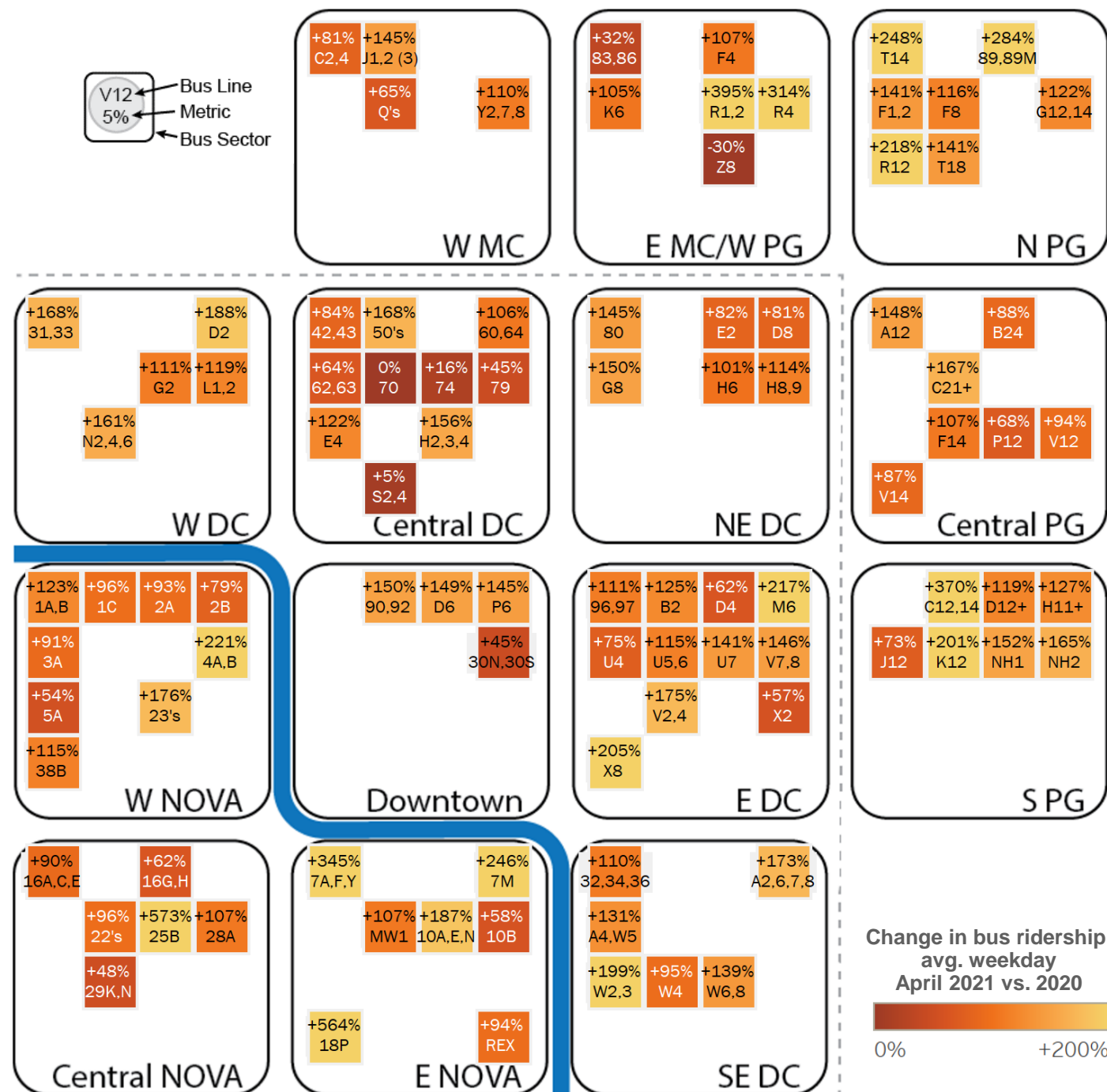
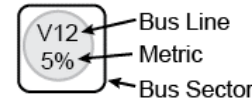
- Weekday ridership roughly double April 2020 levels**

- Still roughly 50% lower than pre-COVID levels

- Bus ridership still higher than rail**

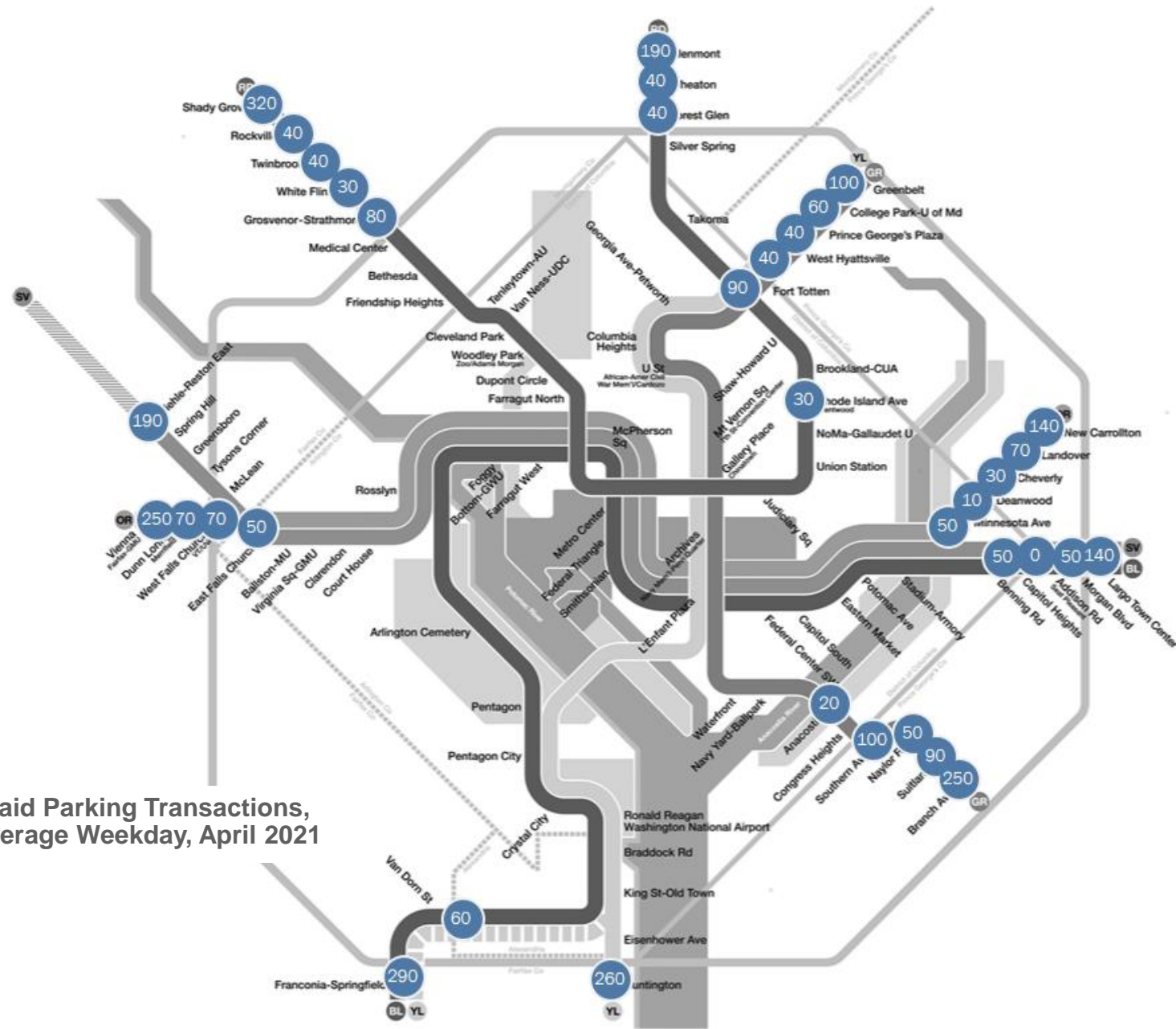
- Notes:**

- Ridership change from zero not shown at right
- Bus service around 80% of pre-COVID levels in April 2021.
- In April 2020, farebox collection suspended, rear-door boarding, Sunday supplemental schedule, and 65 routes were suspended (not shown on this slide): 34, 37, 39, 60, 87, 97, 10E,N; 11Y, 15K, 16L, 16Y, 17K,L; 18G,H,J; 1B, 21A, D5, 22C, 26A, 28F, G9, 29C, 20W, 3T, 3Y, 4A, 7C,P; 7W, 83X, 8S,W,Z; A9, B29, B30, B8,9; C27, C28, D1, D5, E6, G9, H1, H11,13; H3, J4, K9, N2,4; P19, S1, S4, S91, V1, V7, X1,3; Z11.



Metro Parking Transactions

- Paid parking suspended for most of April 2020
- Parking transactions in April 2021 significantly below pre-pandemic levels



Paid Parking Transactions, Average Weekday, April 2021



Metrobus Ridership vs. Pre-Pandemic (April 2019)

