Metro Ridership Snapshot

December 2021

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Note: All percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type **two years ago** – to compare back to pre-pandemic ridership data. For more details, see How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data

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.
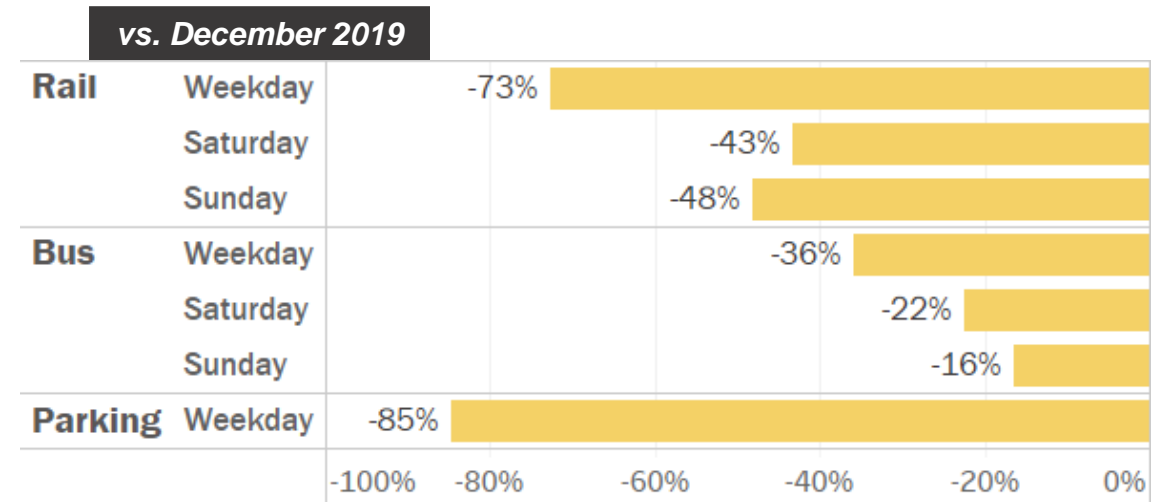
Overall Ridership in December

- **Rail**
  - At 27% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, about 50% on weekends
  - Ridership loss of 15-20% coinciding with the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars in mid-October, followed by relative stability in November then decline in ridership starting in mid-December
  - Normal seasonal lull around holidays near end of month

- **Bus**
  - At 64% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, with ridership closer to pre-pandemic levels on weekends
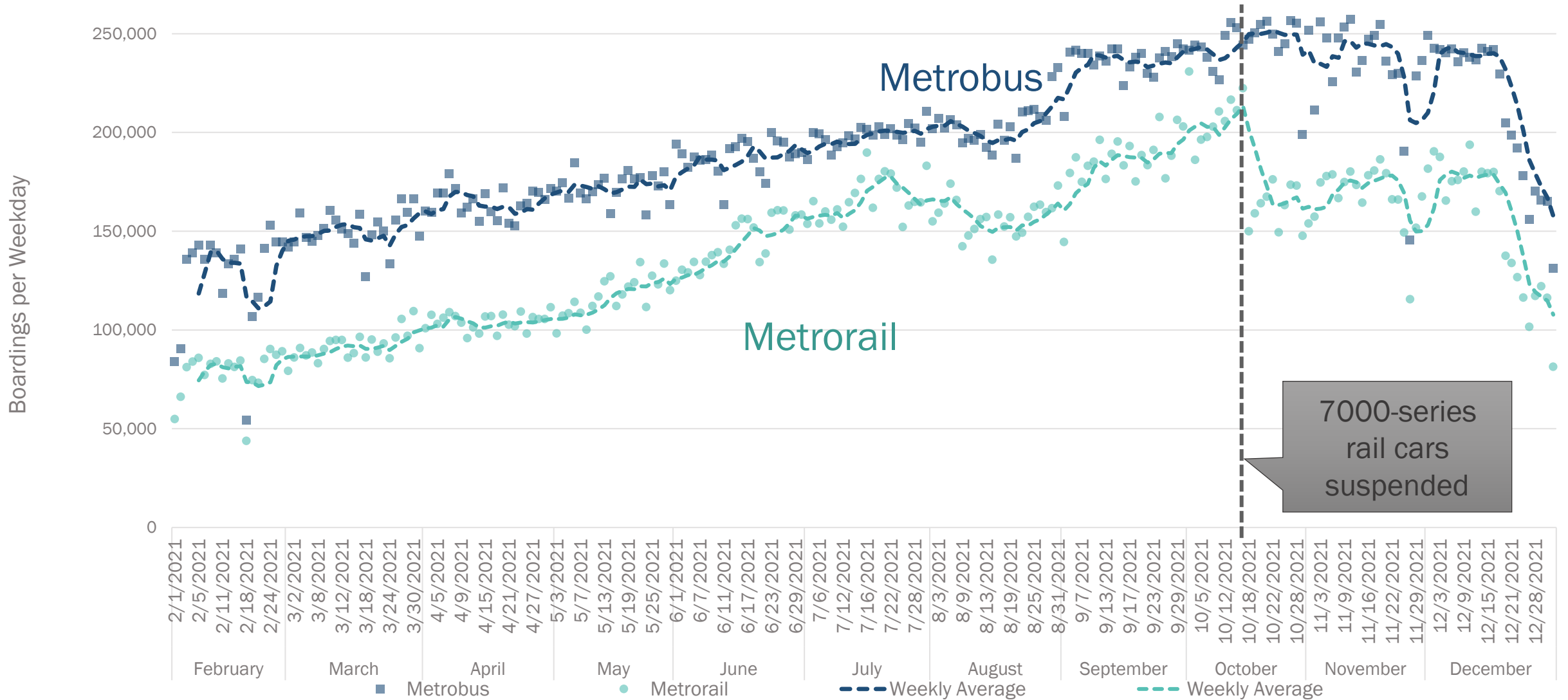
- **Parking**
  - Usage at 15% of pre-pandemic levels

vs. December 2019

Rail	Weekday	-73%
	Saturday	-43%
	Sunday	-48%
Bus	Weekday	-36%
	Saturday	-22%
	Sunday	-16%
Parking	Weekday	-85%

December 2021 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	153,000	136,000	71,000
Bus (APC)	217,000	140,000	104,000
Parking	6,000		

Ridership Trends Since February
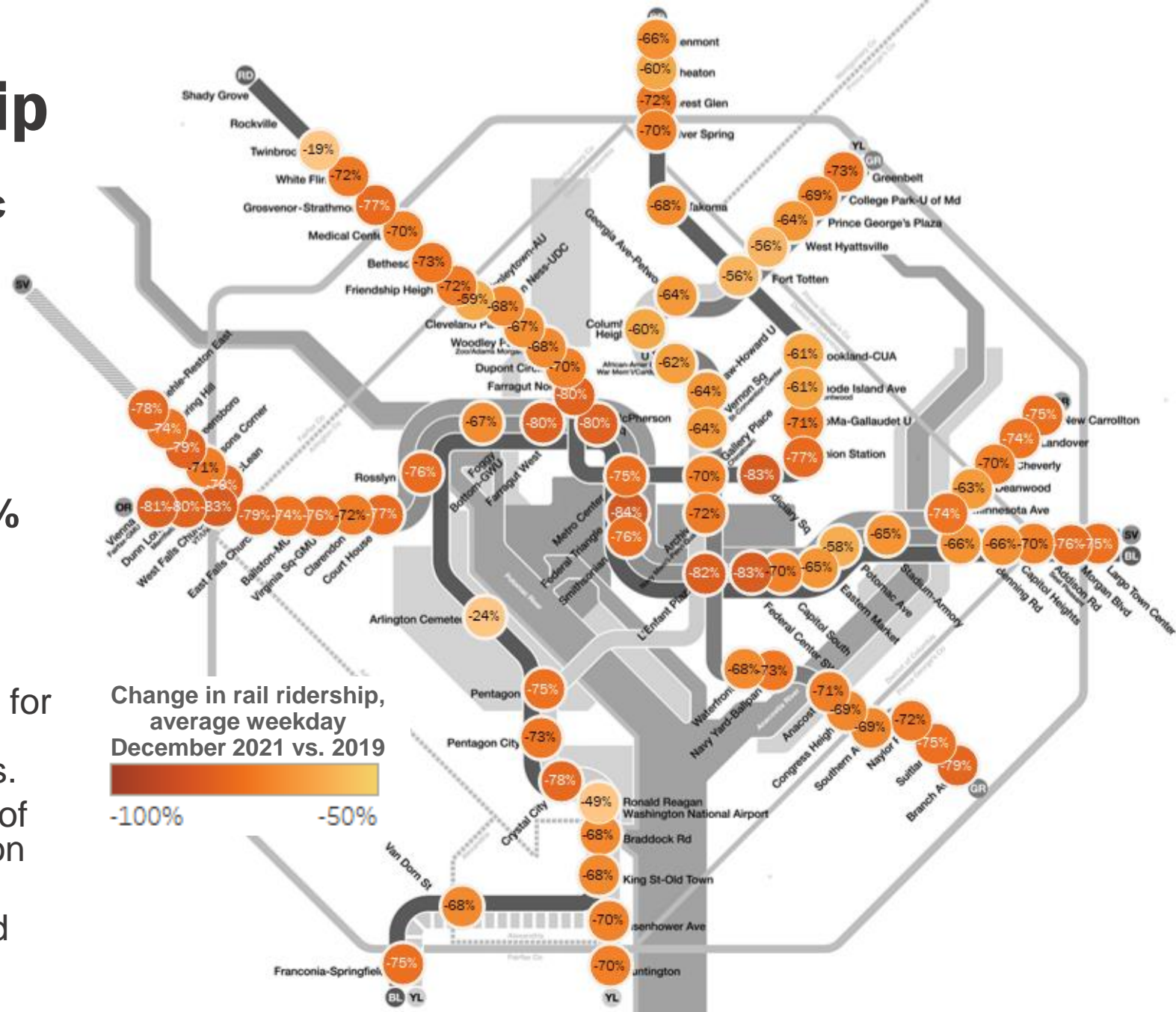
Metrorail Ridership

- **Ridership at 27% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays**

- **Normal seasonal lull around holidays near end of month**

- **Ridership on weekends about 50% of pre-pandemic levels**

- **Notes:**
  - Shady Grove and Rockville closed for repairs. Ridership at Twinbrook impacted by shuttle bus operations.
  - Rail service reduced by over 50% of normal levels due to the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars.
  - Wreaths Across America increased ridership at Arlington Cemetery

Change in rail ridership, average weekday December 2021 vs. 2019

-100%   -50%

Metrobus Ridership

- **Ridership at 64% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays**

- **Stronger retention on weekends - around 80% of pre-pandemic levels**

- **Notes:**
  - Cinder Bed Road division work stoppage impacted December 2019 ridership. Lines with no ridership in 2019 have been omitted from this chart
  - Bus <u>service</u> levels (scheduled revenue hours) remained around 93% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends

Change in APC Bus Ridership, Avg. Weekday December 2021 vs. 2019

Metro Parking Transactions

- **Parking transactions significantly below pre-pandemic levels**

- **Most stations are at around 15% recovered**

- **Notes:**
  - Shady Grove and Rockville closed since mid-September 2021.

Change in Paid Parking Transactions, Average Weekday, December 2021 vs. 2019