

Metro Ridership Snapshot

April 2022



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Note: Percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type **one year-ago** unless noted as 'pre-pandemic' which then represents a comparison to three years-ago. For more details, see [How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data](#).

Bus ridership shown here is from Metro's automatic passenger counters (APCs), in both current and baseline months. Rail ridership and parking utilization is from the farebox system.

*Publishing of the April 2022
Ridership Snapshot was delayed
due to data source discrepancies
that have since been corrected.*

Overall Ridership in April

Rail

- Ridership has more than doubled across all service types since April 2021, with stronger retention on weekends

Bus

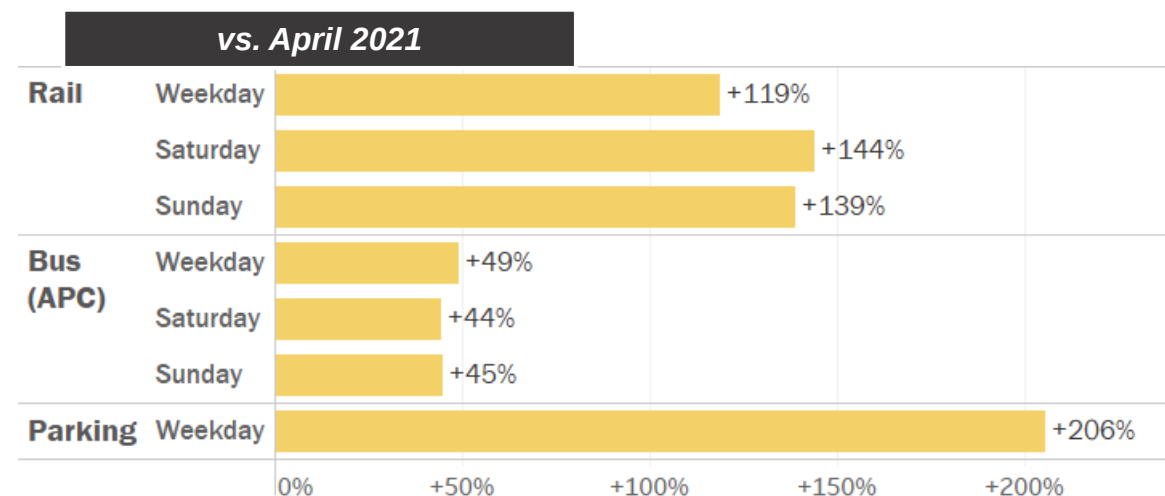
- Ridership has grown the most on weekdays compared to April 2021

Parking

- Usage has more than tripled since April 2021

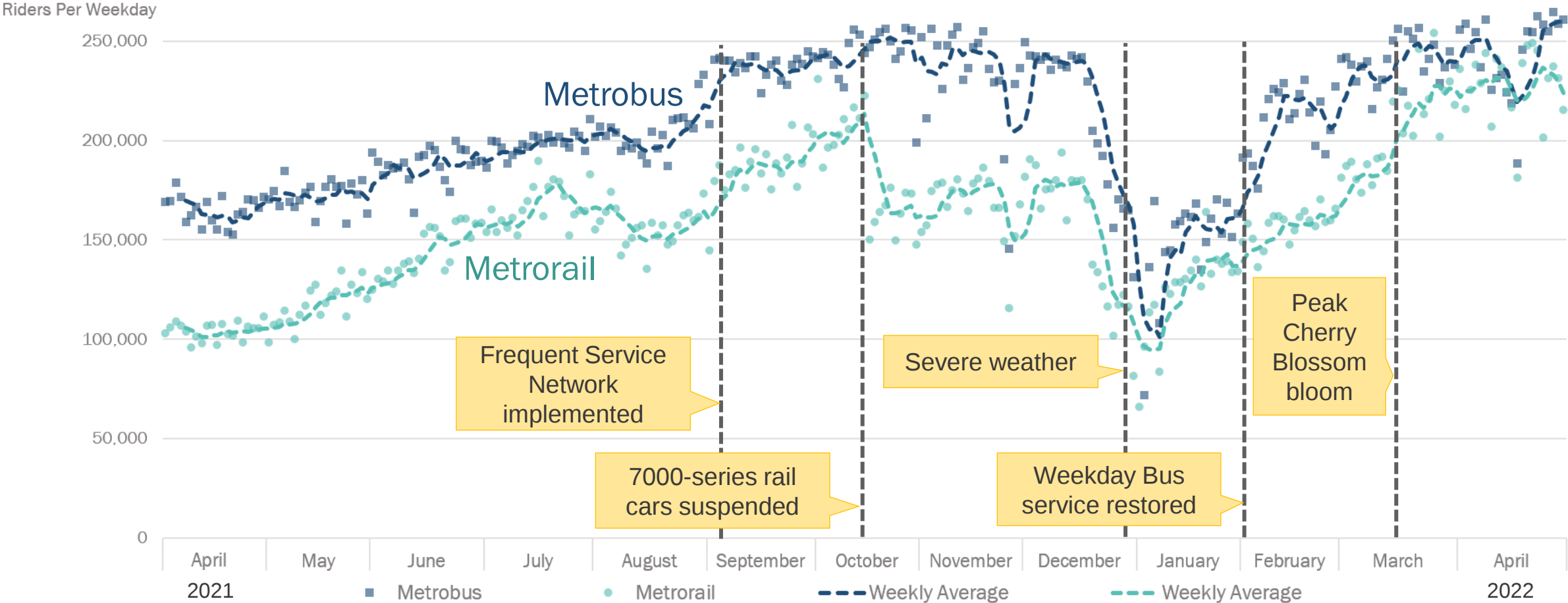
Compared to April 2021, bus ridership, rail ridership, and parking utilization have all grown substantially.

Bus ridership grew in the latter half of April 2022 after a decrease early in the month. Rail ridership remained stable throughout April 2022.



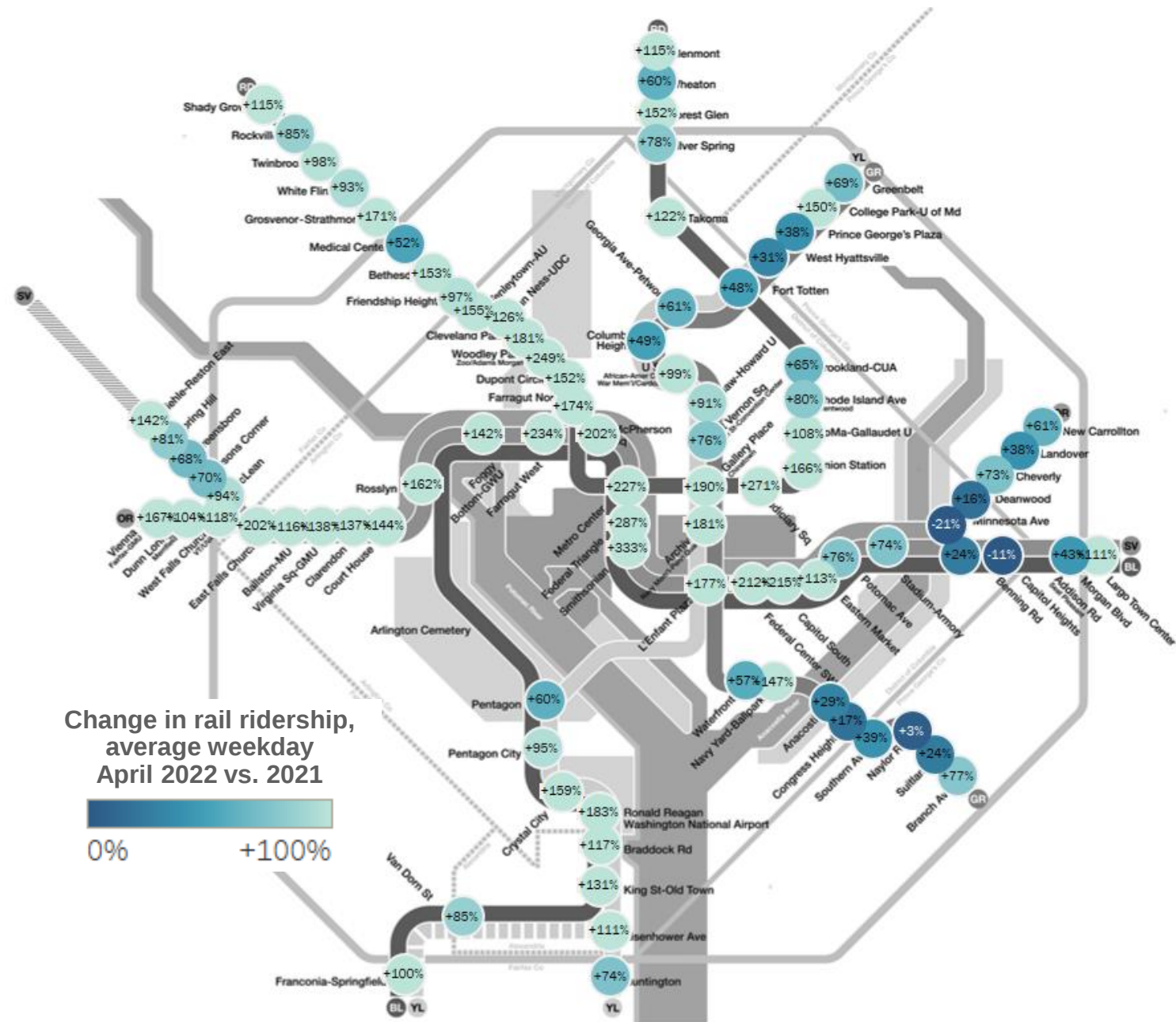
April 2022 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	228,000	188,000	131,000
Bus (APC)	245,000	168,000	128,000
Parking	10,000		

Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Metrorail Ridership

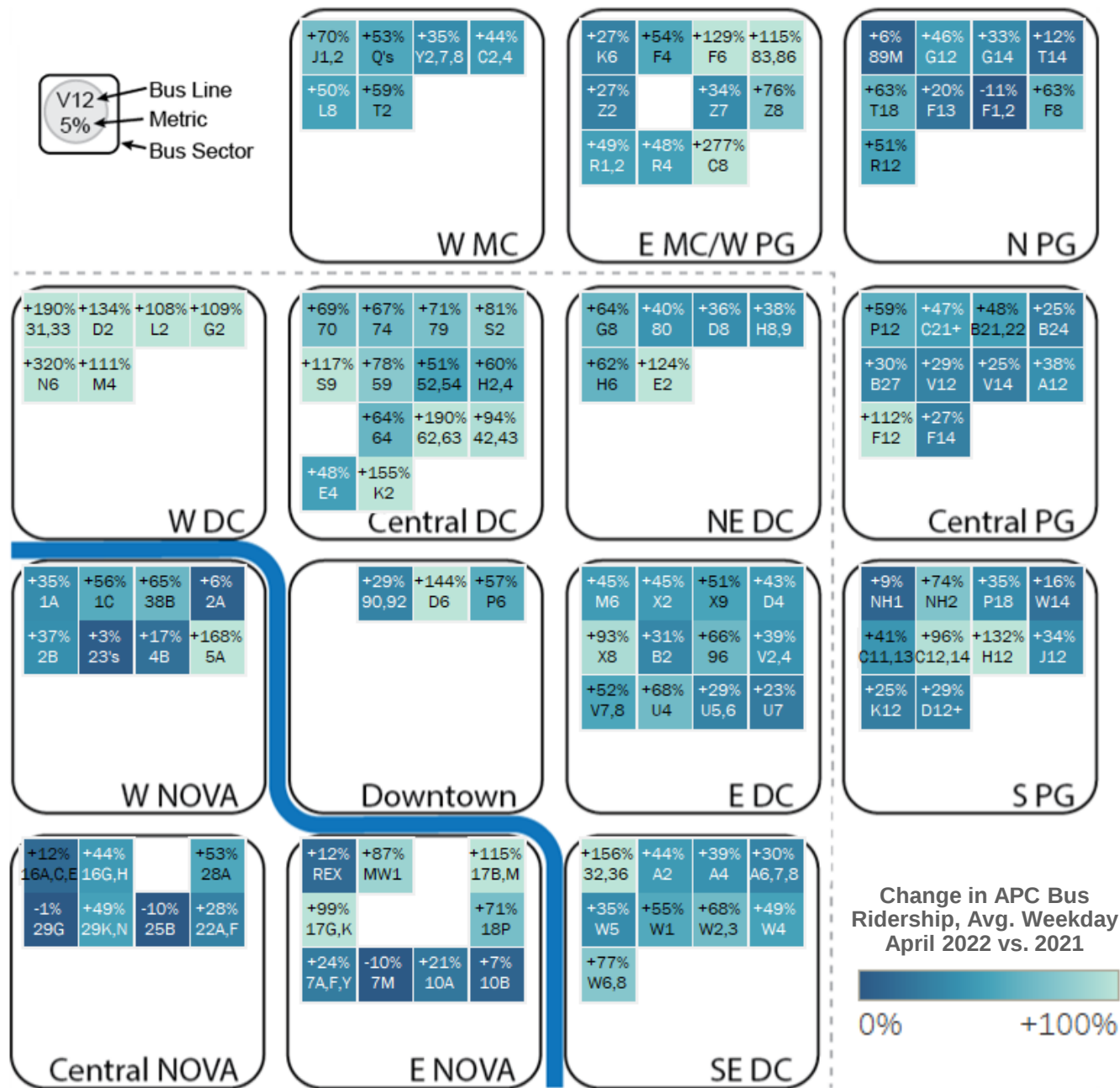
- Ridership is up 119% on weekdays compared to April 2021
- Ridership on weekends has increased about 140% compared to April 2021
- About 2% of customer time was crowded on average
- Notes:
 - Rail service reduced by over 50% of normal levels due to the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars.
 - Addison Road and Arlington Cemetery stations were closed during April 2021.



For more nuanced station information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#).

Metrobus Ridership

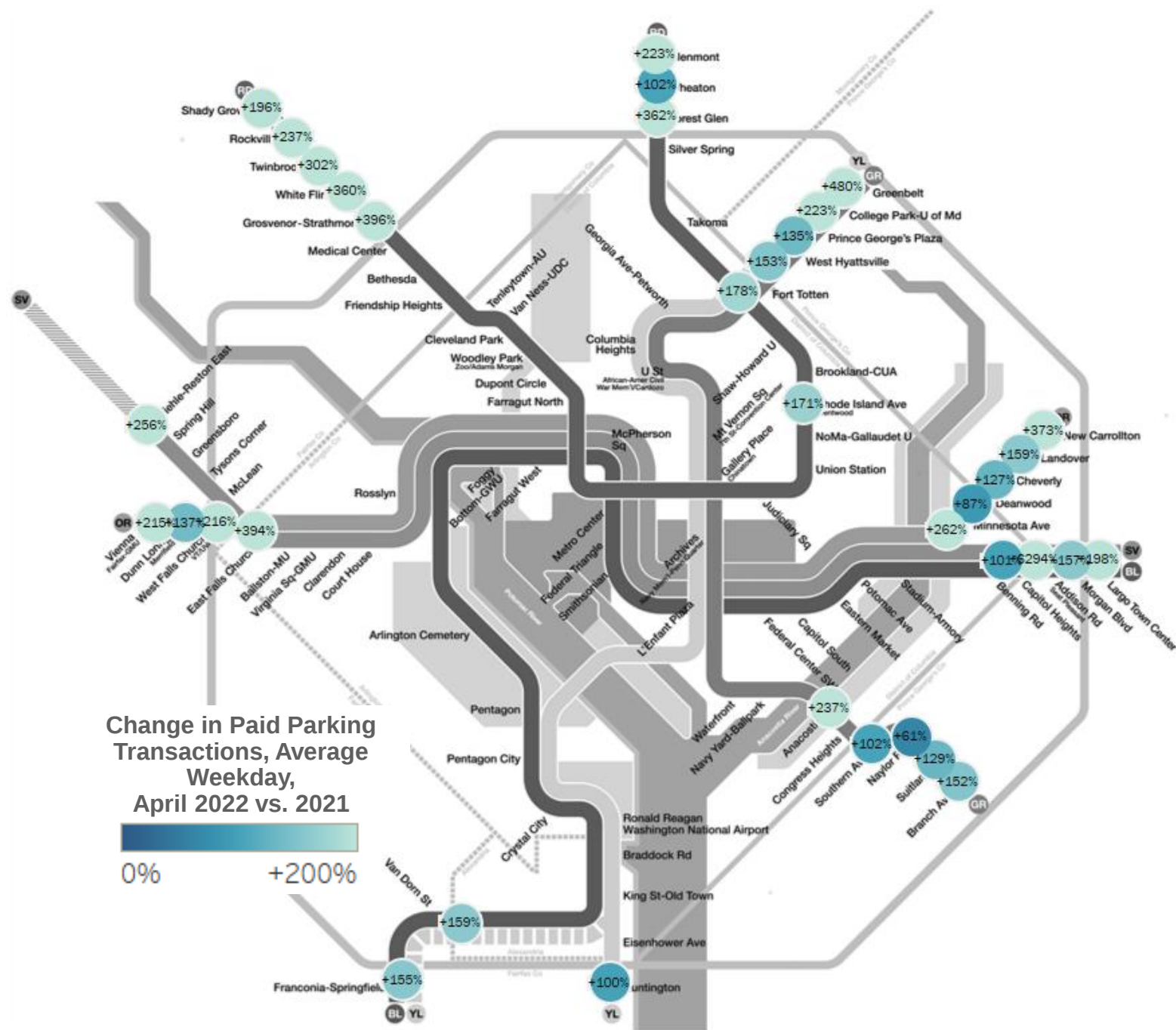
- Ridership has increased by 49% on weekdays compared to April 2021.
- Ridership is up by about 45% on weekends compared to April 2021.
- About 2% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays and Saturdays
- Notes:
 - In April 2021, bus service levels were around 80% of pre-Covid. Current bus service levels are around 93% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends.



For more nuanced bus line information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#). Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data.

Metro Parking Transactions

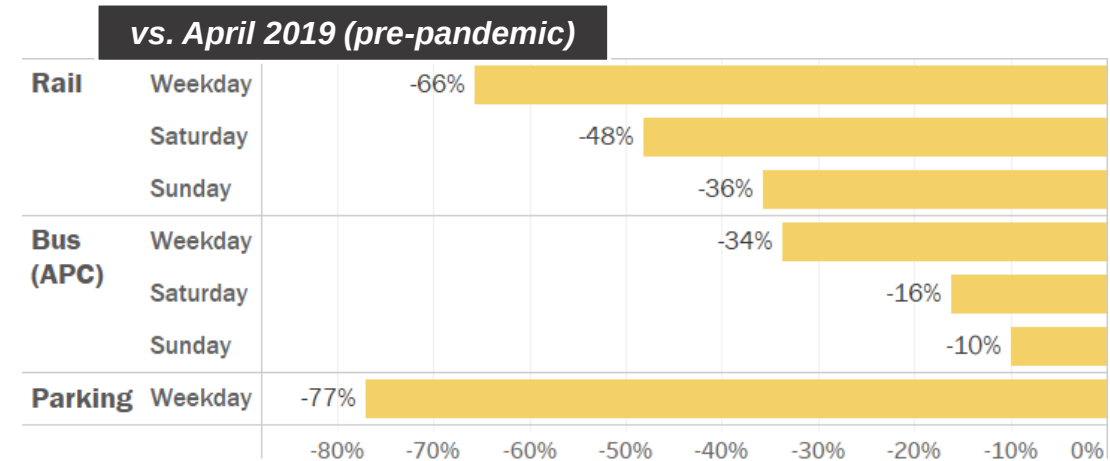
- Parking usage has grown over the past year.
- Parking usage has at least doubled at most stations compared to April 2021.
 - Largest growth at Northwest stations (about 200-400% increase)
 - Parking usage has still increased at Southeast stations but at slower pace (about 100-160% increase)
- Notes:
 - Addison Road station was closed during April 2021.



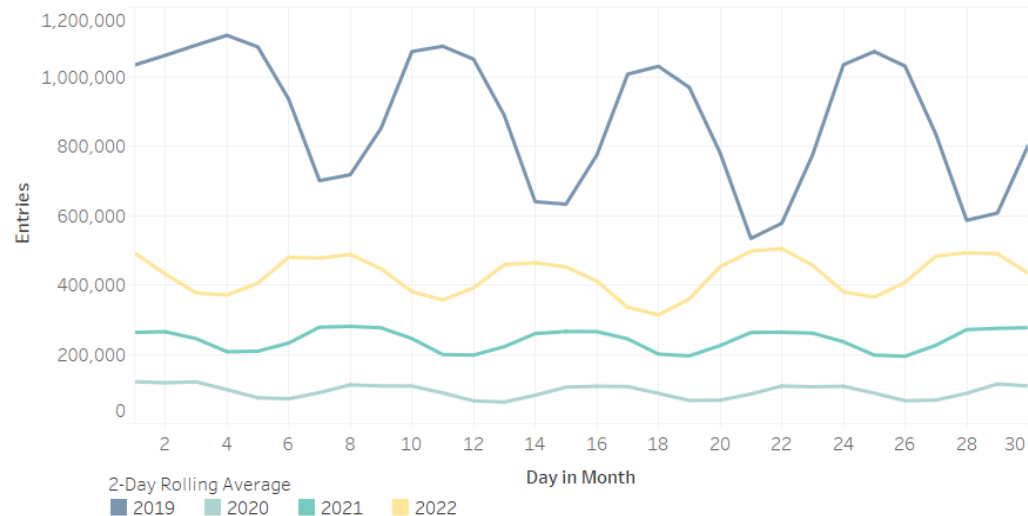
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (April 2022 vs. April 2019):

- April **Rail** ridership was at 34% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 64% of pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- April **Bus** ridership was at about 66% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and about 87% of pre-pandemic levels on weekends
- April **Parking** usage was at 23% of pre-pandemic levels



April Bus and Rail Ridership over the Past Four Years



April 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	665,000	362,000	203,000
Bus (APC)	357,000	194,000	138,000
Parking	45,000		

