

Metro Ridership Snapshot

February 2023



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Parking Utilization



[Online Ridership Data Portal](#)

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.

Overall Ridership in February

Rail

- Weekday ridership has increased by almost 80% and Sunday ridership has increased by about 60% compared to February 2022.

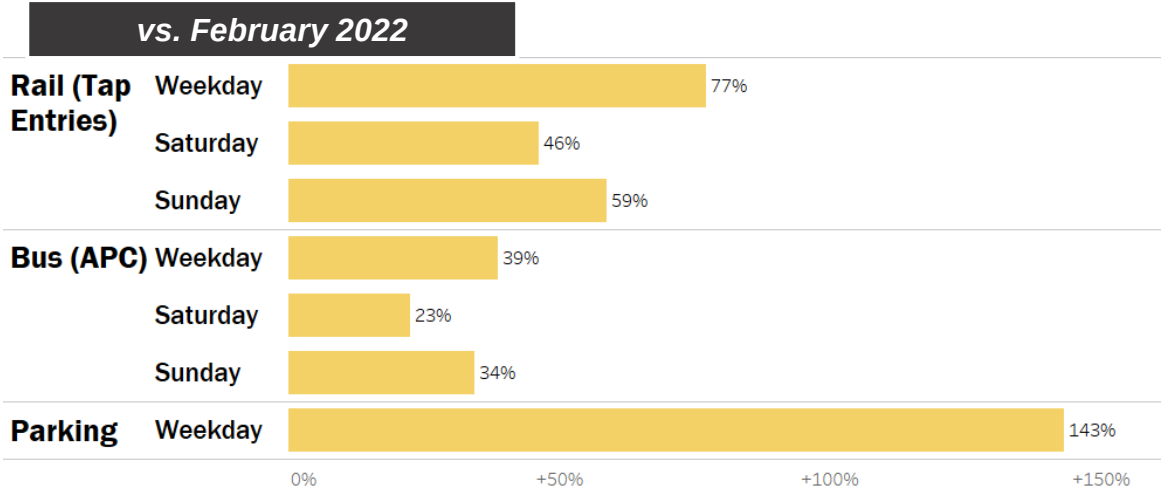
Bus

- Ridership has increased by about 40% on weekdays and between about 20 to 30% on weekends compared to February 2022.

Parking

- Usage has more than doubled compared to February 2022.

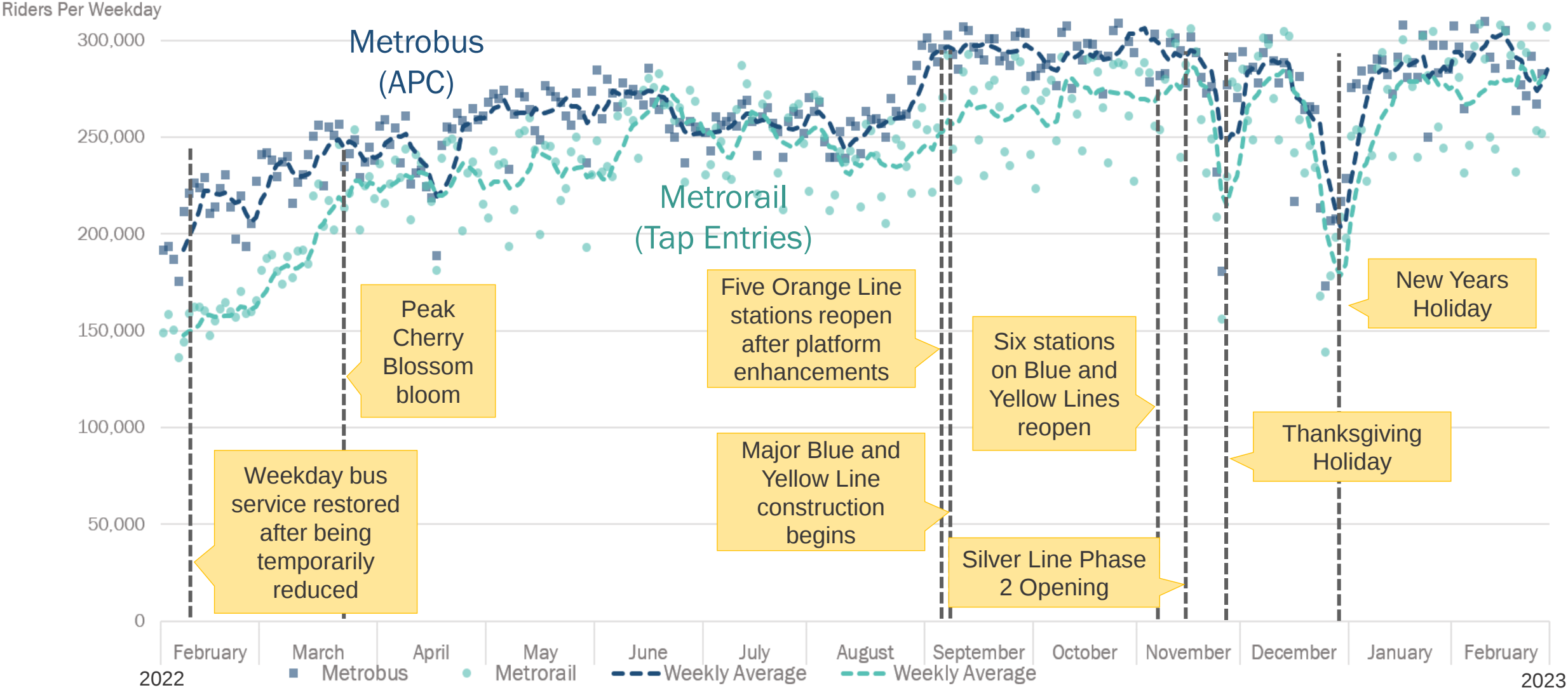
Rail ridership grew over the month of February 2023, while bus ridership steadily declined in the latter half of the month. Compared to the previous year, both rail and bus ridership grew particularly on weekdays and Sundays.



February 2023 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	278,000	163,000	123,000
Bus (APC)	292,000	171,000	140,000
Parking	16,000		



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



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



Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

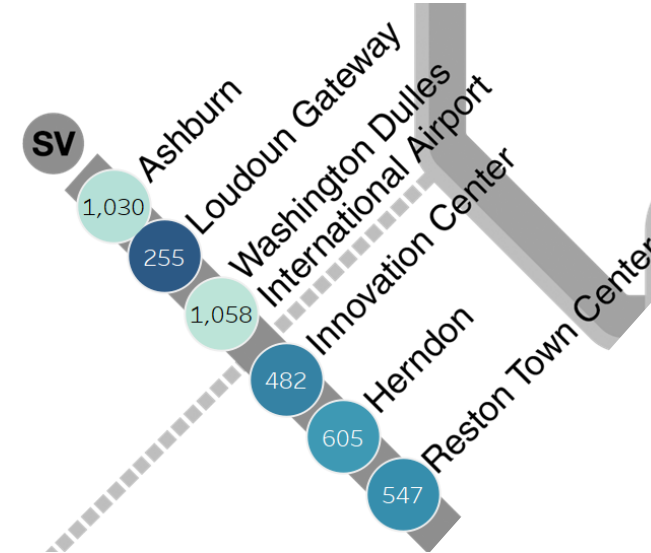
Ridership

- Compared to January 2023, average weekday ridership in February 2023 is up 4% however average weekend ridership is down 7% along the Silver Line II (SVII) corridor
 - Weekday ridership increased month-over-month at all stations except for Dulles (decreased 7%)
 - Weekend ridership decreased the most at Ashburn (down 21%) and Loudoun Gateway (down 18%)

Parking

- In February 2023 the most popular station for Weekday parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Ashburn at 26% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
 - Loudoun Gateway – 24% utilization
 - Wiehle – 21% utilization
 - Herndon – 5% utilization

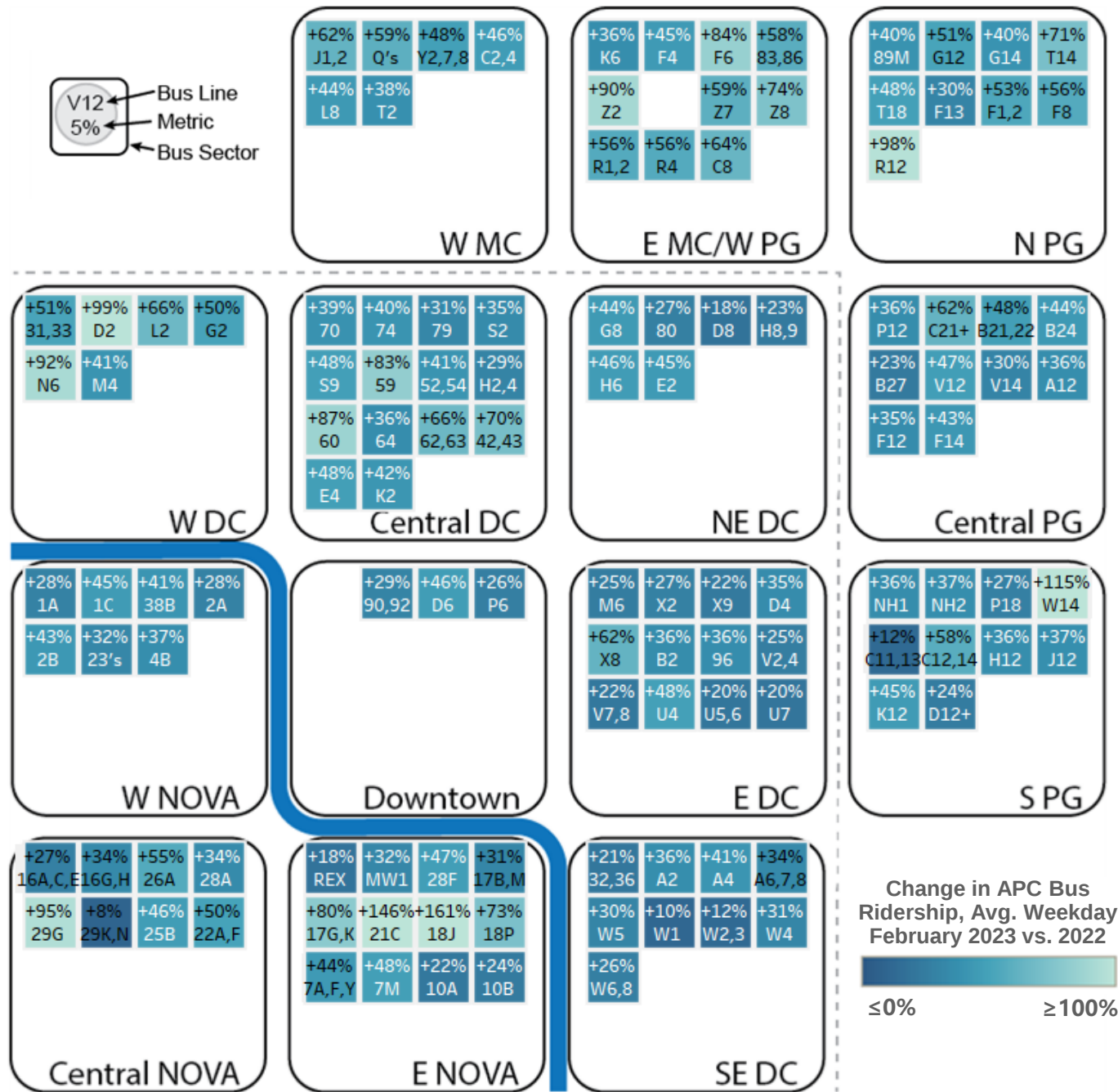
**SVII Average Weekday Ridership (Tap Entries)
February 2023**



February 2023 SVII Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	4,000	3,000	2,600
Parking	1,000		

Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership is up about 40% on weekdays and 40% on Sundays compared to February 2022.
- About 3.2% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- Notes:
 - Bus service from February 1-7, 2022 remained scaled back to Saturday Supplemental schedule on weekdays. Several routes did not operate during the reduced service period.
 - 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.

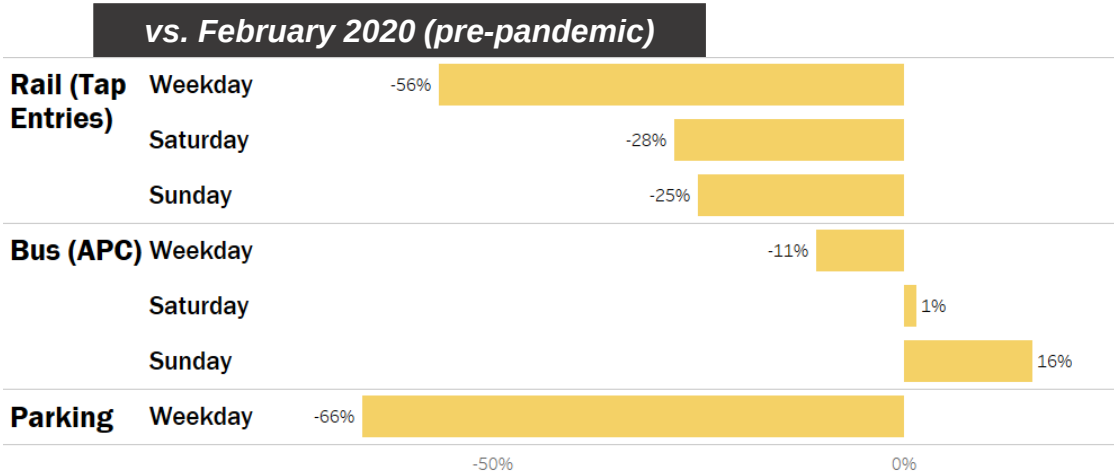
- For more nuanced parking information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#).



Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

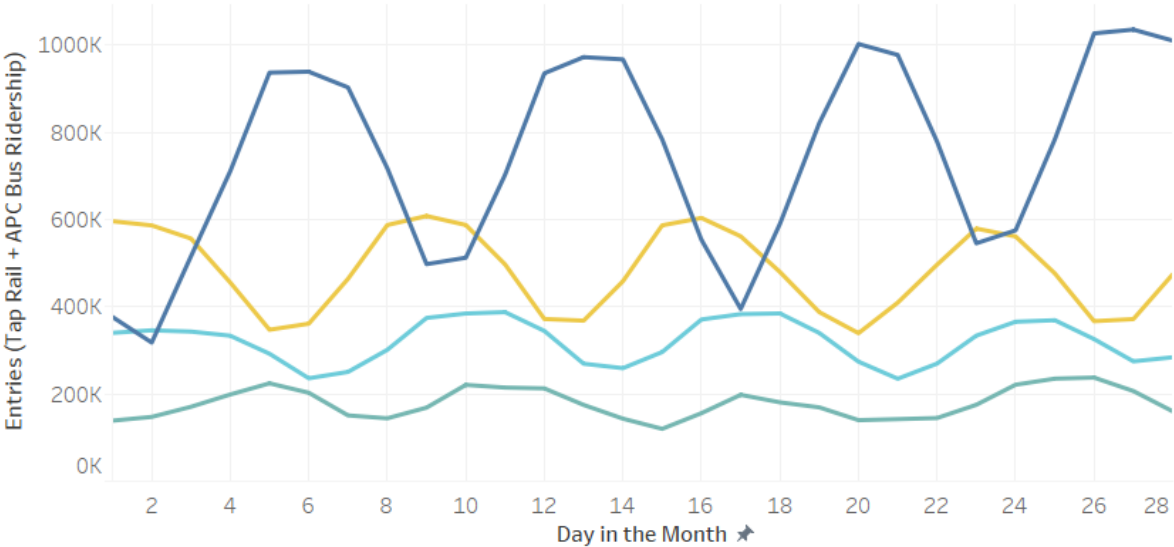
Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (February 2023 vs. February 2020):

- **Rail** ridership was at 44% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and about 75% of pre-pandemic levels on weekends
- **Bus** ridership was at 89% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 16% *above* pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Parking** usage was at 34% of pre-pandemic levels



February 2020 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	639,000	227,000	165,000
Bus (APC)	327,000	168,000	121,000
Parking	46,000		

February Ridership over the Past Four Years



2-Day Rolling Average
2020 2021 2022 2023