

Metro Ridership Snapshot

February 2025



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 five 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. Beginning October 2023, Metro shifted the method for processing APC data that is shown in this report. All historical data was reprocessed, and reports going back to July 2023 have been restated with the updated data. For Metrorail ridership prior to January 2023, Metro reported only tap ridership, which understated the total number of riders. The completion of the installation of new faregates in January 2023 enabled Metro to report total (tap and non-tap) ridership. As of January 2024, year-over-year and pre-pandemic comparisons on rail are made with total ridership. Prior to January 2024, these comparisons were made using tap-only ridership. Beginning in January 2025, MetroAccess Network ridership refers to the combined ridership from Metro-operated paratransit service as well as from the Abilities-Ride program which launched in September 2020. The report was updated to reflect the growing role of the Abilities-Ride program in providing service to our MetroAccess-eligible customers. Prior to January 2025 this report showed Metro-operated MetroAccess ridership only. Parking utilization is from the farebox system.

Overall Ridership in February

Total Ridership

- Compared to February 2024, ridership increased by 2% overall, 3% on weekdays, 13% on Saturdays, and 5% on Sundays.

Rail

- Compared to February 2024, ridership increased by 5% overall, 10% on weekdays, and 6% on weekends.

Bus

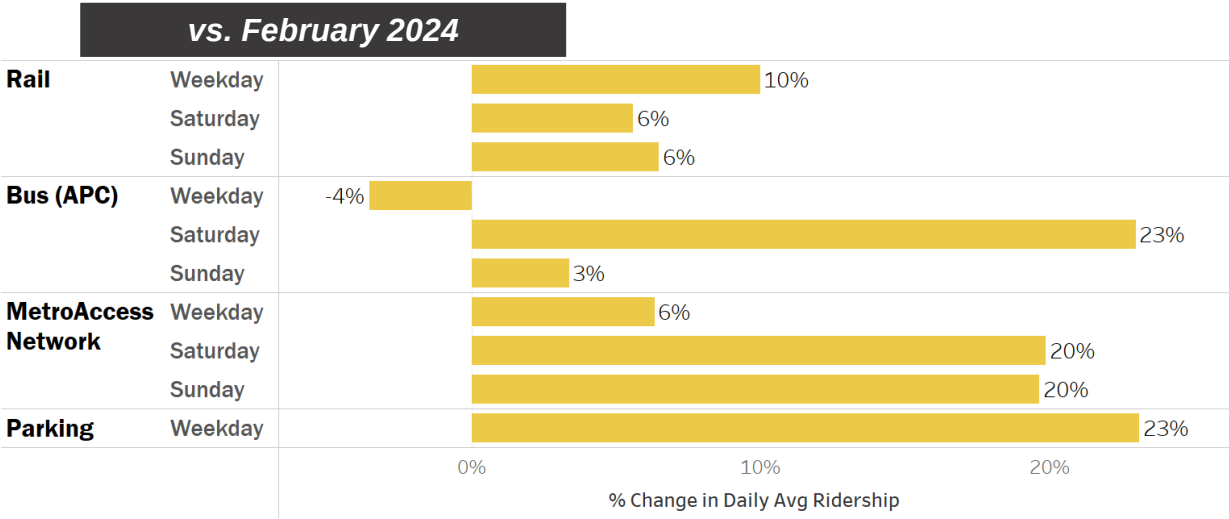
- Ridership has decreased 4% overall, decreased 4% on weekdays, increased 23% on Saturdays, and increased 3% on Sundays compared to February 2024.
 - Winter weather disrupted bus service on February 11-12.

MetroAccess

- Compared to February 2024, ridership increased by 4% overall, 6% on weekdays, and 20% on weekends.

Parking

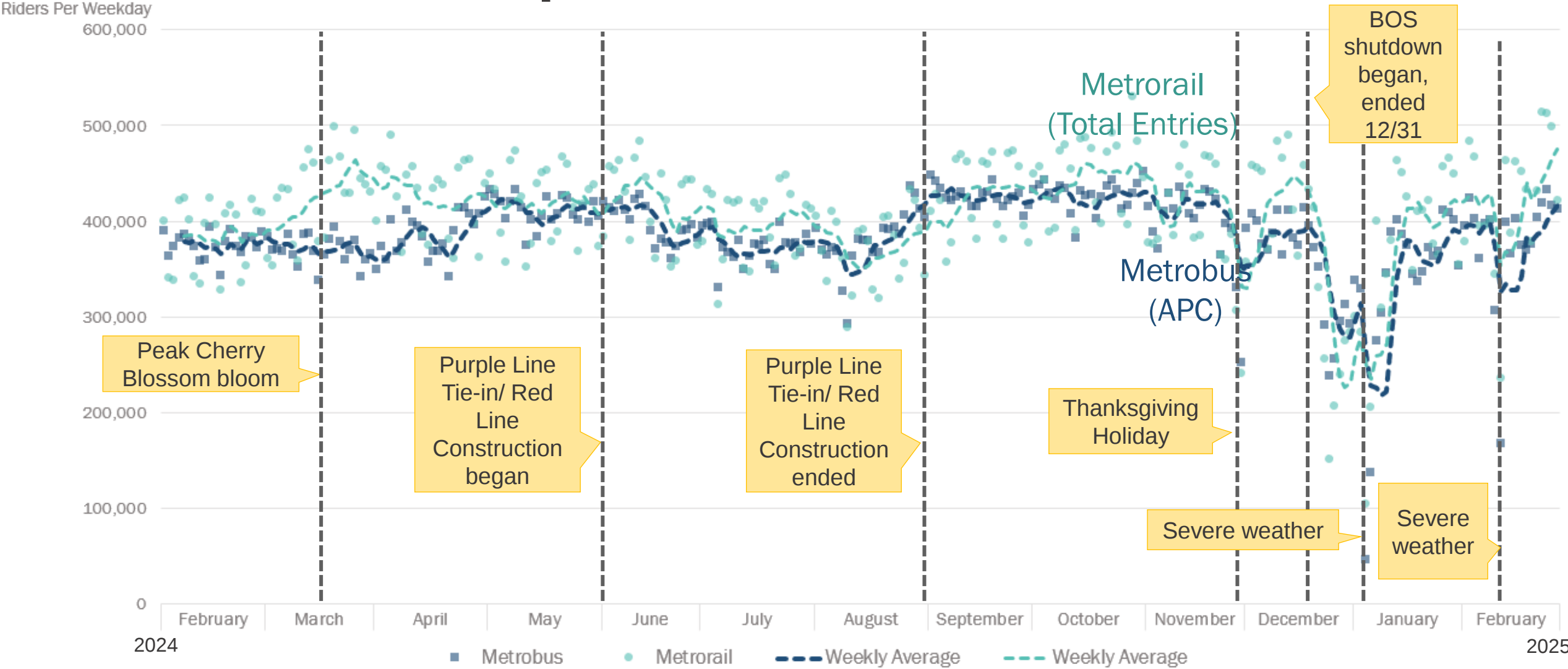
- Usage has increased by 23% compared to February 2024.



February 2025 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	424,000	244,000	185,000	10,003,000
Bus (APC)	381,000	227,000	196,000	9,151,000
MetroAccess Network	8,800	4,100	3,700	203,000
Parking	24,000			467,000

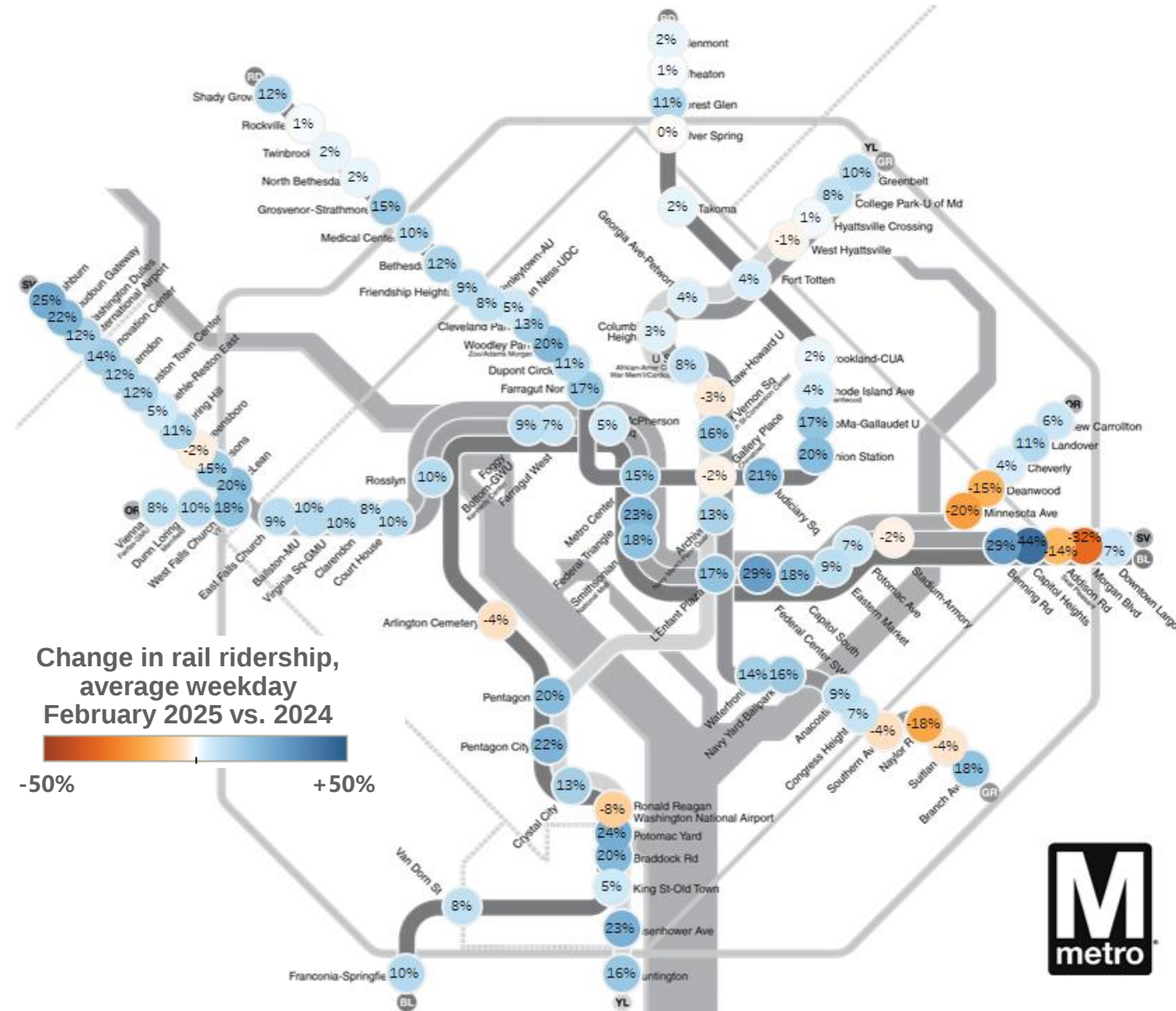


Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Metrorail Ridership

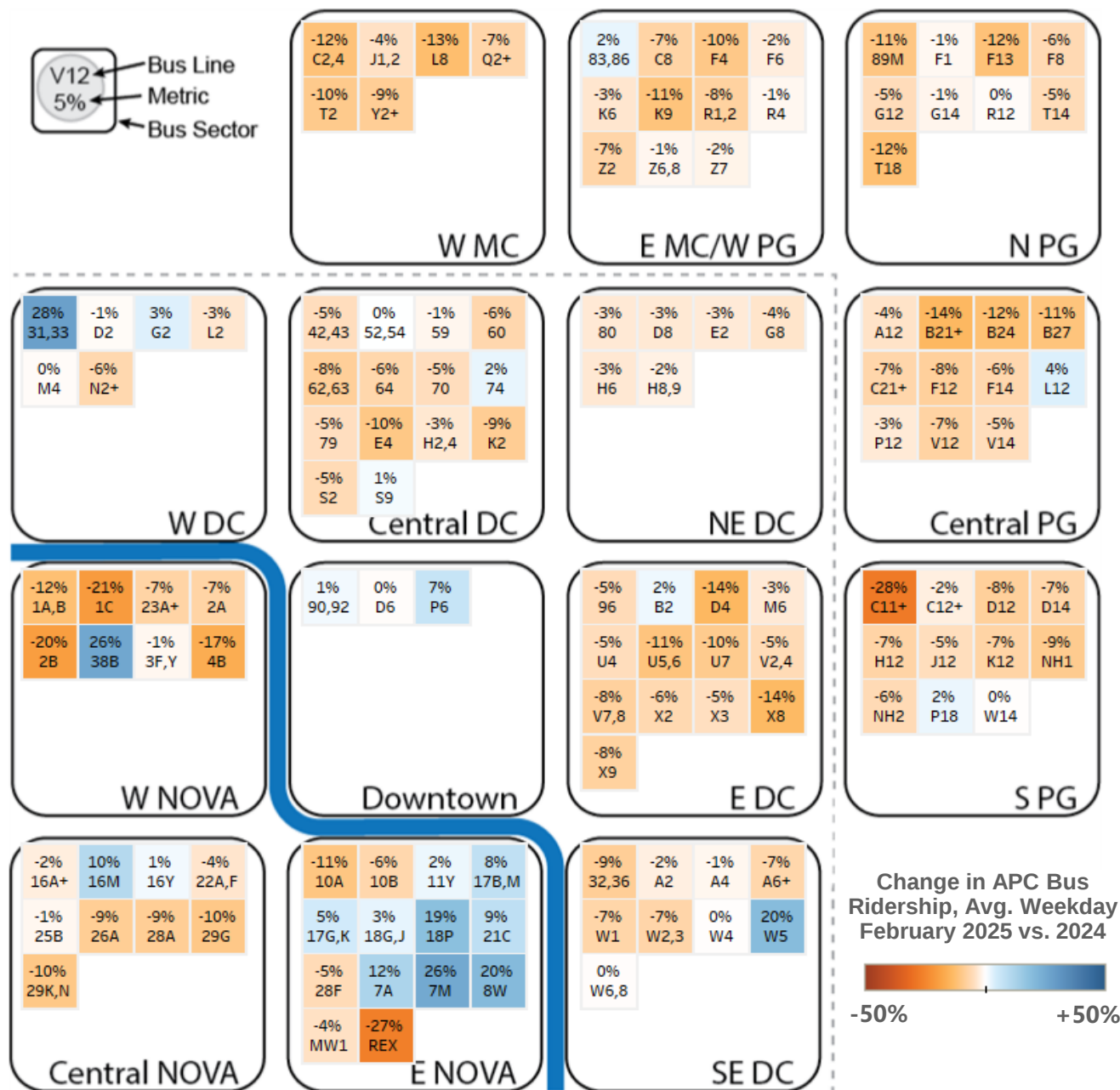
- Ridership increased by 5% overall, 10% on weekdays, and 6% on weekends compared to February 2024.
- Less than 1% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays.
- Notes:
 - Due to trackwork, no trains ran between Clarendon/Pentagon and Foggy Bottom stations from 2/15 – 2/17 or between Medical Center – Van Ness from 2/22 – 2/23.



For more nuanced station information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](https://www.wmata.com/ridership/).

Metrobus Ridership

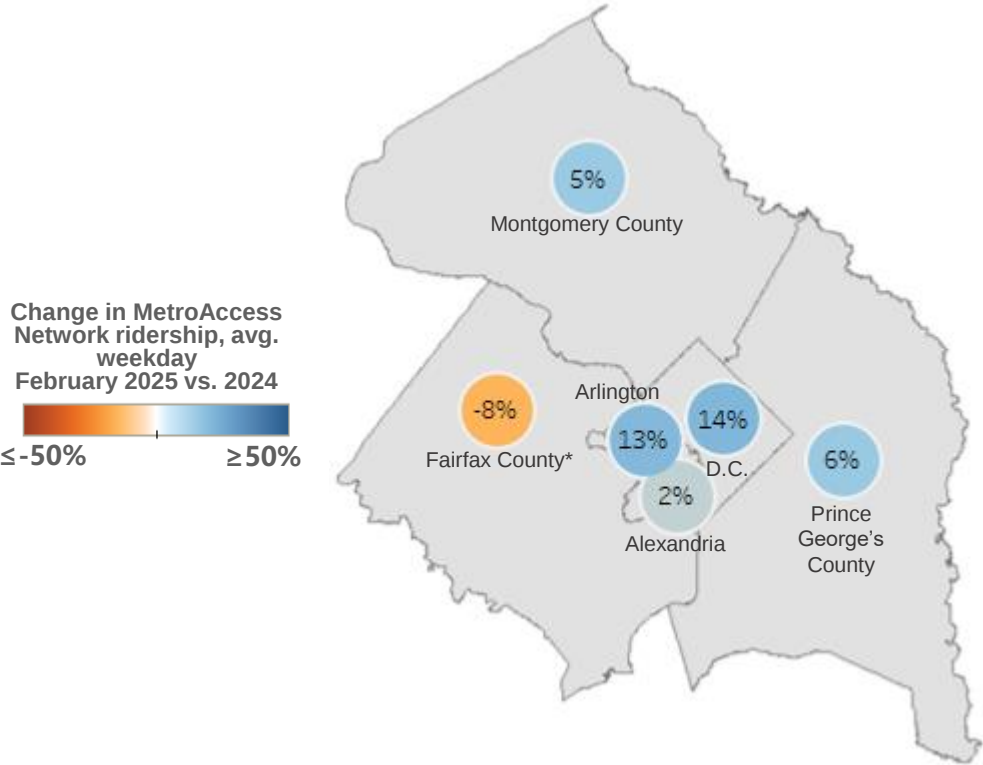
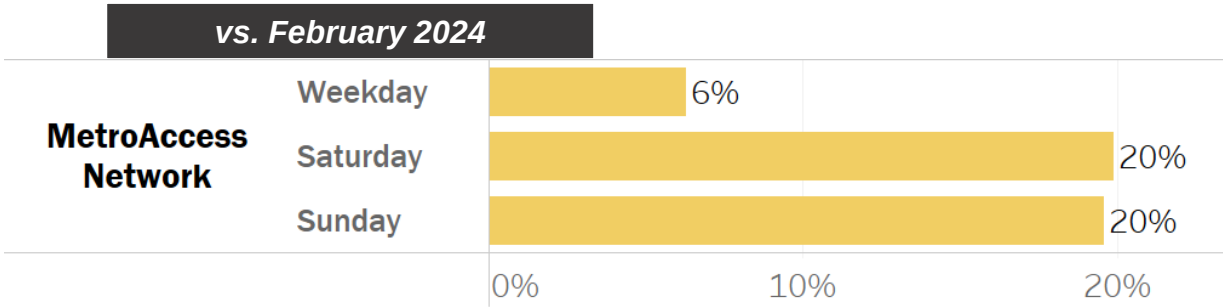
- Metrobus ridership has decreased 4% overall, decreased 4% on weekdays, increased 23% on Saturdays, and increased 3% on Sundays compared to February 2024.
- About 3% of customer time was crowded on average with more crowding on weekdays.
- There were approximately 110,000 total shuttle rides made in February 2025, serving customers on:
 - Blue, Orange, Silver Line service between Clarendon/Pentagon – Foggy Bottom from 2/15 – 2/17.
 - Red Line service between Medical Center – Van Ness from 2/22 – 2/23.
- Notes:
 - Winter weather disrupted bus service on February 11-12.



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.

MetroAccess Network Ridership

- In February 2025, the MetroAccess network provided on average 8,800 rides on weekdays, 4,100 on Saturdays, and 3,700 on Sundays.
- MetroAccess network ridership is up 4% overall, 6% on weekdays, and 20% on weekends compared to February 2024.
- Notes:
 - The MetroAccess network comprises rides made via our paratransit service, MetroAccess, as well as rides requested through the Abilities-Ride program which is a curb-to-curb transportation option for MetroAccess-enrolled customers who opt in and is operated by local taxi companies and transportation network companies.
 - Metro Access-eligible customers' rail and bus rides are counted in overall rail and bus ridership.

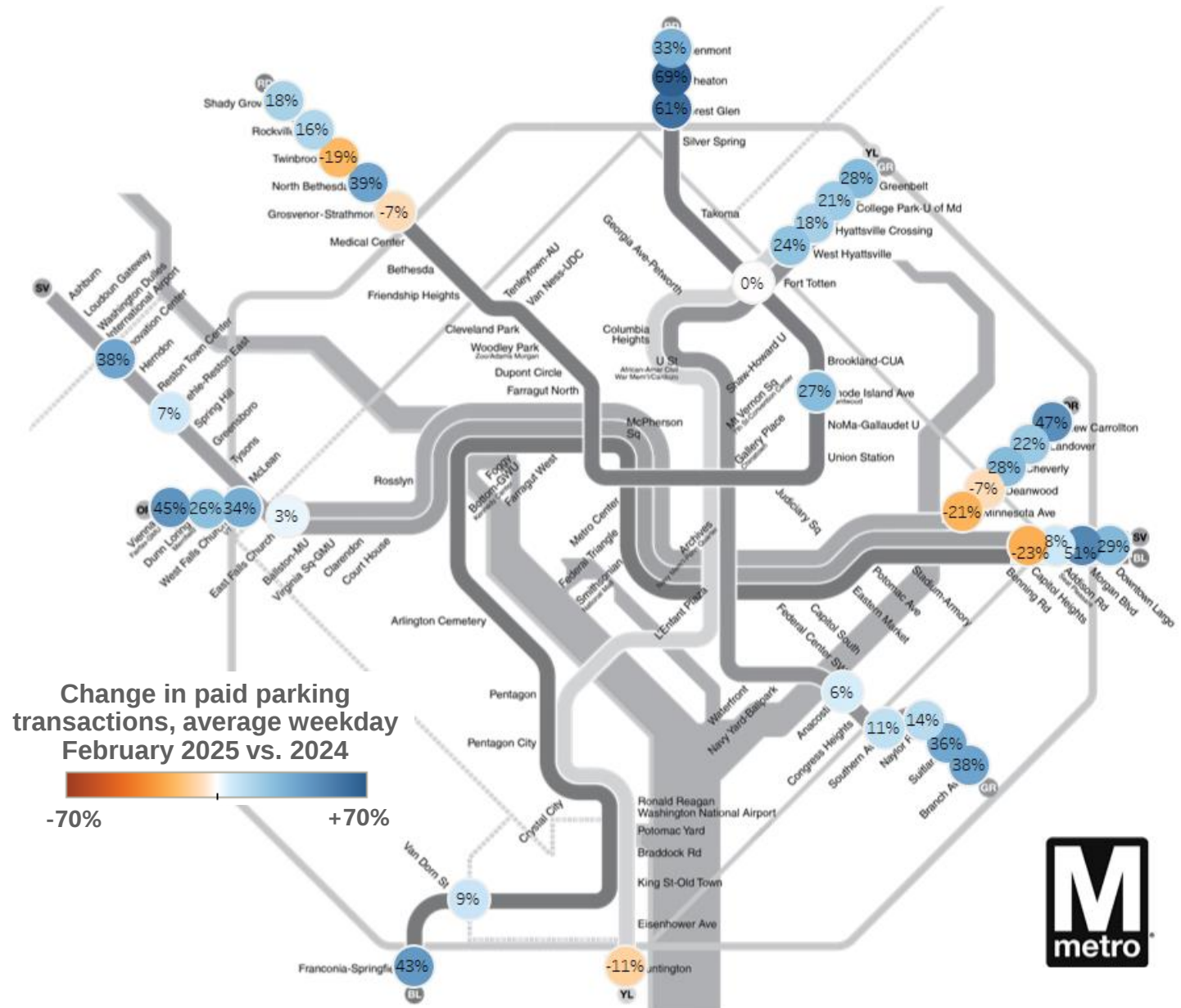


*Fairfax City and Falls Church are counted here as a part of Fairfax County



Metro Parking Transactions

- Weekday parking usage increased 23% compared to February 2024.
 - Parking transactions grew the most at Wheaton and Forest Glen stations on the Red Line.
 - Huntington station's north parking garage closed for emergency repairs on 2/21.

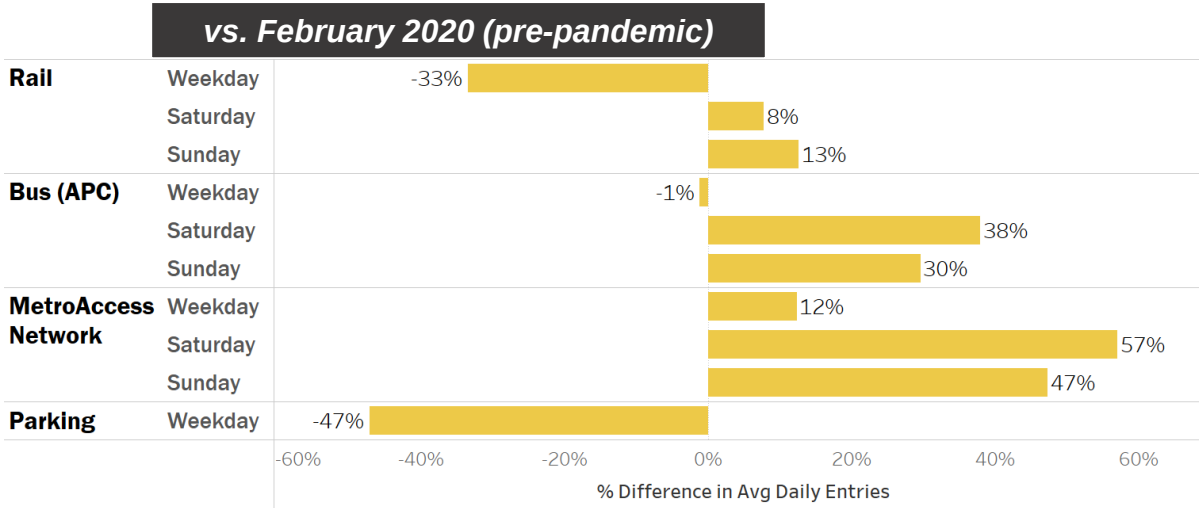


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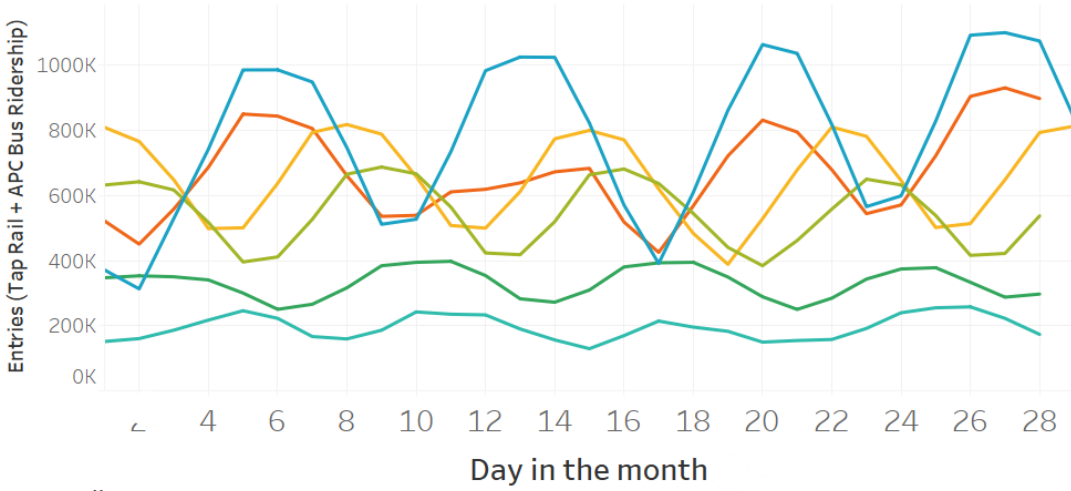
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (February 2025 vs. February 2020):

- **Total** ridership was at 83% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, 79% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 97% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 34% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Rail** ridership was at 70% of pre-pandemic ridership overall, 67% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 8% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 13% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Bus** ridership was 4% above pre-pandemic ridership overall, at 99% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 38% above pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 30% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays.
- **Parking** usage was at about 53% of pre-pandemic levels.



February Ridership over the Past Six Years



February 2020 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Ridership
Rail	637,000	226,000	164,000	14,144,000
Bus (APC)	384,000	173,000	120,000	8,811,000
MetroAccess Network	7,800	2,600	2,500	177,000
Parking	46,000			881,000



2-Day Rolling Average
 ■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022 ■ 2023 ■ 2024 ■ 2025