

Metro Ridership Snapshot

March 2021



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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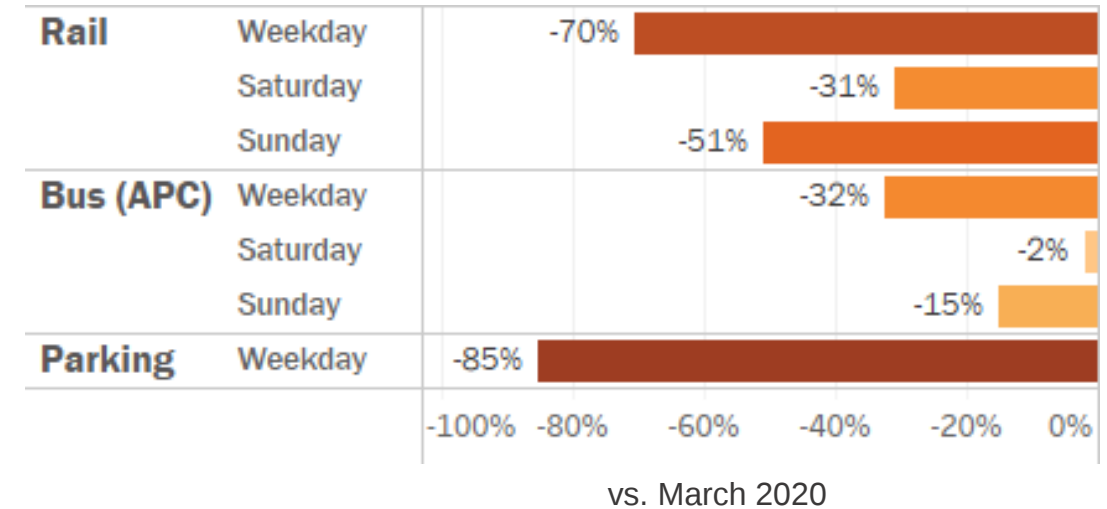
[Online Ridership Data Portal](#)

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 March

- **Comparison to March 2020, as pandemic began to impact ridership**
- **Rail**
 - Ridership 70% lower than 2020 on weekdays
- **Bus**
 - Ridership 32% lower than 2020 on weekdays
- **Parking**
 - Usage 85% lower than 2020



March 2021 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	92,000	65,000	42,000
Bus (APC)	151,000	106,000	77,000
Parking	3,100		

Bus and Rail: March 2020 vs. March 2021

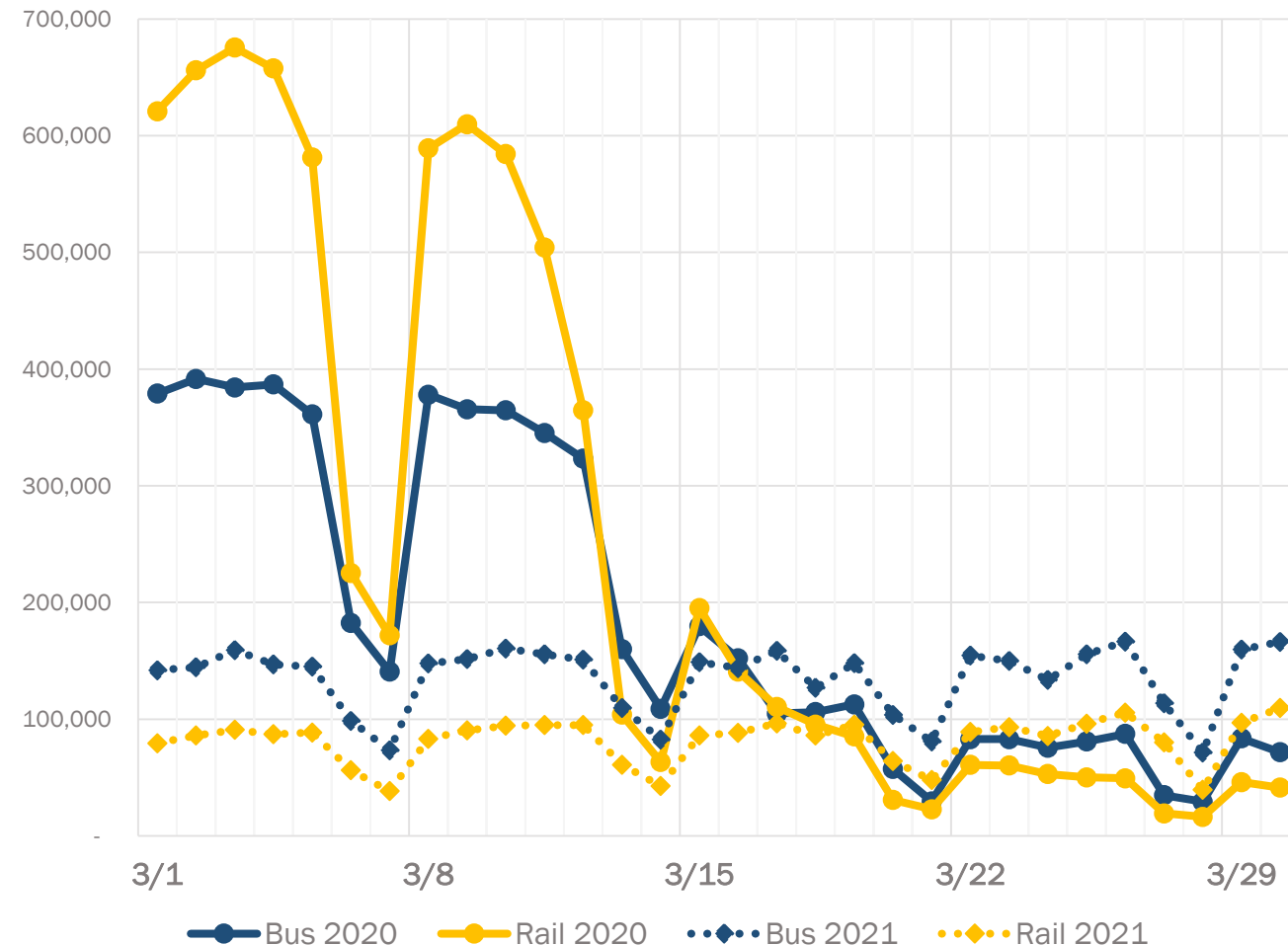
- **Use caution when comparing averages this month**

- First half of the month: 2020 much higher than 2021
- Second half of the month: 2020 very low ridership as severe impacts from COVID-19 began; 2021 higher than 2020

- **Now in March 2021:**

- Rail ridership rising steadily over the month to around 100,000 trips per weekday
- Bus ridership higher than rail, increasing gradually
- Bus weekend ridership appears similar to 2020 levels: two weekends below, two above

Ridership by Day, March 2021 vs. 2020

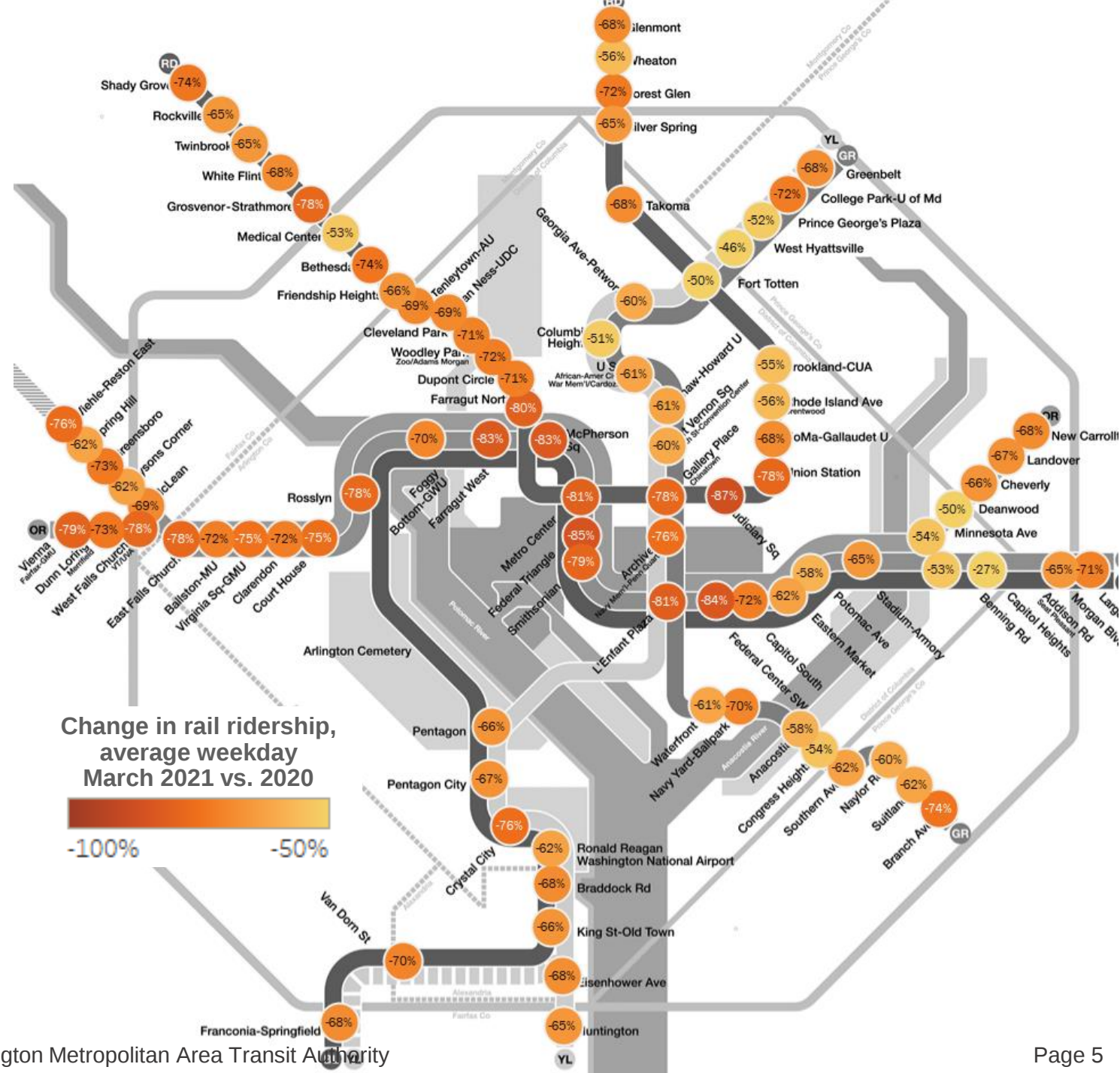


Metrorail Ridership

- Ridership significantly lower due to COVID-19

- Notes:

- Use caution when comparing averages this month (see note on page 4)
- Significant reductions in frequencies and hours of operation, station closures in 2020

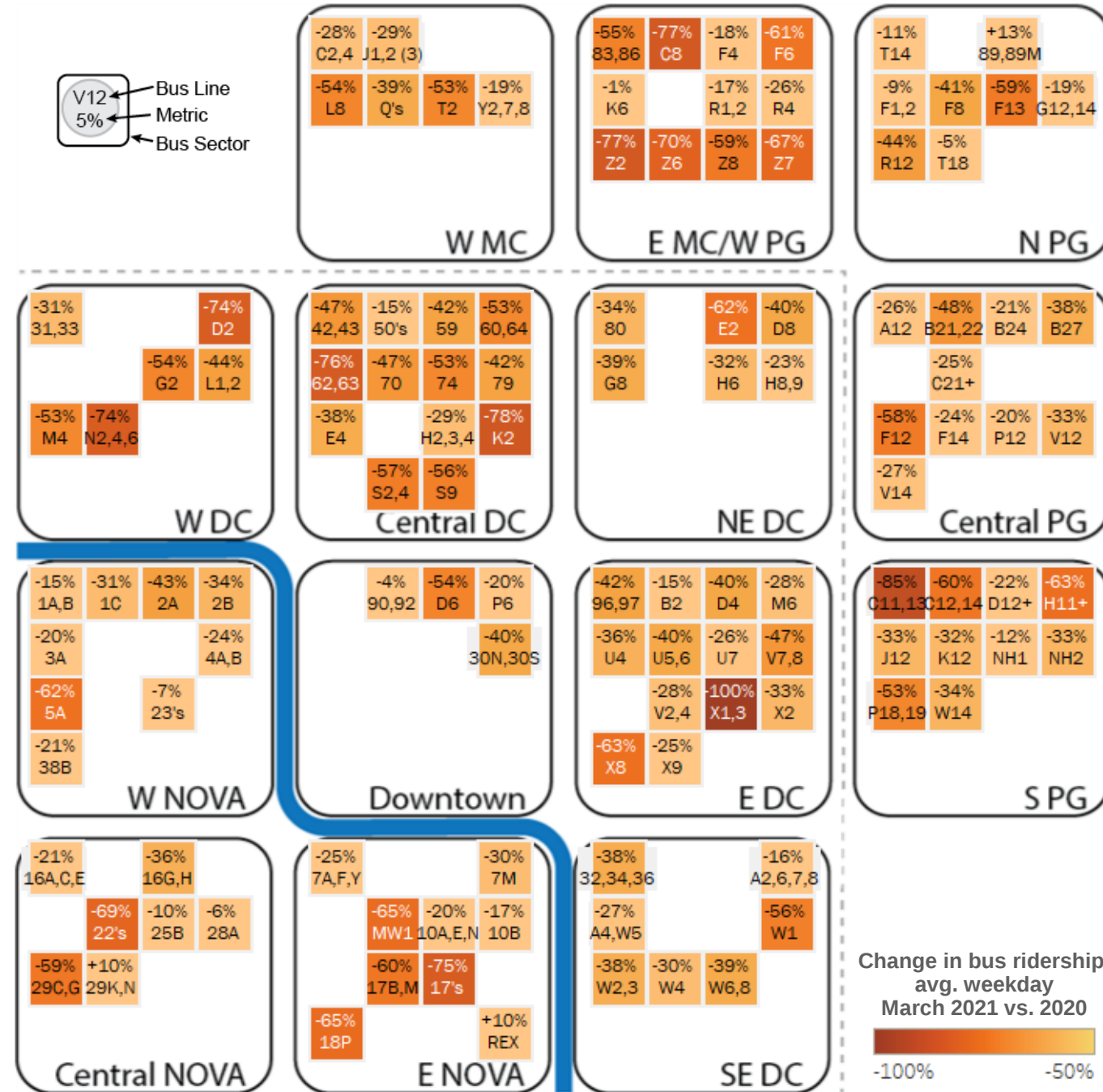


Metrobus Ridership

- Weekday ridership 70% lower than 2020 levels

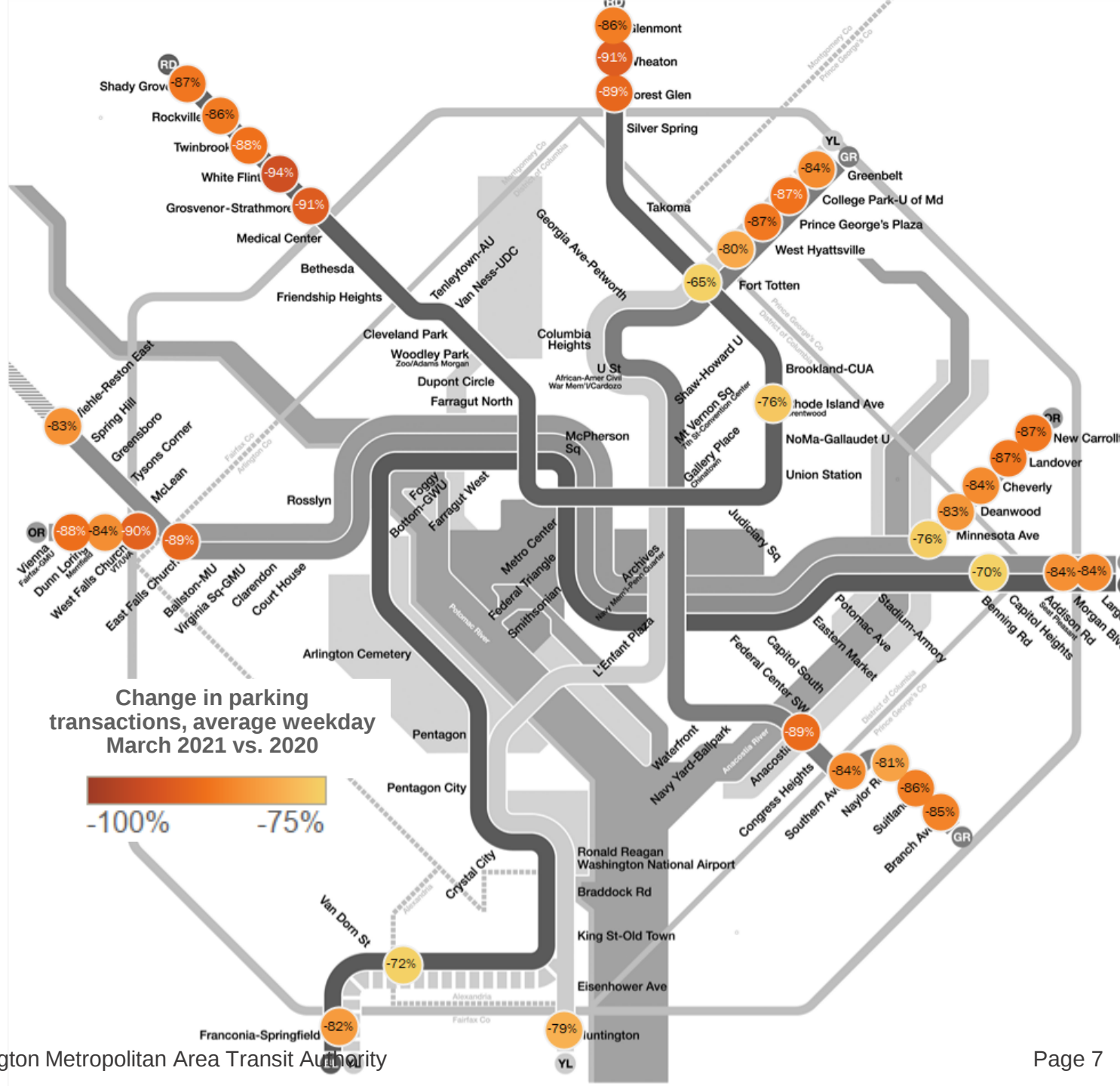
- Notes:

- Bus service around 75% of pre-COVID levels. Some routes suspended.
- Use caution when comparing averages this month (see note on page 4)



Metro Parking Utilization

- **Paid parking 85% lower than last year**
- **Use caution when comparing averages this month (see note on page 4)**



Top 10 Trips by Origin-Destination, March 2021

Metrobus

Between...	And...	Trips per day
Mark Center	Pentagon Station	245
Anacostia Station	MLK Jr. Ave SE + Malcolm X Ave. SE	180
14 th St. NW + Irving Ave. NW	14 th St. NW and U Street NW	160
Georgia Ave. NW + Rock Creek Ford Rd. NW	Georgia Ave-Petworth Station	155
H Street NE + 8 th Street NE	Minnesota Ave. NE + Benning Road NE	140
Fort Totten Station	Takoma-Langley Transit Center	140
Georgia Ave NW + Missouri Ave NW	Georgia Ave NW + New Hampshire Ave NW	135
Penn. Ave. SE + Minnesota Ave. SE	Potomac Ave Station	130
Bethesda Station	Silver Spring Station	125
H Street NE + 8 th Street NE	8 th Street SE + D Street SE	115

Metrorail

Between...	And...	Trips per day
Columbia Heights	Fort Totten	440
Crystal City	Pentagon	410
Franconia-Springfield	Pentagon	325
Shady Grove	Medical Center	325
Foggy Bottom	Rosslyn	320
Huntington	Pentagon	315
Pentagon	Pentagon City	290
Dupont Circle	Union Station	285
Columbia Heights	West Hyattsville	285
Farragut North	Union Station	275

Bus origin-destination ridership based on scaled flows estimated by the Trace Model