

Metro Ridership Snapshot

March 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.

Overall Ridership in March

Rail

- Ridership has more than doubled across all service types since March 2021

Bus

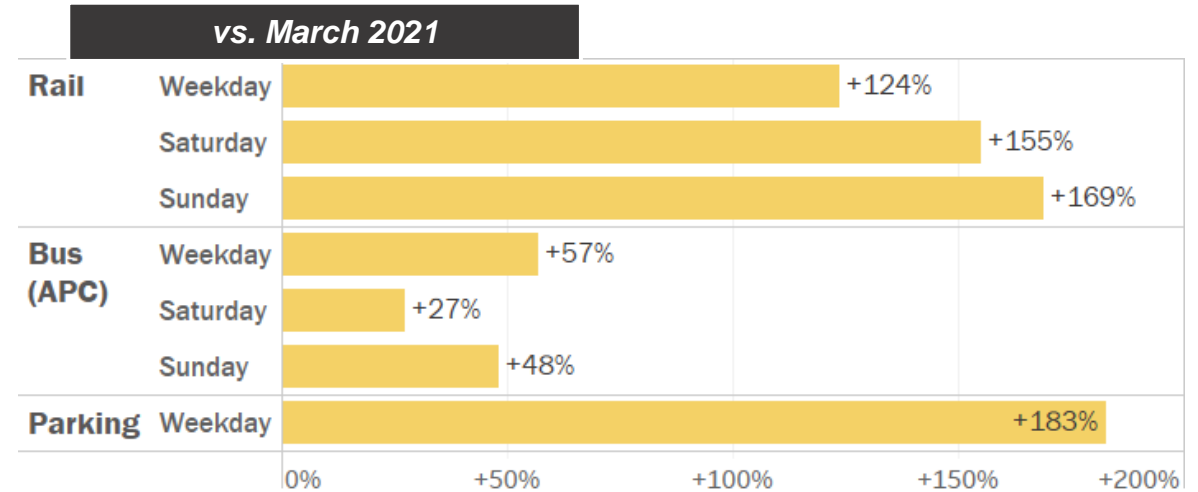
- Ridership has grown the most on weekdays and Sundays compared to March 2021

Parking

- Usage has more than tripled since March 2021

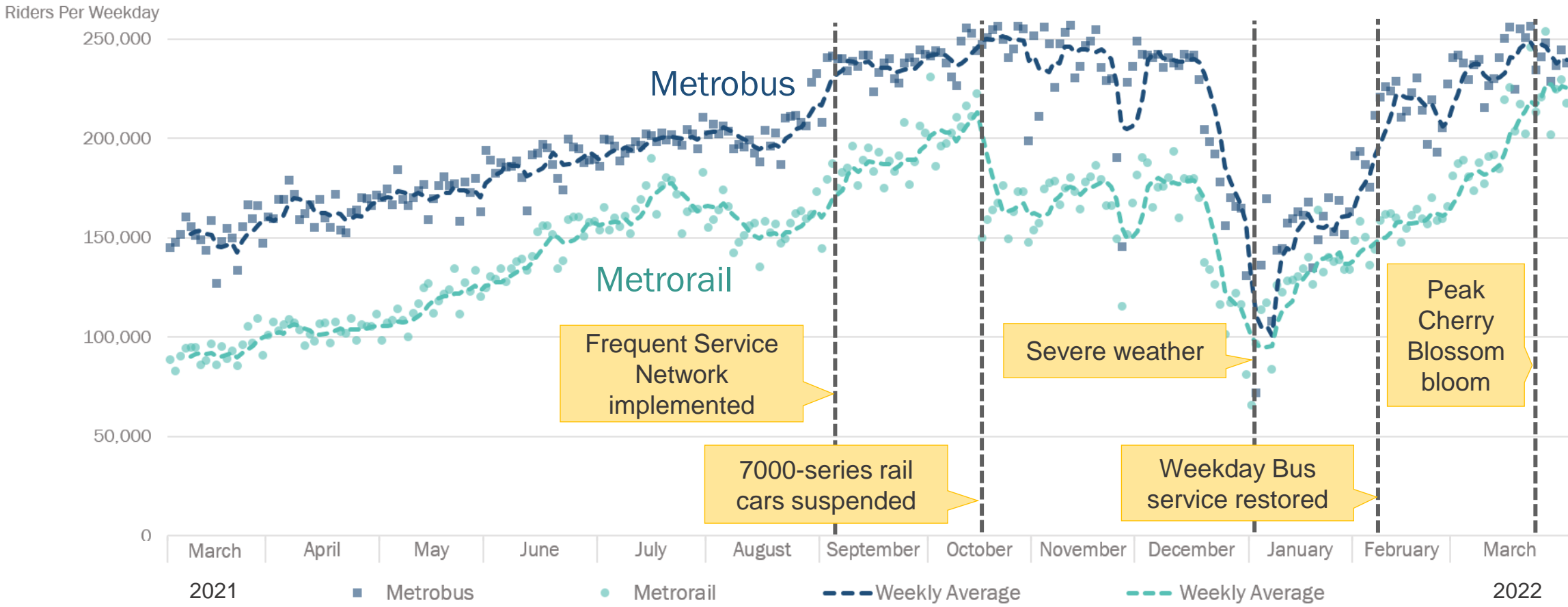
Rail ridership, bus ridership, and parking utilization have all grown compared to March 2021. In March 2022, rail ridership increased throughout the month, while bus ridership increased in the first half of the month and then fell slightly.

March 2021 was a period of average Covid-19 case rates and vaccines were being distributed more widely.



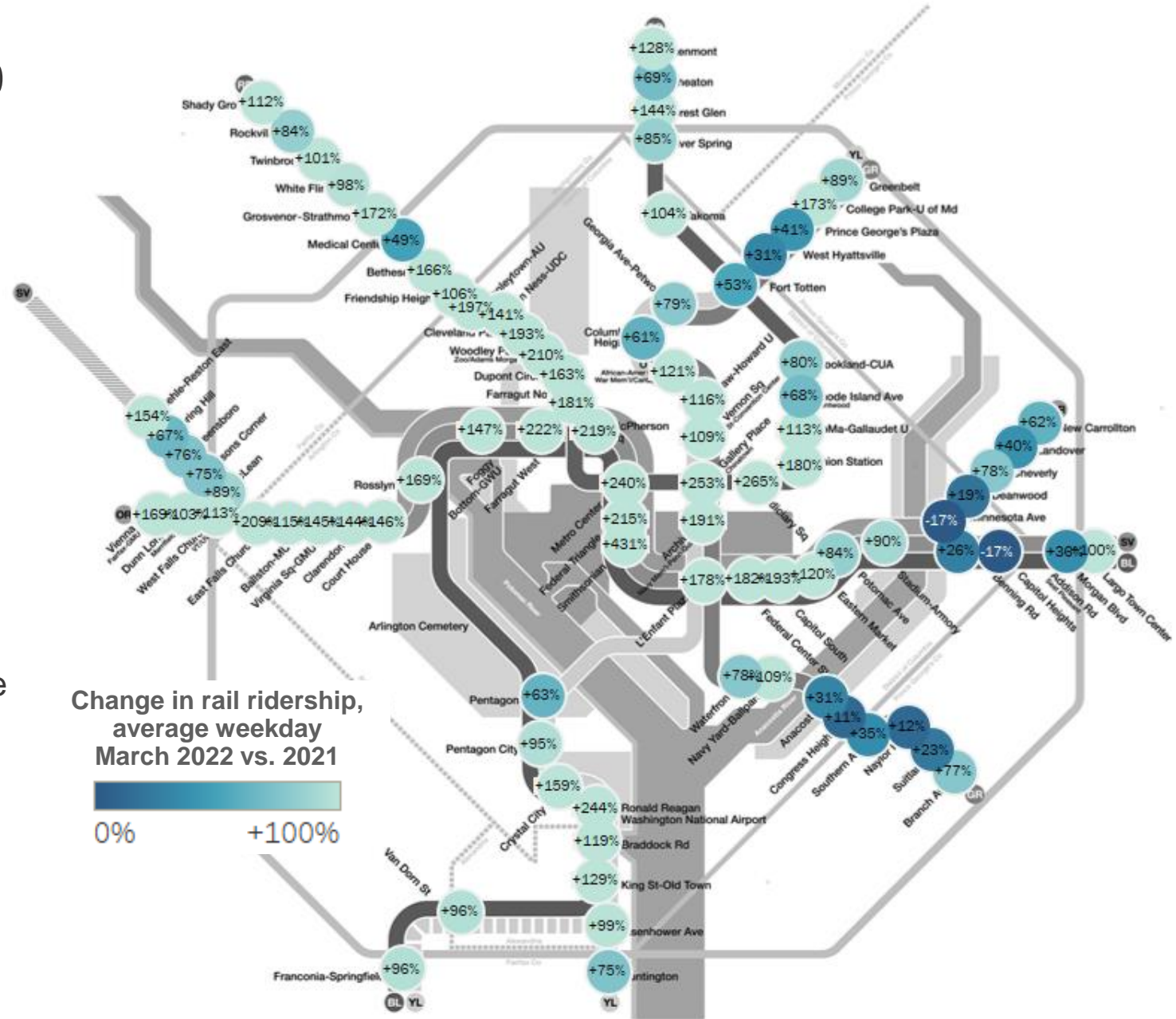
March 2022 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	205,000	167,000	113,000
Bus (APC)	240,000	138,000	115,000
Parking	9,000		

Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Metrorail Ridership

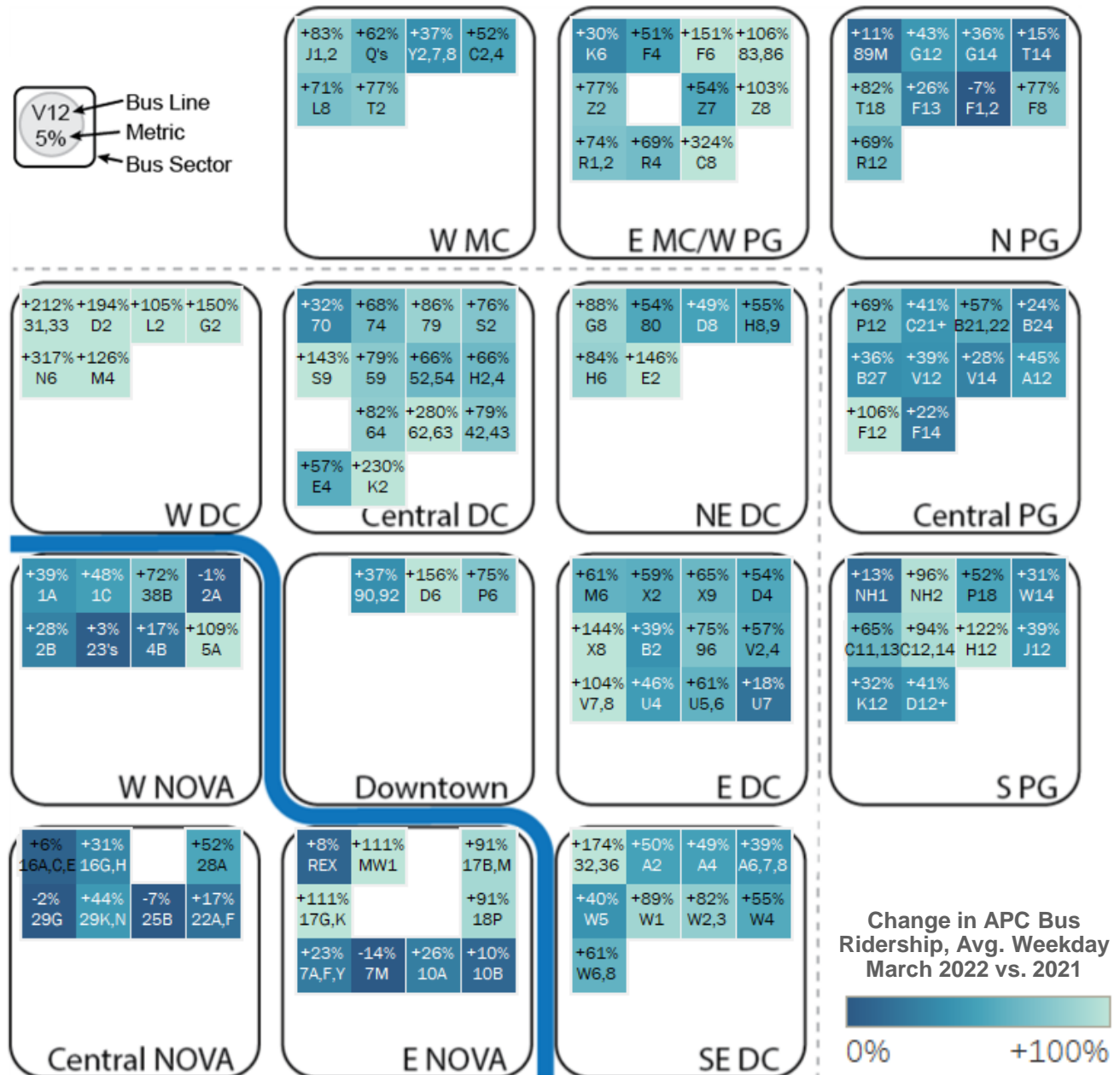
- Ridership is up 124% on weekdays compared to March 2021
- Ridership on weekends has increased about 160% compared to March 2021
- About 2% of customer time was crowded on average
- Notes:
 - Rail service reduced by over 50% of normal levels due to the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars.
 - Addison Road and Arlington Cemetery stations were closed during March 2021.



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

Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership has increased by 57% on weekdays compared to March 2021.
- Ridership is up by 27% on Saturdays and 48% on Sundays compared to March 2021.
- About 2% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays
- Notes:
 - In March 2021, bus service levels were around 75% of pre-Covid levels with some routes suspended. Current bus service levels are around 93% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends.



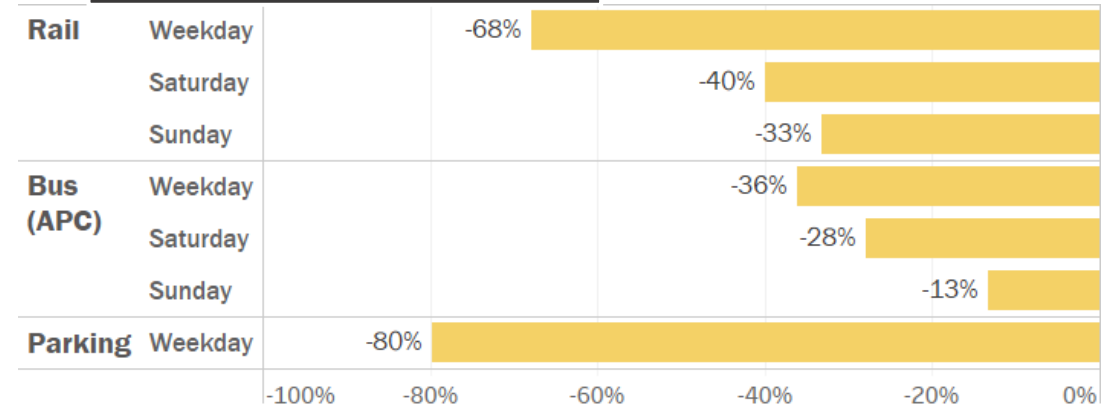
For more nuanced bus line information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#). Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data.

Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

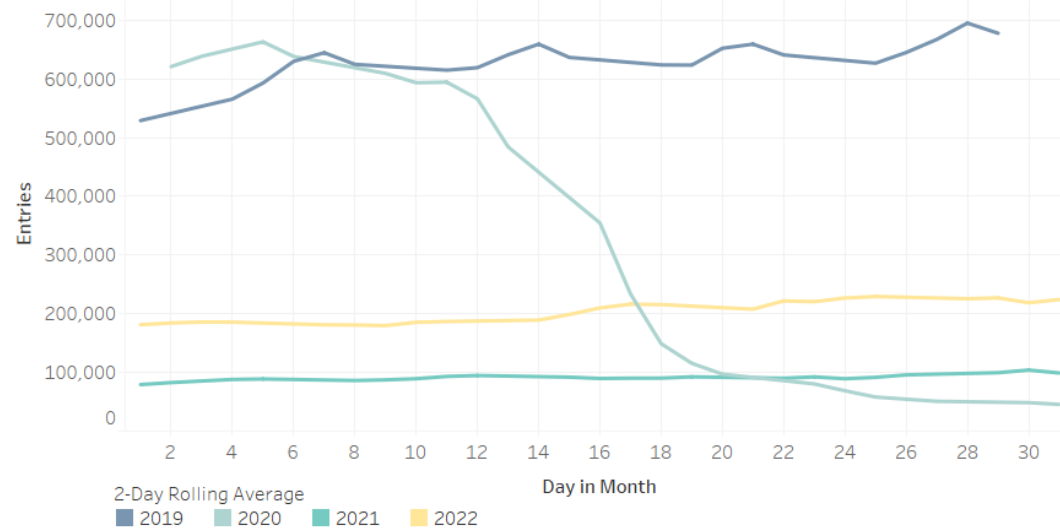
Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (March 2022 vs. March 2019):

- March **Rail** ridership was at 32% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, with higher retention on weekends
- March **Bus** ridership was at about 65% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and almost 90% of pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- March **Parking** usage was at 20% of pre-pandemic levels

vs. March 2019 (pre-pandemic)



March Weekday Rail Ridership over the Past Four Years



March Weekday Bus Ridership over the Past Four Years

