

Metro Ridership Snapshot

March 2023



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

- Weekday and Sunday tap ridership have increased by more than 50% compared to March 2022.

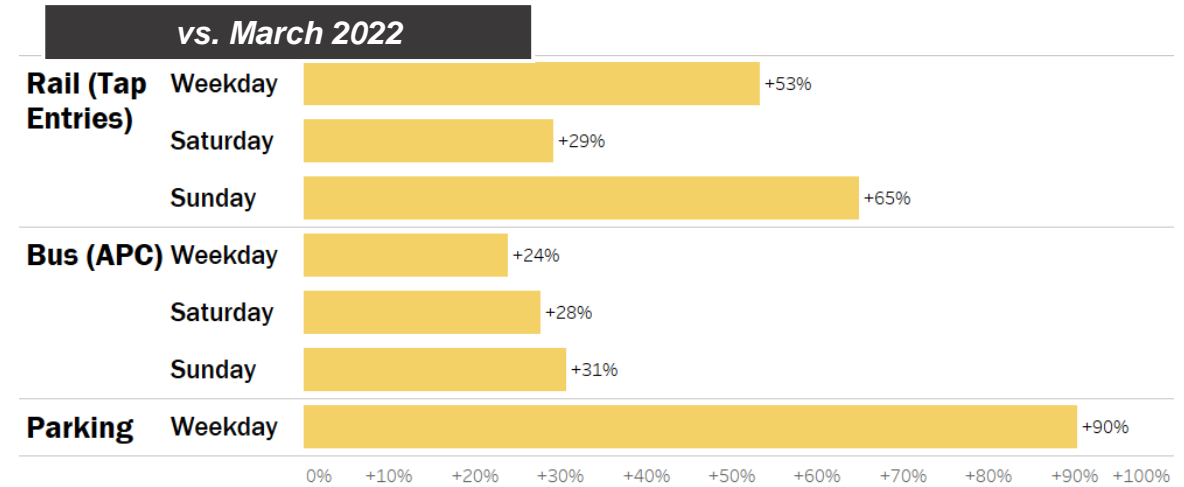
Bus

- Ridership has increased by 24% on weekdays and about 30% on weekends compared to March 2022.

Parking

- Usage has almost doubled compared to March 2022.

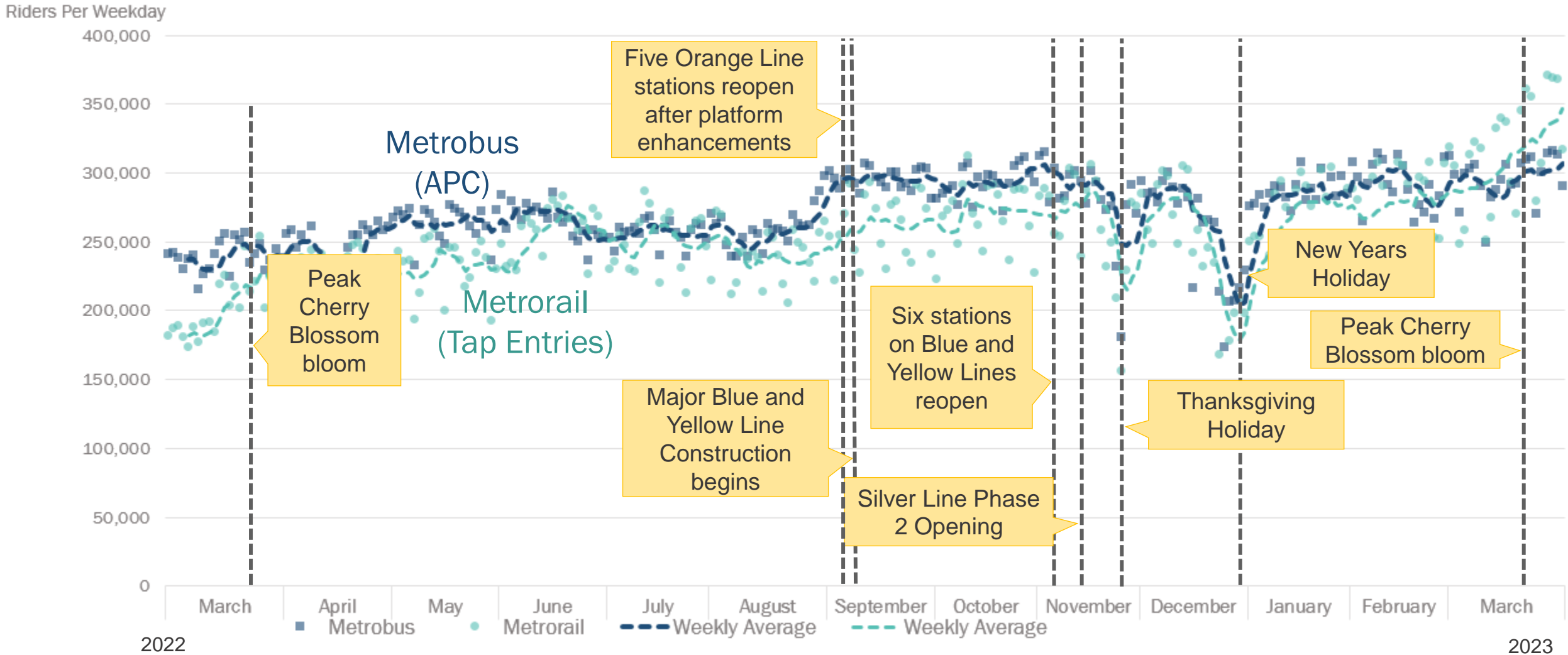
Rail and bus ridership both grew over the month of March 2023, rail at a higher rate than bus. Compared to the previous year both rail and bus ridership grew, particularly on Sundays.



March 2023 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	315,000	216,000	187,000
Rail (Total Entries)	359,000	247,000	214,000
Bus (APC)	296,000	173,000	148,000
Parking	17,000		
MetroAccess	4,800	1,800	1,500



Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

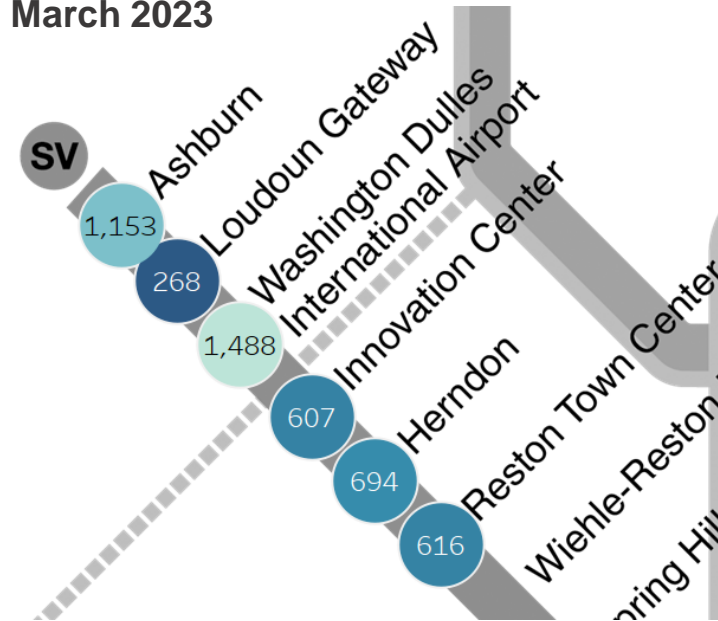
Ridership

- Compared to February 2023, average weekday tap ridership in March 2023 is up 20%, average Saturday tap ridership is up 33%, and average Sunday tap ridership is up 77%
 - Weekday ridership and weekend tap ridership increased month-over-month at all stations

Parking

- In March 2023 the most popular station for Weekday parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Ashburn at 25% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
 - Loudoun Gateway – 20% utilization
 - Herndon – 6% utilization

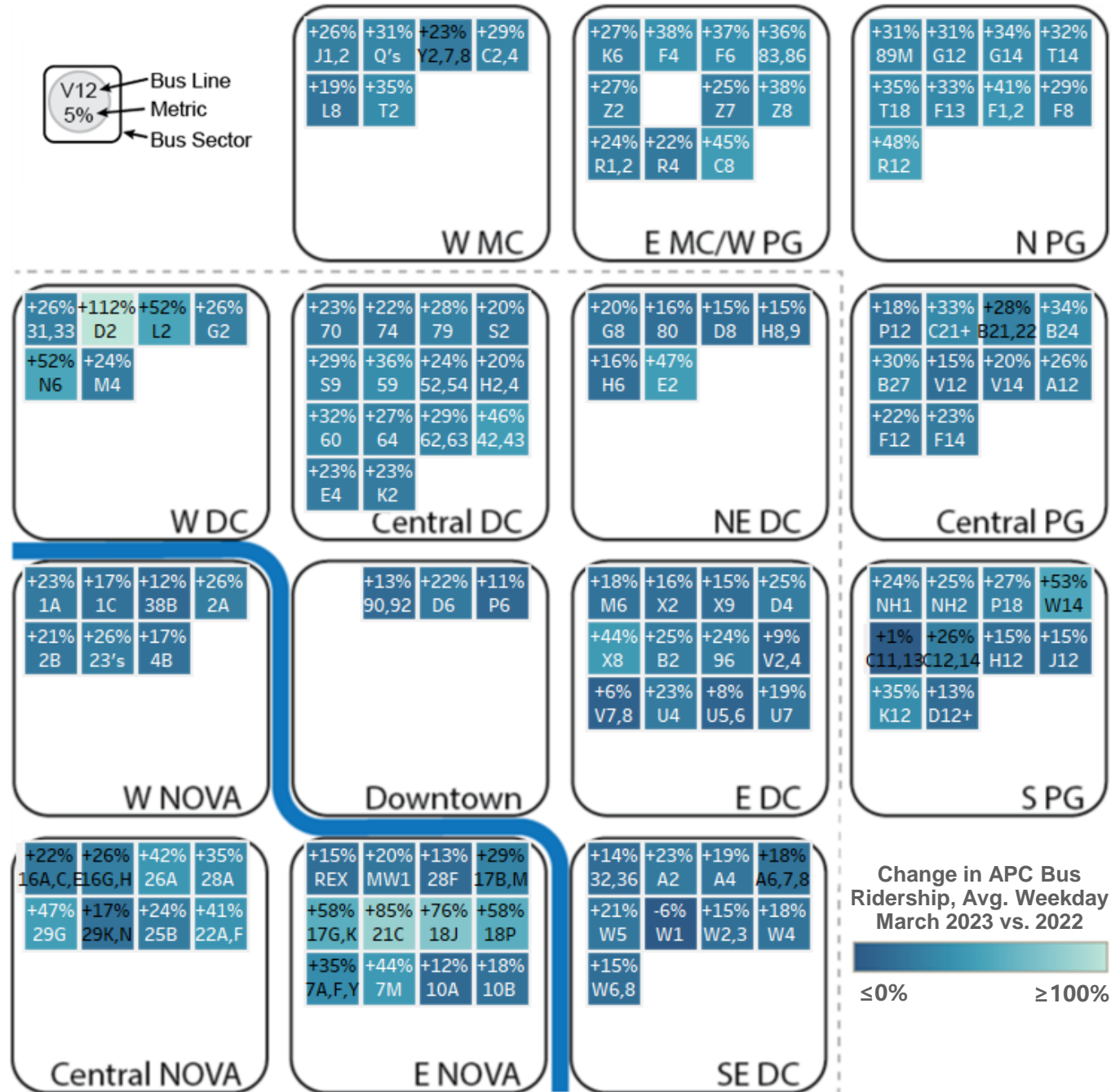
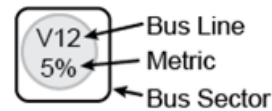
**SVII Average Weekday Ridership (Tap Entries)
March 2023**



March 2023 SVII Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	4,800	4,000	4,600
Parking	1,000		

Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership is up 24% on weekdays and about 30% on weekends compared to March 2022.
- About 3.4% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- There were 38,000 total shuttle rides made in March 2023, with 1,700 average daily weekday rides.
- Notes:
 - In January 2022, bus service was reduced to less than 50% of normal service levels due to covid-related staffing shortages. Current bus service levels are 101% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 117-133% on weekends.



Change in APC Bus Ridership, Avg. Weekday March 2023 vs. 2022

≤0% ≥100%

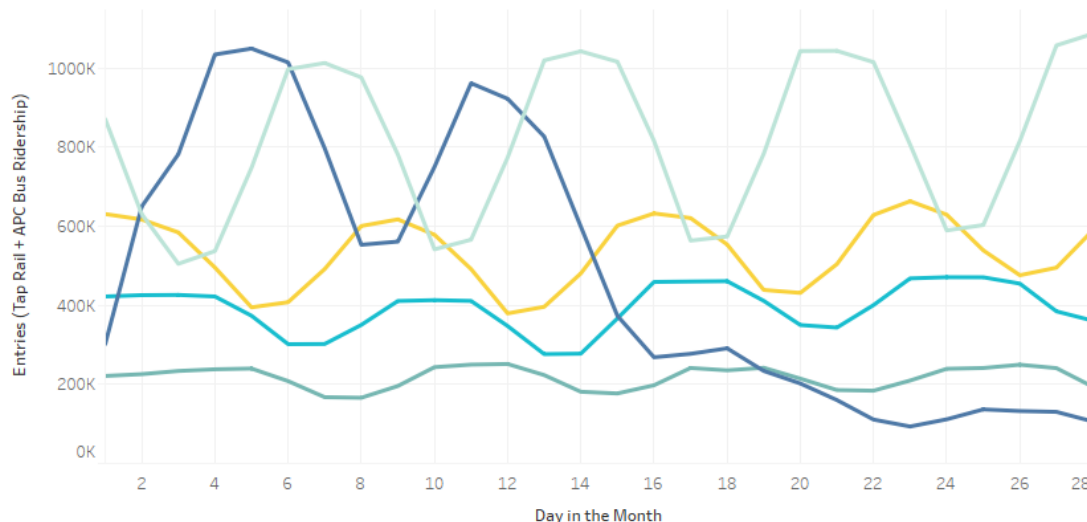
For more nuanced bus line information, additional data can be found on the [WMATA Ridership Data Portal](#). Bus ridership based on Automatic Passenger Counter data.

Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

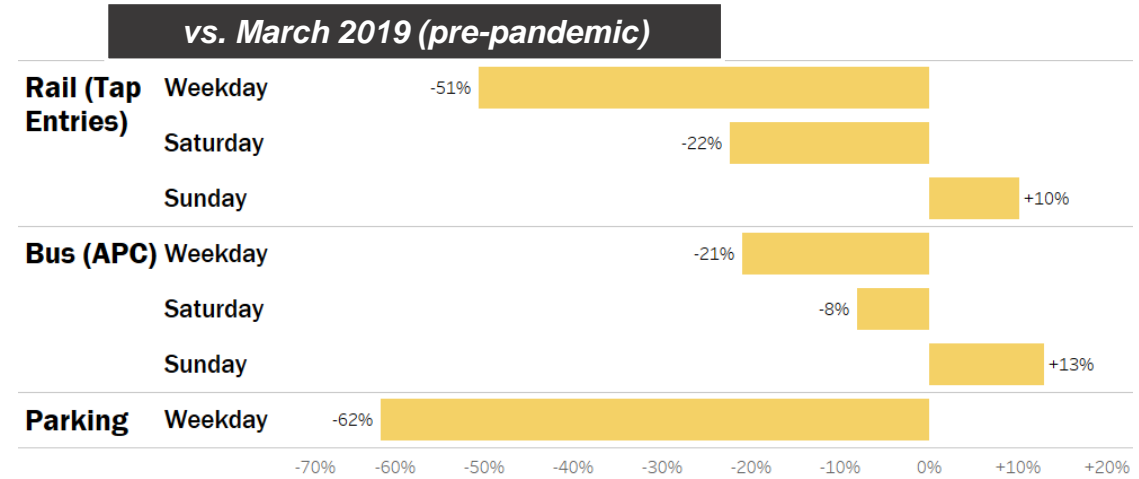
Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (March 2023 vs. March 2019):

- **Rail tap ridership** was at 49% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, 88% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays, and 10% *above* pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Bus ridership** was at 79% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 13% *above* pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- **Parking usage** was at 38% of pre-pandemic levels

March Ridership over the Past Five Years



2-Day Rolling Average
 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023



March 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	638,000	278,000	170,000
Bus (APC)	374,000	188,000	132,000
Parking	45,000		

