

Metro Ridership Snapshot

August 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 August

Rail

- Weekday ridership has increased more than 50% compared to August 2021.

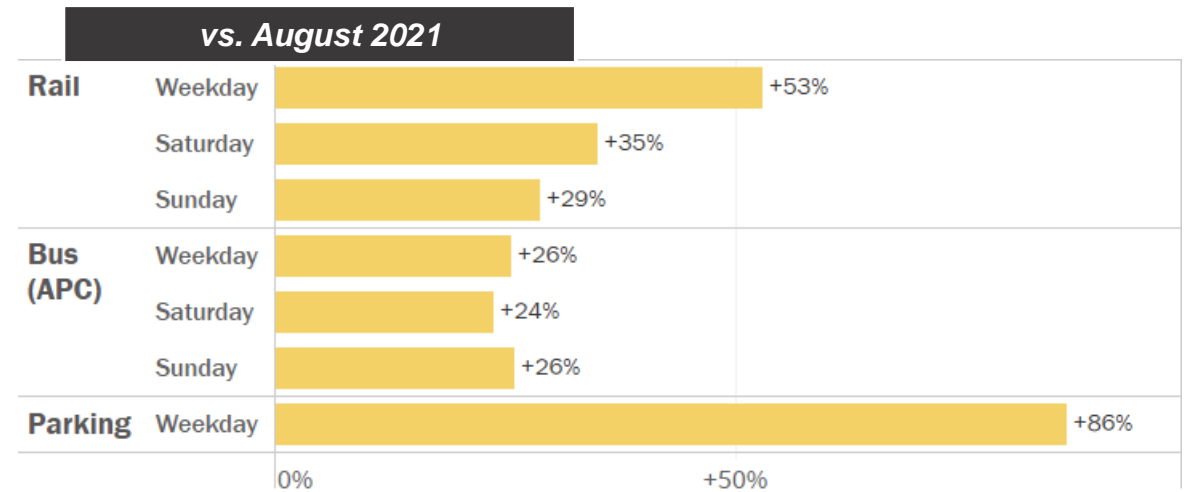
Bus

- Ridership has increased about 25% across all service types compared to August 2021.

Parking

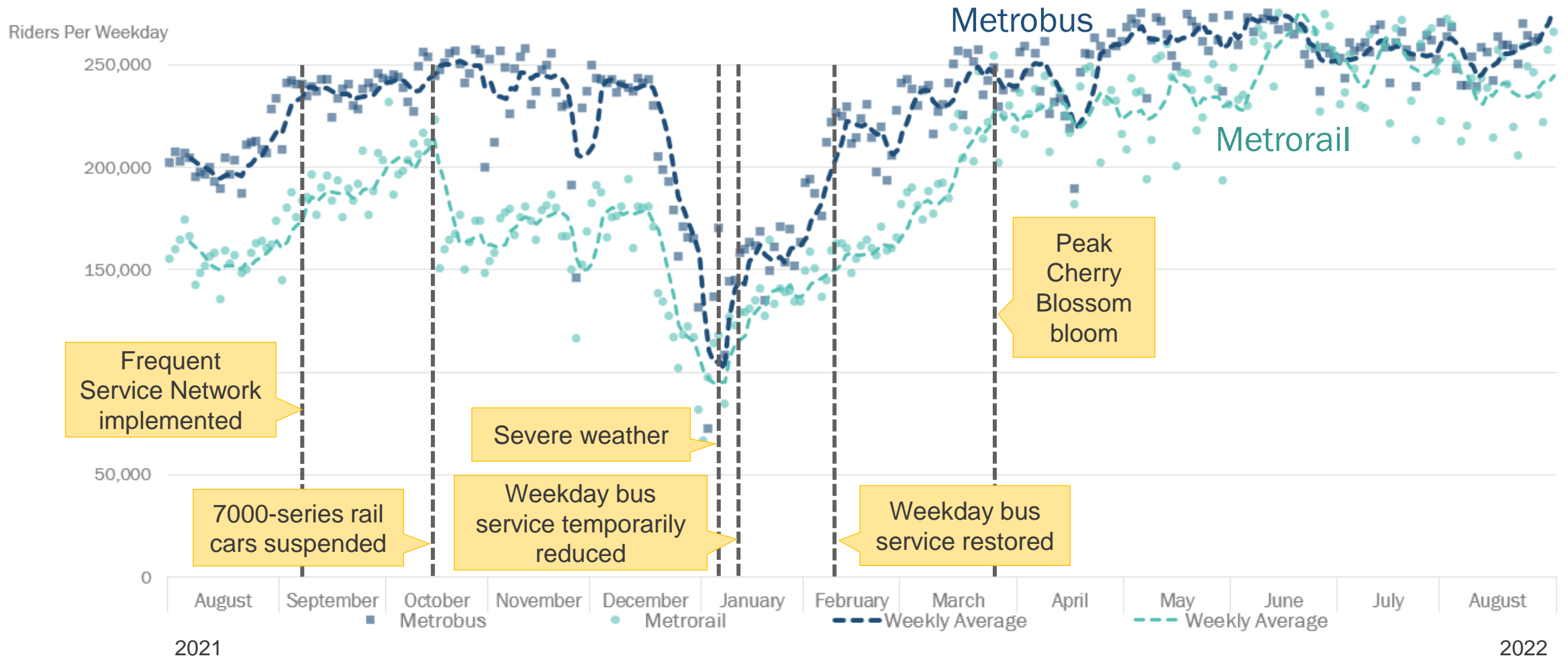
- Usage has increased 86% compared to August 2021

Rail and bus ridership remained stable in August 2022. Bus ridership increased slightly at the end of the month.



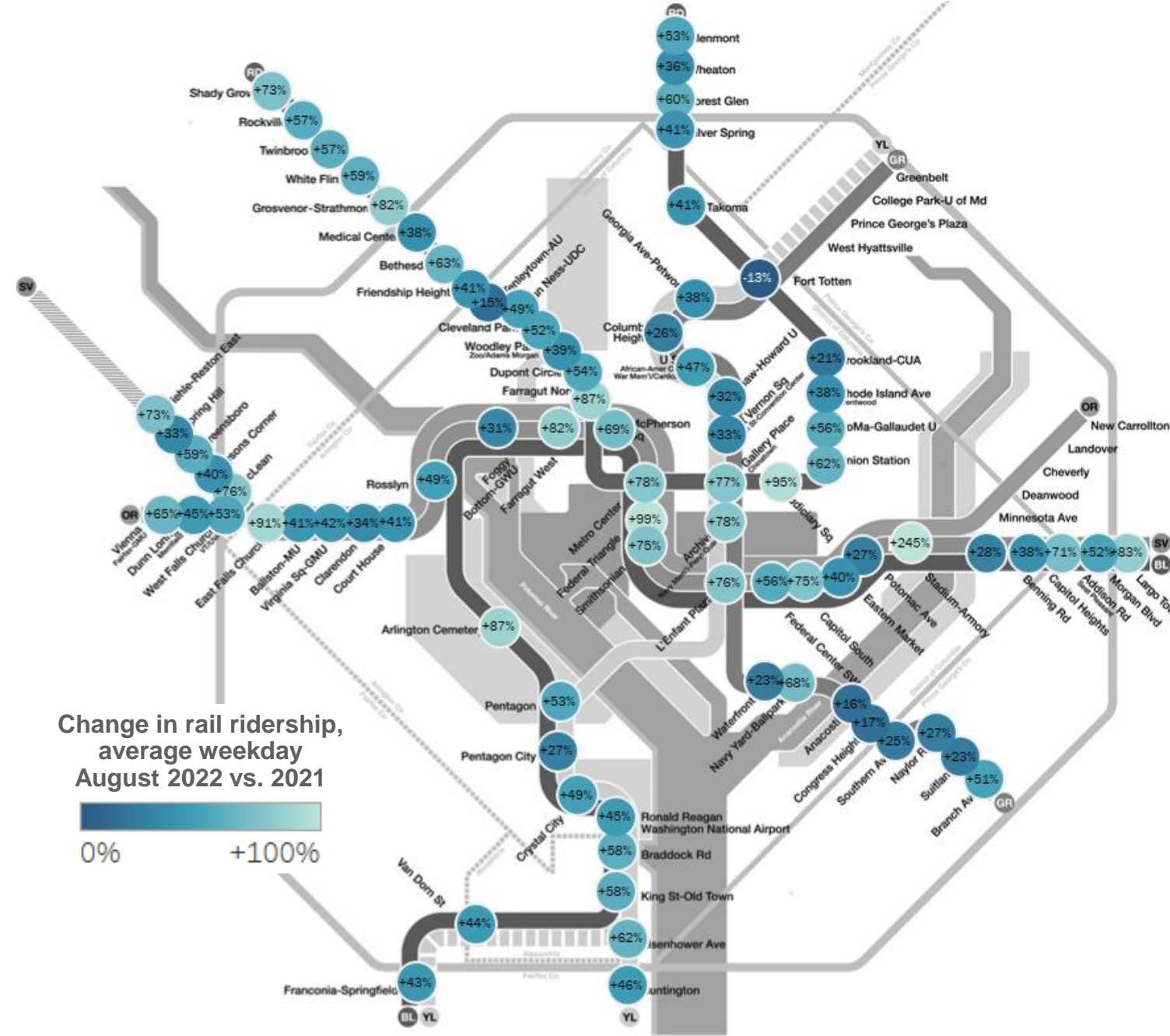
August 2022 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	240,000	157,000	112,000
Bus (APC)	260,000	183,000	142,000
Parking	12,000		

Ridership Trends Over the Past Year



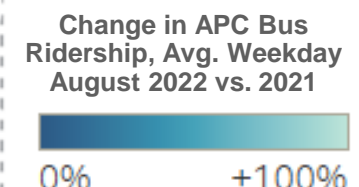
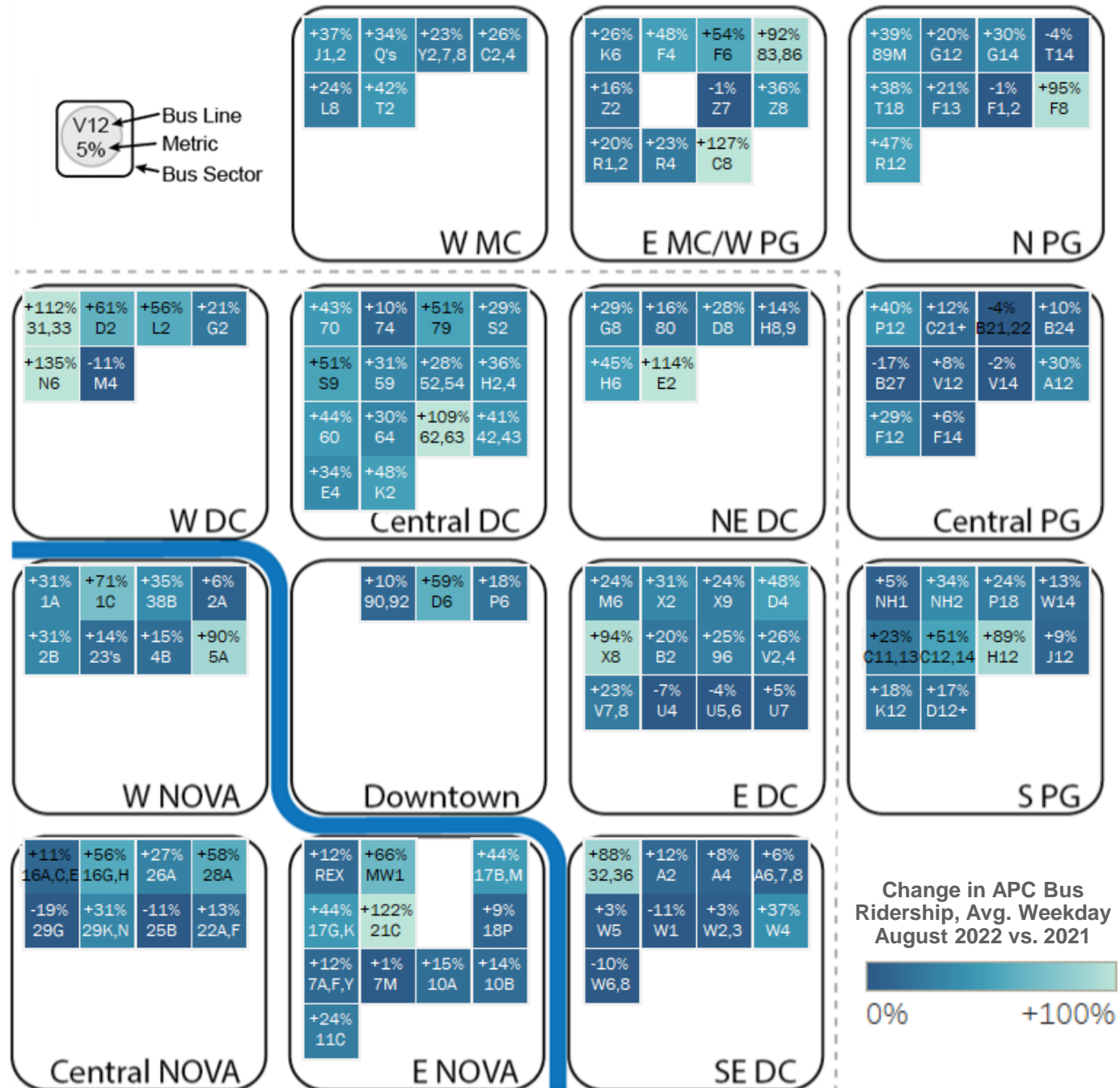
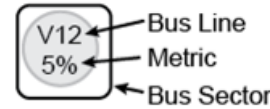
Metrorail Ridership

- Ridership is up 53% on weekdays compared to August 2021
- Less than 0.5% of customer time was crowded on average with higher crowding on weekdays
- Notes:
 - Rail service remains reduced due to the suspension of the 7000-series rail cars.
 - Orange Line stations between Stadium Armory and New Carrollton were closed in August 2022 for the Platform Improvement Project.
 - Four stations on the Green and Yellow Lines north of Fort Totten were closed in August 2021 for maintenance



Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership is up about 25% on weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays compared to August 2021.
- About 2% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays
- Notes:
 - In August 2021, bus service levels were around 85% of pre-Covid. 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.

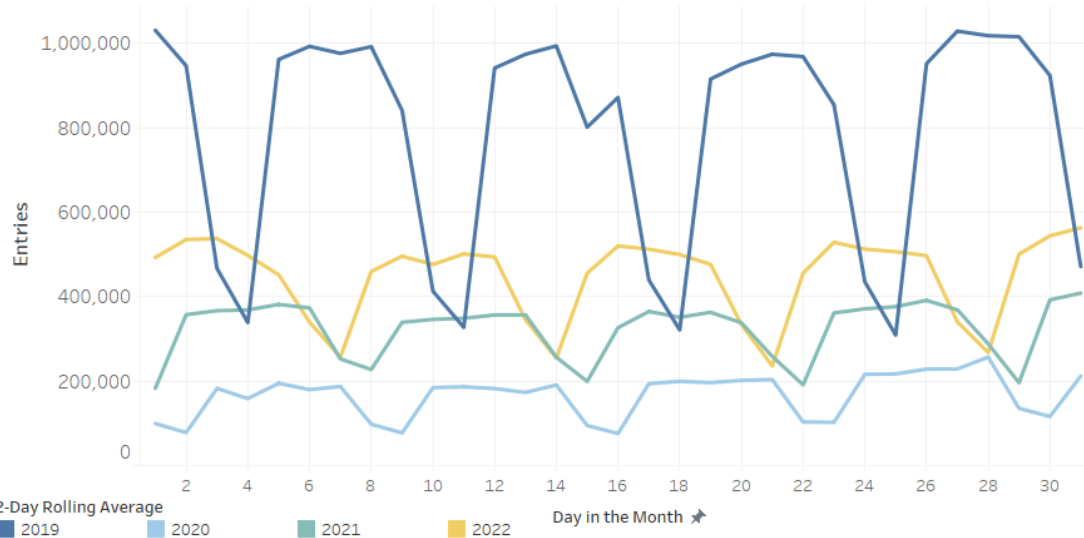
Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison

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

- August **Rail** ridership was at 40% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and about 65% of pre-pandemic levels on weekends
- August **Bus** ridership was at 74% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays
- August **Parking** usage was at 32% of pre-pandemic levels

		vs. August 2019 (pre-pandemic)	
Rail	Weekday	-60%	
	Saturday		-36%
	Sunday		-35%
Bus (APC)	Weekday		-26%
	Saturday		-8%
	Sunday		-7%
Parking	Weekday	-68%	

August Ridership over the Past Four Years



August 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	601,000	246,000	172,000
Bus (APC)	349,000	199,000	152,000
Parking	38,000		

