

Metro Ridership Snapshot

December 2019



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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[Online Ridership Data Portal](#)

Note: all percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in farebox-based 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 December

▪ Rail

- Continued growth to end calendar year 2019, up 7% on weekdays
- Some growth due to event-related decreases in 2018, especially Federal Government closure

▪ Parking

- Some impacts from Federal Government closure in 2018

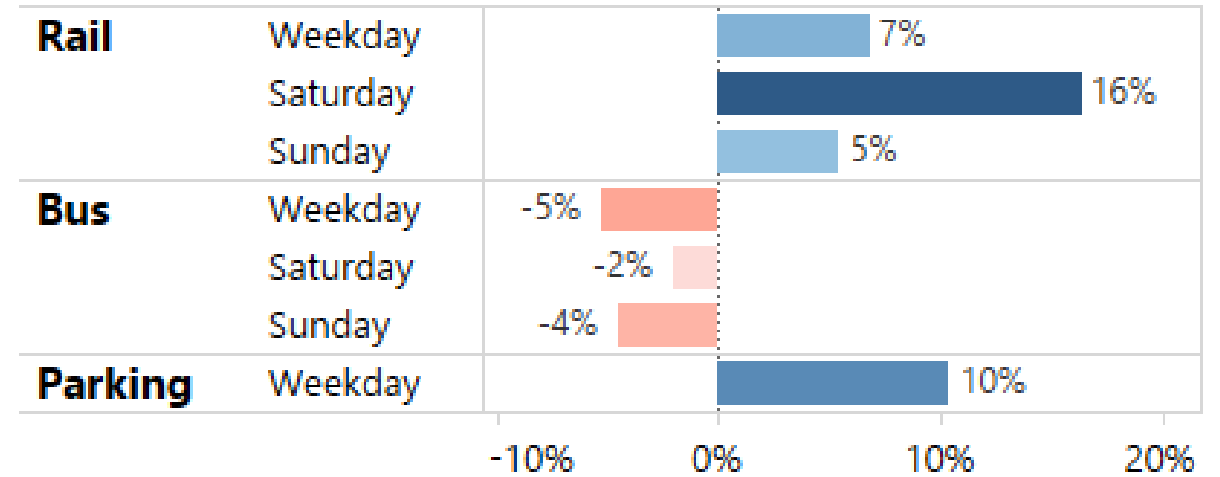
▪ Bus

- Moderate losses systemwide, higher in southeastern D.C.

▪ Notes:

- Several events decreased ridership in December 2018, making this month look relatively better

December 2019 Change in Ridership



vs. December 2018

December 2019 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	560,000	239,000	136,000
Bus	310,000	167,000	114,000
Parking	38,600		



Metrorail Ridership

- **Weekdays up 7%**

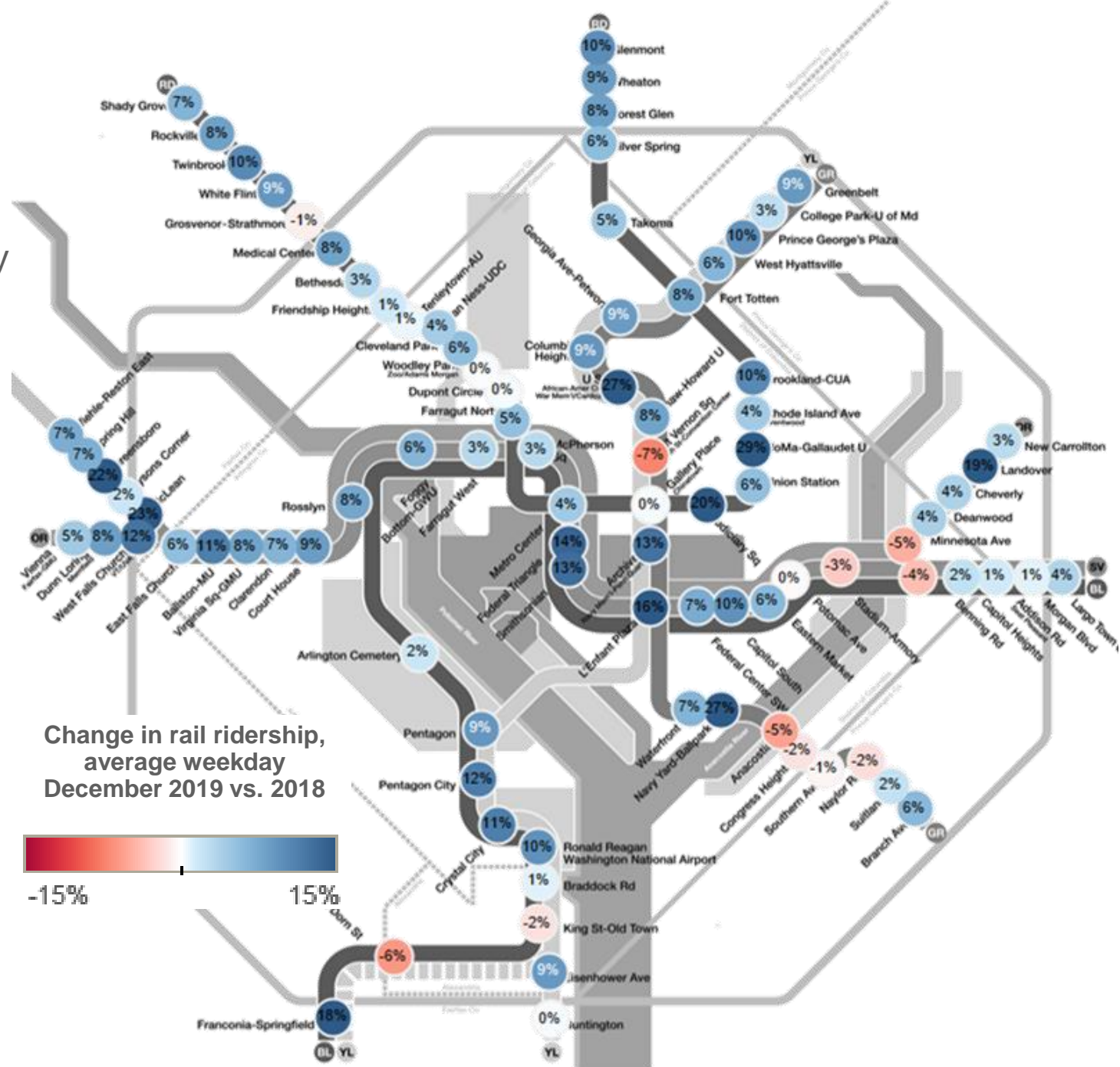
- Growth at most stations and times of day
- Ridership south of National Airport beginning to catch up with system

- **Strength on weekends**

- Saturdays up 16%, Sundays up 5%
- Light weekend trackwork

- **Notes:**

- Growth at some stations is related to events in 2018:
 - U Street and Judiciary Square: one entrance closed in 2018
 - Partial Federal Government shutdown began 12/22/2018 (especially stations such as Federal Triangle, Smithsonian)
 - Trackwork 11/26/2018-12/9/2018: no Yellow Line, reduced ridership south of King Street
 - National Day of Mourning for President Bush reduced ridership systemwide 12/5/2018 (442,000 on a weekday)



Metrobus Ridership

Weekday bus ridership down 5%

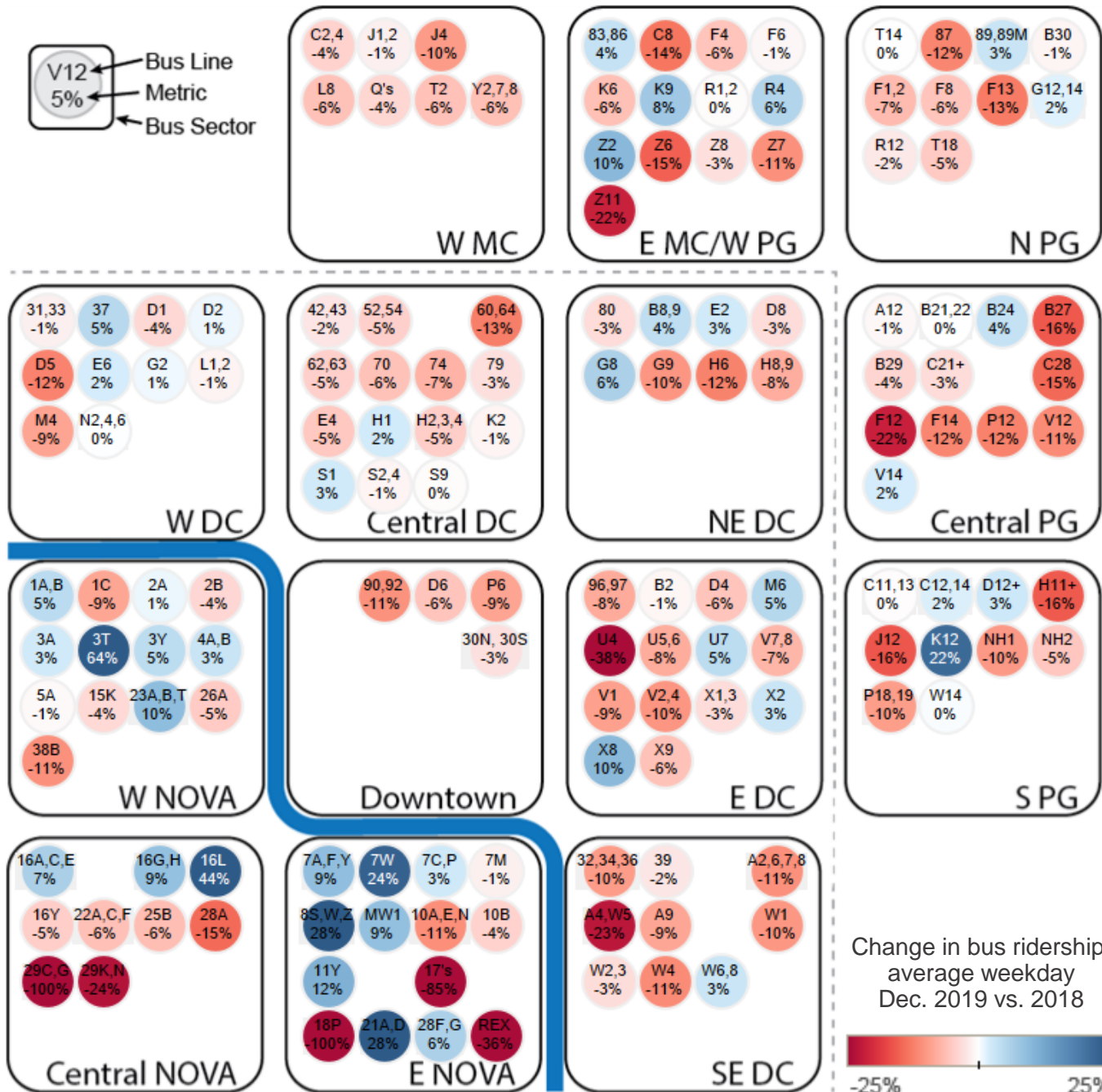
- Virginia down 7%, impacted by several routes not operating
- 11% loss in southeastern D.C., driven by double-digit losses on some lines
- Residual gains from summer: 8S,Z; 21A; 11Y, MW1 (Metroway)

Weekends down 3-5%

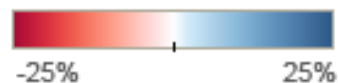
- But some gains in Virginia (e.g., 23A,B,T; 2A; 3A; 1A,B)

Notes:

- No ridership on several routes in Virginia due to work stoppage at Cinder Bed Road division: 17B,G,H,K,L,M; 18G,H,J,P; 29C,G,K,N,W; REX, S80,91
- 3T: extended to serve East Falls Church station at peak times

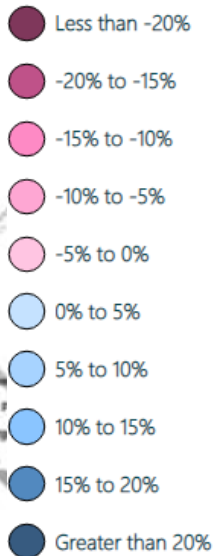


Change in bus ridership, average weekday Dec. 2019 vs. 2018



Metro Parking Utilization

Legend
Year over Year Ridership Change



- Overall utilization 68%

- Improvement over 62% in December 2018
- All but two stations showing steady or rising parking usage

- Parking up 6% over last year

- West Falls Church and Landover gaining after price decrease

- Notes:

- Trackwork in December 2018 somewhat reduced parking usage in Virginia on Blue/Yellow lines
- Construction and training activity reduced capacity at Largo, Vienna, White Flint, College Park south, New Carrollton, and Landover
- Equipment problems at Van Dorn Street

December 2019 Change in Utilization, average weekday

