Metro Ridership Snapshot
December 2019

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
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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
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:
  - 3T: extended to serve East Falls Church station at peak times
Metro Parking Utilization

- **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