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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 <u>one year-ago</u> unless noted as 'pre-pandemic' which then represents a comparison to three yearsago. For more details, see <u>How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data</u>.

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 February**

#### Rail

Weekday ridership has increased by almost 80% and Sunday ridership has increased by about 60% compared to February 2022.

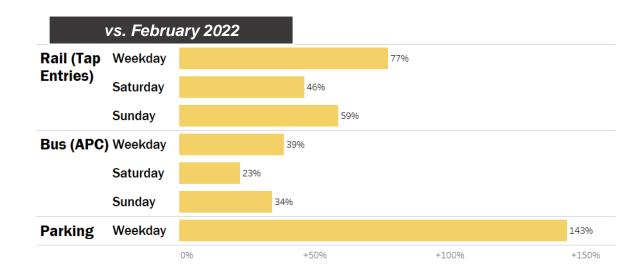
#### Bus

 Ridership has increased by about 40% on weekdays and between about 20 to 30% on weekends compared to February 2022.

### **Parking**

 Usage has more than doubled compared to February 2022.

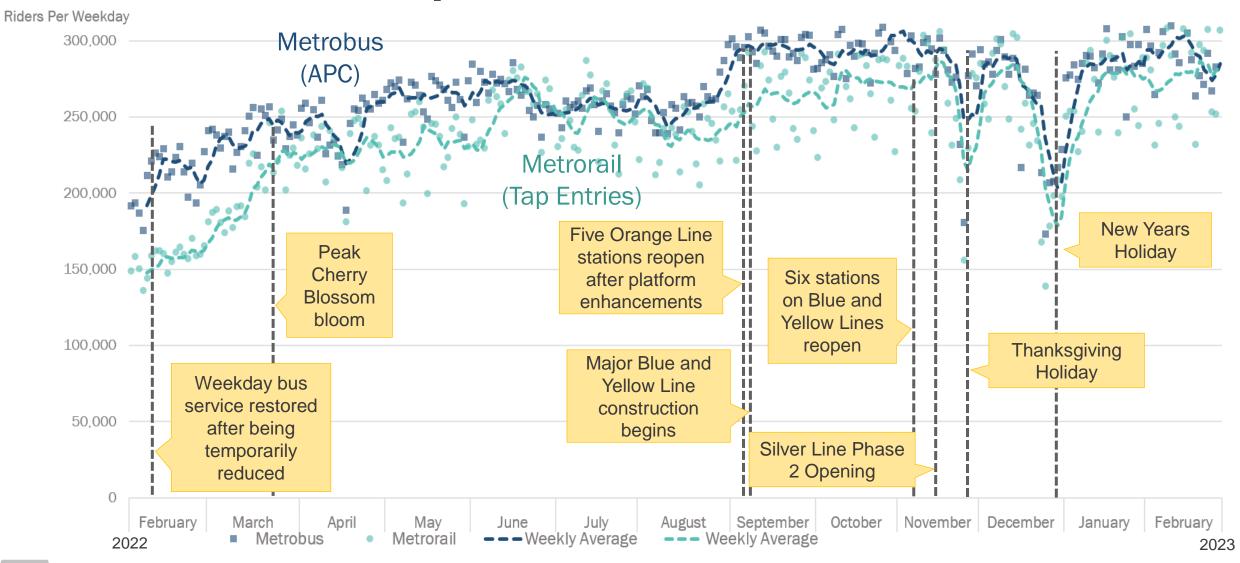
Rail ridership grew over the month of February 2023, while bus ridership steadily declined in the latter half of the month. Compared to the previous year, both rail and bus ridership grew particularly on weekdays and Sundays.



February 2023 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	278,000	163,000	123,000
Bus (APC)	292,000	171,000	140,000
Parking	16,000		



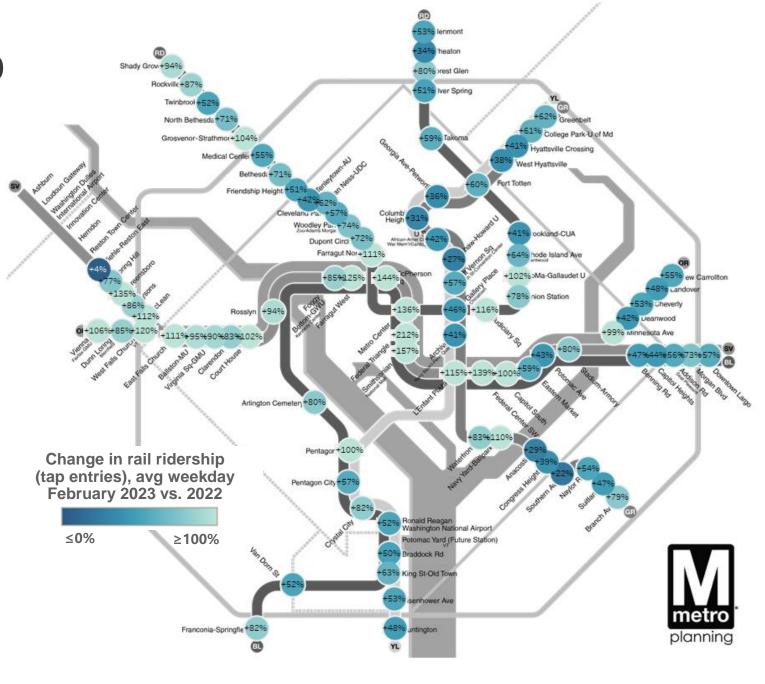
## **Ridership Trends Over the Past Year**





## **Metrorail Ridership**

- Ridership is up 77% on weekdays compared to February 2022.
- About 1% of customer time was crowded on average with most crowding occurring on weekdays
- Notes:
  - Rail service is increasing as the 7000-series rail cars are phased back into service, but remains lower than before the suspension
  - The Yellow Line bridge and tunnel between L'Enfant Plaza and Pentagon closed on September 10th for scheduled maintenance.
  - Six new Silver Line Phase 2 stations opened on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Since there is not year-over-year data for these stations yet they do not appear on this map





# Silver Line Phase 2 Opening

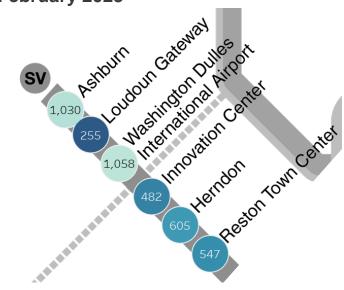
## Ridership

- Compared to January 2023, average weekday ridership in February 2023 is up 4% however average weekend ridership is down 7% along the Silver Line II (SVII) corridor
  - Weekday ridership increased month-over-month at all stations except for Dulles (decreased 7%)
  - Weekend ridership decreased the most at Ashburn (down 21%) and Loudoun Gateway (down 18%)

## **Parking**

- In February 2023 the most popular station for Weekday parking among Silver Line Phase II stations was Ashburn at 26% utilization (utilization = average daily transactions / parking capacity)
  - Loudoun Gateway 24% utilization
  - Wiehle 21% utilization
  - Herndon 5% utilization

# **SVII Average Weekday Ridership (Tap Entries)** February 2023

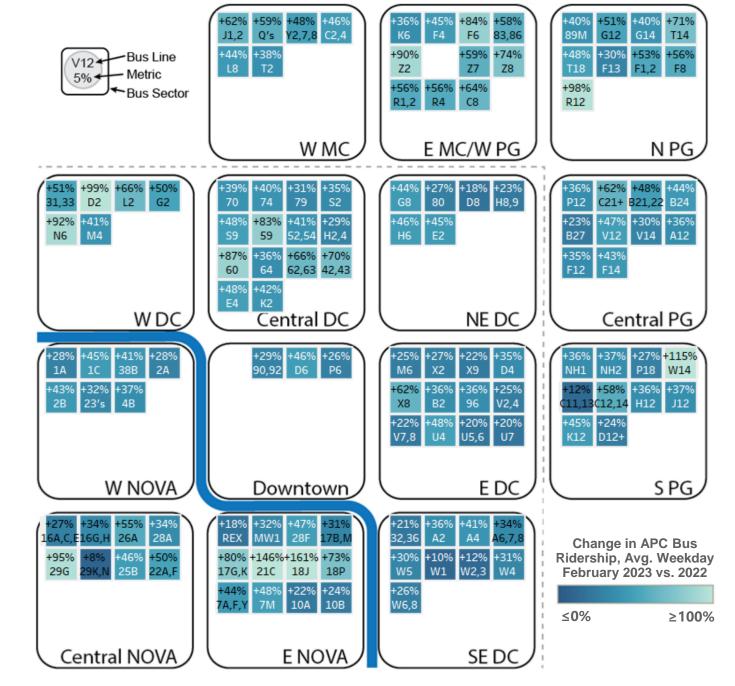


February 2023 SVII Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	4,000	3,000	2,600
Parking	1,000		



## **Metrobus Ridership**

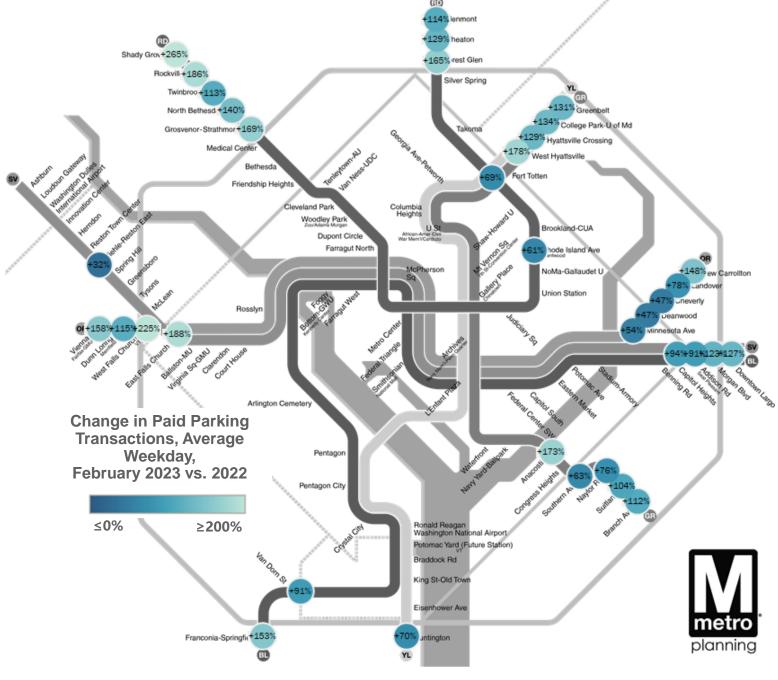
- Ridership is up about 40% on weekdays and 40% on Sundays compared to February 2022.
- About 3.2% of stop events were above crowding thresholds with more crowding on weekdays.
- Notes:
  - Bus service from February 1-7, 2022 remained scaled back to Saturday Supplemental schedule on weekdays. Several routes did not operate during the reduced service period.
  - Current bus service levels are around 93% of pre-Covid levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends.





# Metro Parking Transactions

- Weekday parking usage increased 143% compared to February 2022.
  - Most stations grew between 100-150%.
  - Parking usage increased more than 200% at Shady Grove and West Falls Church.
- Notes:
  - Six new Silver Line Phase 2 stations opened on November 15<sup>th</sup>, four of which have commuter parking (Herndon, Innovation Center, Loudoun Gateway, and Ashburn). Since there is not year-over-year data for these stations yet they do not appear on this map

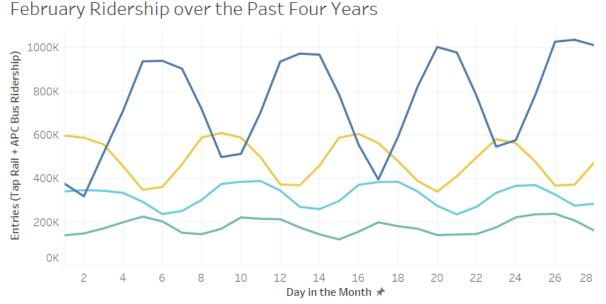


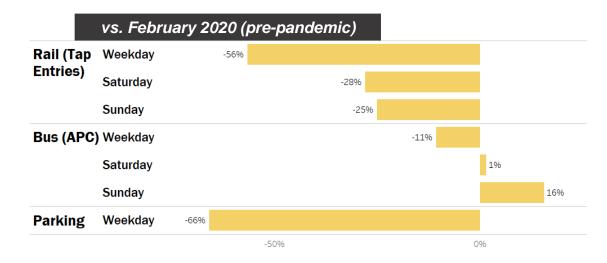


## **Pre-Pandemic Ridership Comparison**

#### Current vs. pre-pandemic levels (February 2023 vs. February 2020):

- Rail ridership was at 44% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and about 75% of pre-pandemic levels on weekends
- Bus ridership was at 89% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays and 16% above pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- Parking usage was at 34% of pre-pandemic levels





February 2020 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail (Tap Entries)	639,000	227,000	165,000
Bus (APC)	327,000	168,000	121,000
Parking	46,000		





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