

Metro Ridership Snapshot

October 2021



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Note: All percentage changes in this document represent year-over-year changes in ridership, compared to the same time, location, and day type **two years ago** – to compare back to pre-pandemic ridership data. For more details, see [How to Use and Interpret Metro Ridership Data](#)

Bus ridership shown here is from Metro’s automatic passenger counters, in both current and baseline months. Rail and parking ridership is from the farebox system.

Overall Ridership in October

- **Ridership continued its gradual recovery on both bus and rail**

- Gains in ridership around Labor Day

- **Rail**

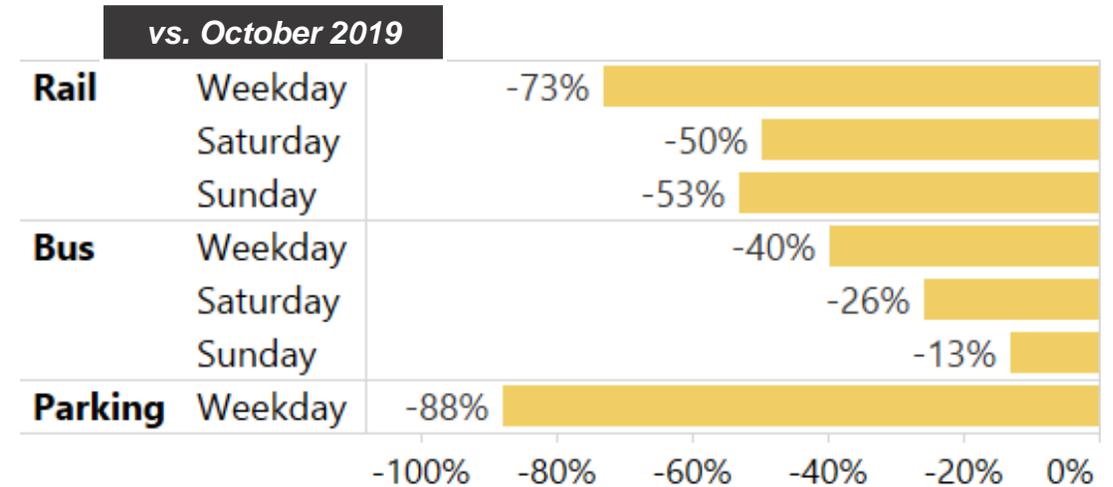
- At 27% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, about 50% on weekends

- **Bus**

- At 60% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays, with ridership closer to pre-pandemic levels on Sundays

- **Parking**

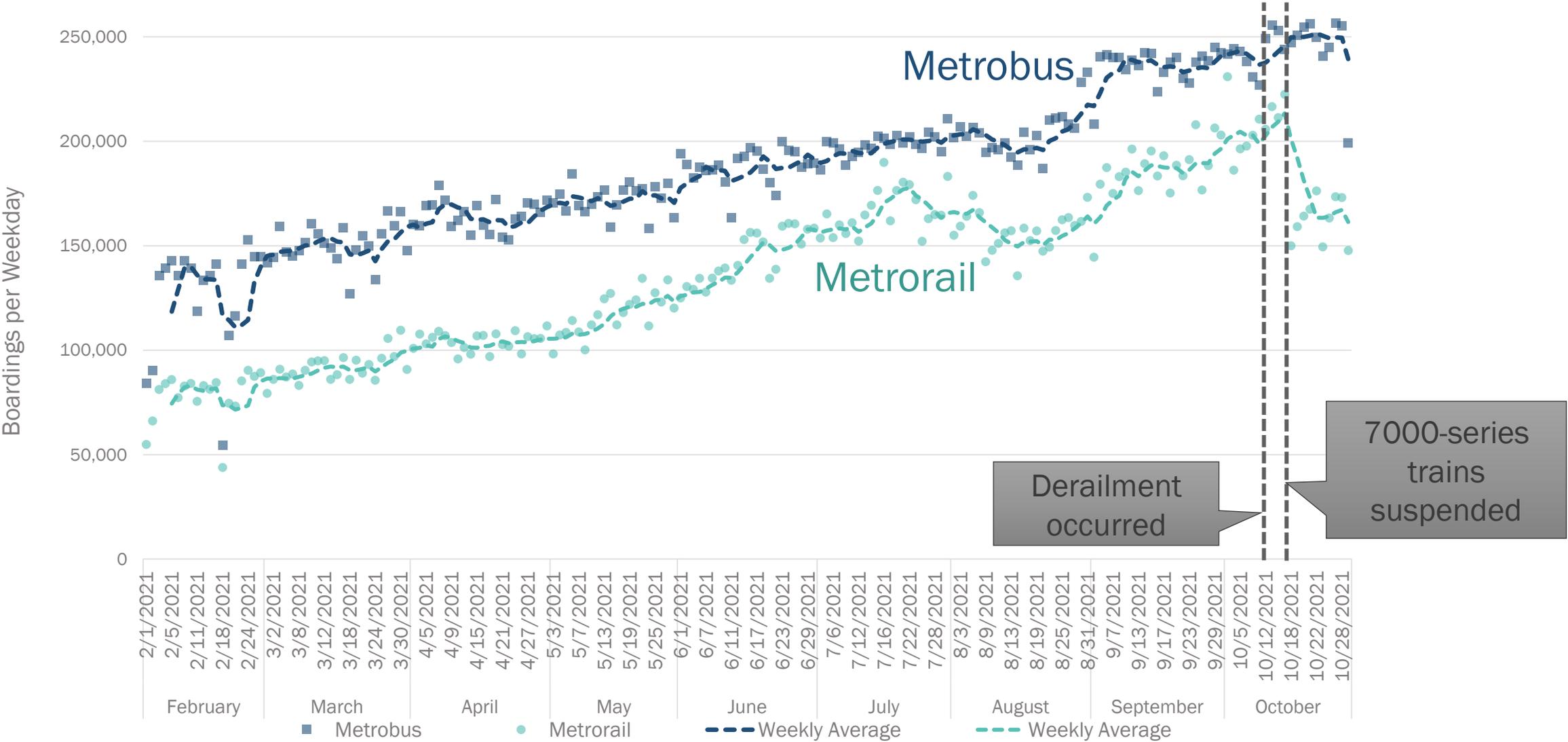
- Usage at 12% of pre-pandemic levels



| October 2021 Averages | Weekday | Saturday | Sunday |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Rail | 185,000 | 148,000 | 101,000 |
| Bus (APC) | 244,000 | 148,000 | 120,000 |
| Parking | 5,700 | | |

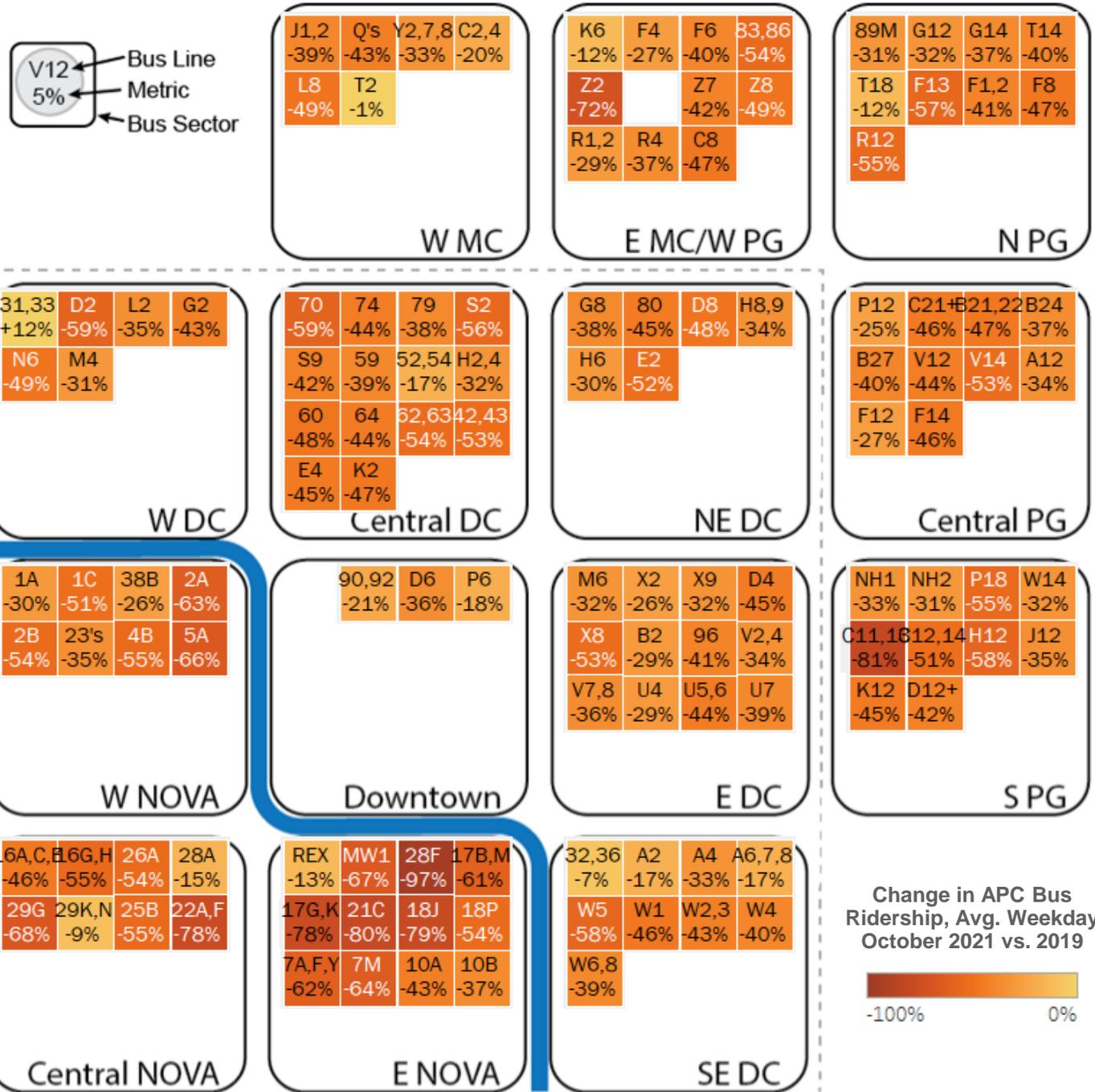


Ridership Steadily Increasing Since February



Metrobus Ridership

- Ridership at 60% of pre-pandemic levels on weekdays
- Stronger retention on weekends - around 74% of pre-pandemic levels on Saturdays and 87% of pre-pandemic levels on Sundays
- Notes:
 - No major service updates in October 2021. Bus service levels remained around 93% of pre-COVID levels on weekdays, 110-125% on weekends



Ridership Reduced from SmartBenefits, Stored Value

