



Metro Ridership Snapshot

January 2020

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 January

- **Federal Government closure in 2019 skews comparisons this month**

- Winter weather impacted ridership January 12-14, 2019
- Use caution when interpreting data this month
- Comparing January 2020 to a comparable time in December 2018, ridership *might have been*:
 - Approximately stable or up on rail
 - Down about 5% on bus

- **Rail**

- Substantially higher than last year, propelled by Federal Government closure in 2019
- Weekends 19-35% higher than last year

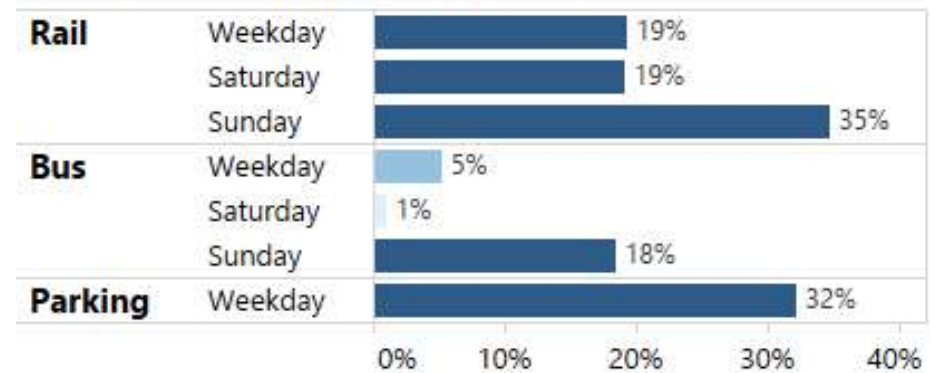
- **Bus**

- 5% above last year on weekdays, 1-18% above on weekends

- **Parking**

- 32% above last year, by double digits at most stations

January 2020 Change in Ridership



vs. January 2019

January 2020 Averages	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday
Rail	630,000	175,000	116,000
Bus	339,000	161,000	124,000
Parking	45,400		



Metrobus Ridership

- Weekday bus ridership 5% higher than last year**

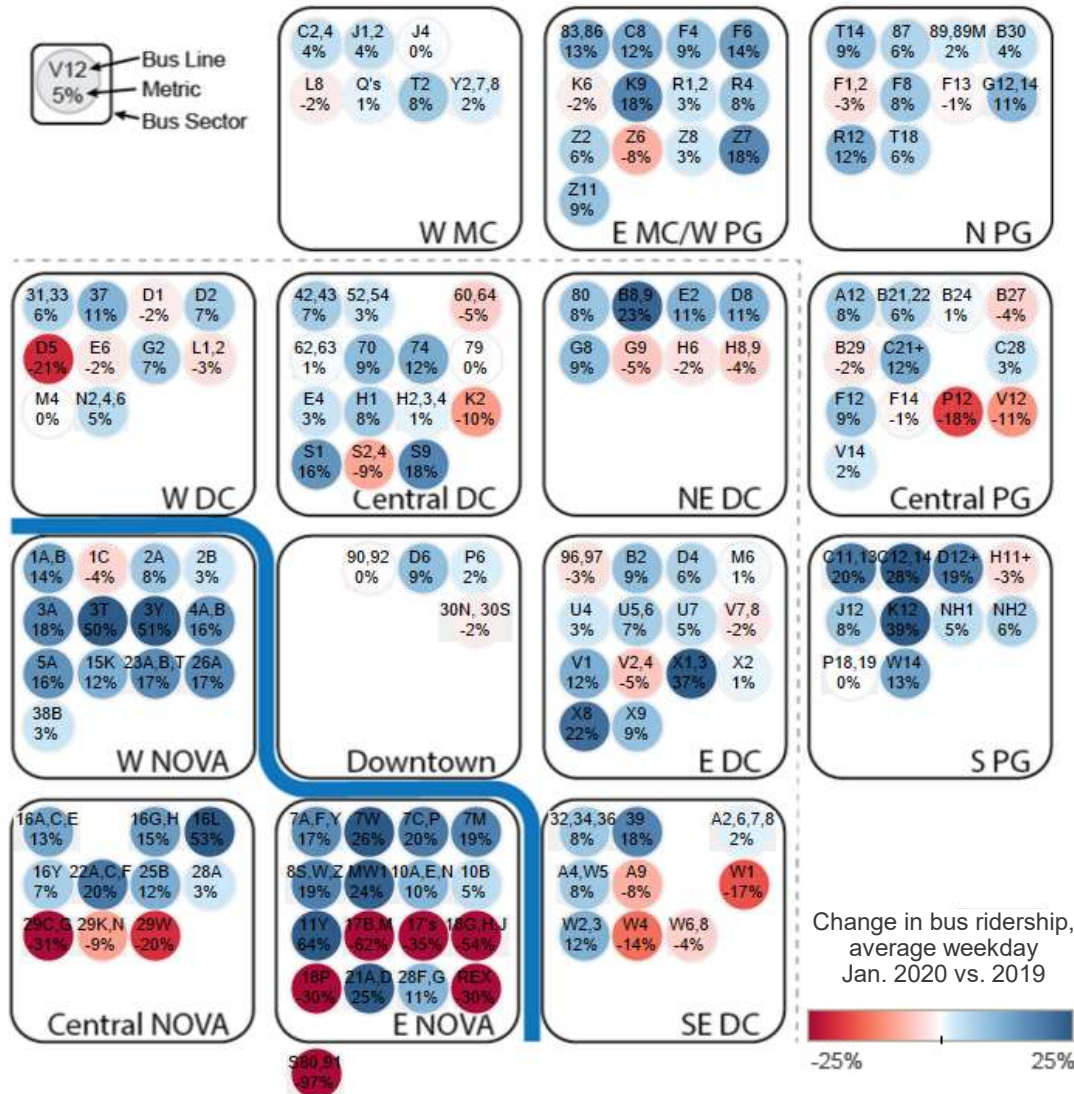
- Apparent growth compared to federal government closure in 2019
- Biggest gains on bus lines with higher ridership from federal workers

- Weekends 1-18% higher than 2019**

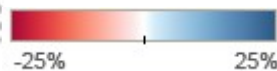
- Sunday change of 18% inflated by one snow day in 2019

- Notes:**

- Work stoppage at Cinder Bed Road division impacted most of January ridership; ended late January. Routes affected in Virginia: 17B,G,H,K,L,M; 18G,H,J,P; 29C,G,K,N,W; REX, S80,91
- Winter weather impacted ridership January 12-14, 2019
- Farebox data issues on the D5



Change in bus ridership, average weekday Jan. 2020 vs. 2019



Metro Parking Utilization

- Overall utilization 78%**
 - Compares favorably to 57% last year (Federal Government closure in 2019)
- Parking 32% higher than last year**
- Notes:**
 - Stability at Minnesota Avenue the result of little change in 2019 - suggests little usage there from federal workers
 - Winter weather impacted usage on Monday, January 14, 2019

