



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

CARTA BOARD MEETING

January 21, 2026

1:00 PM

Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room
5790 Casper Padgett Way
North Charleston, SC 29406

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Consideration of Board Minutes –November 19, 2025 Meeting
3. Financial Status Report – Robin Mitchum
4. 2026 Calendar of Events – Request for Approval
5. Project Updates – Andrea Kozloski
6. Union Pier HOP Lot – Request for Approval
7. Ridership Report – Megan Ross
8. Executive Session – Legal and Contractual Matters
9. Contract Operator Transition
 - Fleet Maintenance Services
 - Rolling Stock Lease
10. Executive Director's Report – Ron Mitchum
11. Other Business, If Any
12. Public Comments, If Any
13. Board Comments, If Any

The next meeting will be held on February 18, 2026

**CHARLESTON AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
(CARTA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
November 19, 2025
Meeting Notes**

A Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) Board of Directors meeting was held at the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) in the Barrett Lawrimore Conference Room located at 5790 Casper Padgett Way in North Charleston, SC at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

MEMBERSHIP: Brad Belt; MaryBeth Berry; Joe Boykin; Mike Brown; Daniel Brownstein; Reggie Burgess; William Cogswell; Henry Darby; Dwayne Green; Will Haynie; Brandon Hudson; James Lewis; Craig Logan; Pat O'Neil; Christie Rainwater; Michael Seekings; Jimmy Ward; Robert Wehrman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Brownstein; Dwayne Green; Brandon Hudson; James Lewis; Craig Logan; Pat O'Neil; Michael Seekings; Jimmy Ward

PROXIES: Craig Harris for Mayor Belt; Carter McMillan for Councilman Boykin; Michael Mathis for Mayor Cogswell; Jerry Lahm for Councilman Daby; Chief Gebhardt for Mayor Rainwater; Doug Wurster for Councilman Wehrman

OTHERS PRESENT: Marissa Cottrell (WSP); Richard Mitchell (RATP Dev); Jacquelyn Spence (RATP Dev); Eric Adams (Charleston County); Elissa Smith (HDR); Abraham Champagne (WSP); Daniel Brock (HTNB); William Hamilton (Best Friends of Lowcountry Transit)

STAFF PRESENT: Ron Mitchum; Andrea Kozloski; Robin Mitchum; Jeff Burns; John Cooper; Megan Ross; Matthew Spath; Sharon Hollis; Kim Coleman

1. Call to Order

Chairman Seekings called the CARTA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and a quorum determination. Chairman Seekings congratulated Mayor O'Neil and Mayor Haynie on their recent re-elections.

2. Consideration of Board Minutes: October 22, 2025 Meeting

Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the October 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Mr. Lahm seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Financial Status Report – Robin Mitchum

Robin Mitchum, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration, presented the financial status report for the month ending September 30, 2025. Ms. Mitchum stated that, overall, the agency remains in good shape and ended the month with unexpended funds of \$3,139,708. She noted that the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures as well as the Balance Sheet, and information for the OnDemand Program are included in the Board Meeting Agenda Packet. Ms. Mitchum provided a brief overview of the following activities for FY25 thus far:

Revenues:

- Farebox is the fares collected on the revenue vehicles.
- Passes & Mobile Ticketing are bus pass fares sold to customers.
- Local Contributions are funds received for shelter and bench construction.

- Federal Revenue includes operating for the year-to-date. Federal Revenue is recorded as eligible expenditures are incurred.
- Advertising is the advertising on the buses.
- Insurance proceeds are a result of accidents.
- Sale of Assets is the proceeds from the sale of a 1986 Chevrolet truck and a 2017 van.
- Miscellaneous Revenue is the sale of scrap metal.

Expenditures:

- Retiree Benefits include the cost of retiree insurance.
- Supplies include office, facility maintenance and rebranding supplies.
- Printing includes costs of printing passes and brochures.
- Automotive is the cost to service the 2018 Ford F-150.
- Postage is shipping costs.
- Dues/Membership are the Charleston Chamber and TASC memberships.
- Office Equipment Rental includes the monthly battery lease for the electric buses.
- Office Equipment Maintenance (OEM) includes GMV Sycromatics, GMV Digital Signage, Genfare Support, Swiftly real time passenger predictions, Swiftly GPS Playback, Swiftly on-time performance, Swiftly run-times, RCN NetCloud Essentials and NetCloud Advanced for mobile routers, Chargepoint for electric charges, and other IT services.
- Rent includes the Ashley Phosphate Park & Ride lot, Dorchester Village Shopping Center Park & Ride lot, Leeds Avenue lot lease from Dominion, and document storage.
- Communications is the cost of phone, internet and radio services at the facilities and on the buses.
- Utilities include electric and water at the SuperStop, Melnick Park & Ride lot, the Radio Shop at Leeds Avenue, Medcom Street, and the charging stations at Leeds Avenue.
- Auditing is the cost of the FY24 GASB 75 Actuary and the Annual Audit.
- Custodial Services are the cost of janitorial services at the Melnick Park & Ride lot location.
- OnDemand Program is customer transportation cost for same-day service through independent rideshare.
- Other Professional Services include bus wash inspection services, appraisal services and the fire extinguisher inspection at the SuperStop.
- Shared Contract Services (IGA & Management) is the extensive services the BCDCOG provides to CARTA.
- Fixed-Route Service is the cost of fixed and commuter service provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit.
- Money Transport is the cost of the armored guard service to transport cash deposits to the bank.
- Security Services is the contracted security service provided at the SuperStop by the City of North Charleston Police Department and by Extra Duty Solutions at the Mary Street bus stop.
- Vehicle Maintenance is the cost to maintain the fleet.
- Facility Repair & Maintenance is the cost to maintain facilities.
- Operating Fees & Licenses include credit card transaction fees and vehicle title and registration fees.
- Insurance includes the cost of liability insurance provided by the Insurance Reserve Fund.
- Paratransit is the cost of paratransit transportation provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit.
- Interest is the interest on the Melnick Park & Ride lot loan.

Capital Expenditures:

- Rolling Stock is the purchase of the Hometown Trolley Villager and two Ford Escapes.
- Bus Facilities/Charging Stations are the Leeds Avenue parking lot repairs and charging infrastructure.
- Bus Shelter Construction/Bench Install is the installation of shelters and benches.
- Security/Cameras & Equipment is the purchase of cameras, radios, access control equipment and AVL equipment.
- Facilities Construction is Shipwatch Square engineering.
- Capital (IT, Facility Repairs, Maint.) is the purchase of bike racks, a Genfare vault, Genfare controller modules and the SuperStop HVAC replacement.

The Board of Directors received the Financial Status Report and the OnDemand Program Activity Report as information.

4. Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax – Presentation – Eric Adams, Charleston County

Chairman Seekings introduced Eric Adams with Charleston County. Mr. Adams delivered a presentation regarding the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax. He noted that over the past 20 years, Charleston County voters have twice approved a half-penny sales tax, leading to billions of dollars for community infrastructure investments that are vital to Charleston County. The current half-cent is expiring in 2027; therefore, on September 25th, the newly formed Transportation Sales Tax (TST) Special Committee voted to begin a transparent, public-listening and input process to guide a possible extension of the TST. Mr. Adams discussed the 2004 and 2026 allocations regarding the Greenbelt Program, Infrastructure and Public Transit. He noted that there were \$1.2 billion in matching funds and explained that the previously approved half-cent TSTs will deliver \$3.4 billion for infrastructure and, combined with an additional \$1.2 billion in matching funds, will total \$4.56 billion. Mr. Adams stated that nearly 50 cents of every TST dollar comes from visitors and other sources outside of Charleston County. He reviewed the projects that the half-penny has helped fund: 895 miles of resurfacing, rural roads and local paving; 49 miles of bike, pedestrian and multi-use paths; 69 intersections have been improved. Mr. Adams discussed the Greenbelt Program, noting that currently 49% of Charleston County's total acreage (which is more than 284,000 acres) is protected greenspace. He also discussed Public Transit noting that CARTA has made many improvements and advancements regarding bus fleet upgrades, bus stop improvements and the Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT). Mr. Adams discussed the surging population of 33.1% since 2004 from 333,122 residents to 443,357 residents. As a result, vehicle registrations in Charleston County have increased 41.5% since 2008. The Charleston County population is projected to increase by more than 42,000 in the next decade which will result in more vehicles. Mr. Adams discussed the Referendum Roadmap beginning in September 2025 through the Spring of 2026 noting that after gathering additional public input on the draft proposal, County Council will determine whether to proceed with pursuing a future TST. He noted that the potential investment categories are Greenbelt Program, Bike & Pedestrian, Public Transit and Roadways. In the coming months, Council will engage the community with openness and transparency to shape decisions for today and the future. He discussed the methods of public engagement and the QR code for the questionnaire. Mr. Adams addressed questions and comments. Chairman Seekings thanked Mr. Adams for his informative presentation and encouraged participation with the questionnaire. The Board of Directors received the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax presentation as information.

5. Comprehensive Operational Analysis – Presentation – Megan Ross

Megan Ross, Transit Planner, delivered a presentation regarding the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA). She noted that the Short-Range Transit Development Plan (SRTDP) will identify potential service change opportunities that can immediately improve service reliability and boost ridership. It will also identify

temporary service and bus stop changes needed during LCRT construction and will define a 5-year transit network post-LCRT construction that integrates LCRT service with the CARTA network. Ms. Ross discussed the Regional Transit Framework Plan (RTFP) noting that it will confirm candidate priority transit corridors and will determine potential capital and operational improvements in each corridor needed to provide frequency and reliable service. It will also assess costs and potential funding sources. Ms. Ross discussed the project timeline and engagement opportunities. She reviewed the state of the system content and the state of the current system. Ms. Ross discussed service reliability noting that on-time has been defined as 1-minute early to 10-minutes late. On-time performance tends to worsen throughout the day and systemwide on-time performance does not improve during weekends. She discussed the demand for transit noting factors that influence the demands (population densities/population demographics/employment densities). CARTA service generally aligns with areas where there is demand for transit. Transit supportive areas currently not served include Summerville, Ladson and Goose Creek. Ms. Ross reviewed the regional and CARTA travel patterns regarding daily travel to/from Downtown Charleston as well as regional and CARTA daily travel to/from North Charleston. She reviewed operator feedback regarding scheduling, frequency and span, new service areas, transfers and regional network. Ms. Ross announced upcoming engagement activities including the Transit Riders Advisory Committee, public meetings throughout the service area, a virtual public meeting as well as pop-ups at bus stops and the online survey. It was noted that a handout was distributed at the start of today's Board of Directors Meeting which contains Open House information. The Board of Directors received the Comprehensive Operational Analysis presentation as information.

6. Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Update – Request for Approval – Jeff Burns

Jeff Burns, Grants and Contracts Compliance Administrator, presented the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Update. He noted that safety is a core value of CARTA, and managing safety is a core business function of the Agency. CARTA is committed to developing, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving processes to ensure the safety of its customers, employees and the community. The CARTA Safety Committee annually reviews the PTASP, as required, to ensure transit safety and to remain in compliance with FTA requirements. Safety management, as a systematic and comprehensive approach to identifying safety hazards and risks associated with transit system operations and related maintenance activities, has been achieved. A Safety Management Systems (SMS) framework, as an element of the Agency's responsibility, has been adopted by establishing a safety policy, identifying hazards and controlling risks, goal-setting, and measuring performance. SMS is a means to foster agency-wide support for transit safety by maintaining and continuously improving a culture of safety. Every employee is responsible for safety, where management is held accountable for the safety of all employees in the organization who take an active role in transit safety. To ensure transit safety and to comply with FTA requirements, CARTA staff has reviewed and adopted the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP). The plan complies with FTA regulations established under 49 U.S.C § 5329. This annual update establishes safety performance metrics and an update to the individuals assigned to administer the Plan for CARTA. The PTASP Accountable Executive, the Board of Directors, and the CARTA Safety Committee, have reviewed the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, 49 U.S.C. § 5329, and certifies that the content has met the requirements through the establishment of a comprehensive SMS framework. CARTA is compliant with 49 CFR Part 673. Mr. Burns encouraged Board Members to contact him if they have any questions, concerns or comments regarding the Plan's updates.

Mr. Mathis made a motion to approve the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) Update as presented. Mr. Logan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

7. Low Floor Cutaway Procurement – Request for Approval

Ron Mitchum, Executive Director, discussed the Low Floor Cutaway Procurement request. He noted that staff is requesting approval to purchase three 27ft. ARBOC Spirit of Freedom low floor buses from Model 1

Commercial Vehicles, Inc. utilizing the State of Georgia Department of Administrative Services cooperative purchasing contract 99999-SPD-SPD0000212-0005 for Public Mass Transit Vehicles and Related Options, Equipment and Accessories. The ARBOC Spirit of Freedom is a low-floor, ADA-compliant shuttle bus constructed on the Ford-E 450 chassis. The vehicle provides seating for up to 18 passengers and can be configured to accommodate up to three wheelchair positions. The price per vehicle shall not exceed \$185,000 and will take approximately twelve months to receive. Mr. Mitchum addressed questions and comments.

*Mr. Mathis made a motion to approve the Low Floor Cutaway Procurement request as presented.
Chief Gebhardt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.*

8. Resolution Authorizing and Approving Exercise of Eminent Domain – Request for Approval

Chairman Seekings deferred action on this agenda item to take place following Executive Session.

9. Project Updates – Andrea Kozloski

Andrea Kozloski, Deputy Director of Operations and Support, delivered a presentation regarding upcoming events and activities noting the following: November 4th (Election Day-Free Rides to the Polls); November 10th (Emergency Warming Shelter Transportation); November 11th (Veterans' Day-Free Ride for Veterans and Active Military); November 19th (Charleston County Resilience and Sustainability Symposium); November 19th (TriCounty Link COA Open House); November 20th (ParaTRAC and TRAC meetings); November 24th (Day of Thanks and Giving). Ms. Kozloski discussed the upcoming Holiday Parades for the City of North Charleston, the City of Charleston and the Town of Mt. Pleasant. She noted that the bike giveaway will take place on December 17th and will be pushed on social media. Additional Free Ride days are Friday, December 19th and Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25th). Ms. Kozloski stated that the Beach Reach Ad Hoc Committee will hold a meeting following today's Board of Directors meeting. Councilman Brownstein is Chairman and Mr. Lahm, Mayor O'Neil and Councilman Ward serve on the committee. She noted that any Board Member is welcome to join the committee. Ms. Kozloski then discussed CARTA Amenities, noting the shelters and benches in progress and stating that three new shelters have been installed, 178 bus stop-mounted solar lights have been installed and 75 shelter-mounted solar lights have been installed. She noted that 144 newly branded signs have been installed (there are 900 total stops). Ms. Kozloski also discussed the benches in progress. She highlighted Darin Townsend, Parts Specialist. Mr. Townsend has been the Parts Specialist for two years. He plays a major role in keeping operations running by ensuring that parts and products needed to repair buses are ordered and received in a timely manner. Ms. Kozloski delivered information regarding the Transit App, noting that 892 new CARTA riders were welcomed aboard as they downloaded the app for the first time. A total of 8,690 riders have opened the Transit App this month and riders planned 69,980 trips this month. She noted that 11,642 GO trips were started by riders to receive step-by-step navigation while helping to improve real-time vehicle locations. Ms. Kozloski stated that users purchased 5,514 tickets during the month of October, which valued \$12,124. Ms. Kozloski noted that the Project Updates report was included in the Board Meeting Agenda Packet regarding the following projects: Service Planning Initiatives (noting that staff continues to work with SPARE and WeDriveU regarding software improvements; staff participated in Route 203 monitoring due to ongoing operational suggestions/concerns with timing on traffic signals); Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA); US 52 BRT Study; CARTA OnDemand; Shelter Improvement Program; Shipwatch Square Transit Center; LCRT (noting that Ms. Hollis will be available following today's meeting if anyone has any questions, comments or concerns regarding LCRT); Dorchester Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Project; Mt. Pleasant Street Park & Ride; Fairgrounds Park & Ride; O&M Facility – LCRT; and Mobile Ticketing Sales and Use. The Board of Directors received the Project Updates and the Upcoming Activities & Events Report as information.

10. Ridership Report – Megan Ross

Ms. Ross presented the Ridership Reports for October 2025. She noted that, for the fixed-route ridership trends, passenger trips totaled 281,788 and there were 14.9 customers per service hour. Missed service hours totaled 386.77, which was a decrease of 4.5% from last month. Ms. Ross reviewed safety trends for October 2025 noting that there were 4 preventable accidents (rear end) which were on fixed-route vehicles. There were also 10 non-preventable accidents. She discussed complaints and commendations regarding Customer Service for the month of October noting that there were 8 complaints (unsafe driving behaviors) and there were two commendations. Ms. Ross reviewed On-Time Performance noting that the fixed-route on-time performance for the month of October was 70.7% and the on-time performance for paratransit was 90%. She discussed paratransit services in detail for the month of October regarding the breakdown of total passengers, which was 4,940. There were 260 no-shows and 1,633 cancellations. The average ride length was 29.81 minutes and the average ride distance was 9.49 miles. The on-time performance was 90.0%. She then discussed OnDemand trips for October 2025, noting that the ridership for the month was 4,559 passengers between both Uber and Lyft. The trip cost averaged \$10.06, which was higher than September's average of \$9.72. Ms. Ross stated that 45% of the overall rides were from Tel-A-Ride passengers. The Board of Directors received the Ridership Report as information.

11. Executive Director's Report – Ron Mitchum

Mr. Mitchum updated Board Members regarding the COA for CARTA and TriCounty Link and the TSP on Dorchester Road. The Board of Directors received the Executive Director's Update as information.

12. Other Business, If Any

There was no further business to discuss.

13. Public Comments, If Any

There was one Public Comment noted for the record:

- William Hamilton (Best Friends of Lowcountry Transit): Mr. Hamilton thanked the Board of Directors for their efforts and leadership regarding public transit. He stated that his organization is beginning to plan the Transit Equity Day to be held in conjunction with Rosa Parks' birthday on February 4th.

14. Executive Session – Legal and Contractual Matters

Mr. Logan made a motion that the Board of Directors convene into Executive Session.

Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Non-Board Members, Guests and Non-Essential Staff Members were excused.

Mr. Green made a motion to reconvene the Board of Directors meeting.

Mayor O'Neil seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Seekings reconvened the Board of Directors meeting noting that no action was taken related to legal/contractual matters discussed during Executive Session.

15. Resolution Authorizing and Approving Exercise of Eminent Domain – Request for Approval

A CHARLESTON AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ("CARTA") RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND REAFFIRMING ITS ELECTION TO EXERCISE EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE EXCHANGE CLUB FAIR OF CHARLESTON, INC. ("ECFC") PURSUANT TO SECTION 58-25-50(d) OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS ANNOTATED, 1976, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, CARTA has committed more than a decade of time, money, resources, and effort into the planning, design, and development of the Lowcountry Rapid Transit Project ("LCRT"), a modern bus rapid transit system that will provide a safe, reliable, low-cost and new mobility alternative to residents and visitors of the region; and

WHEREAS, CARTA, by and through its agents and consultants, identified certain real estate owned by ECFC, commonly known as the Ladson Fairgrounds, with such property bearing Charleston County TMS No. 393-00-00-028 (the "Fairgrounds"), as a suitable site or location of a park and ride bus facility for LCRT; and

WHEREAS, CARTA attempted to negotiate in good faith a voluntary sale, lease or similar acquisition of a portion of the Fairgrounds for use as a park and ride facility from ECFC but was unable to come to any sort of agreement; and

WHEREAS, CARTA having been satisfied by the requisite studies, data and other technical information obtained and provided by its agents and consultants made an informed and unanimous decision to condemn a certain Six (6.0) Acre portion of the Fairgrounds for use as a park and ride for LCRT ("Condemnation Parcel", with such property being more accurately identified in the Condemnation Notice, as defined below, and accompanied survey) pursuant to Section 58-25-50(d) of the South Carolina Code of Laws Annotated 1976, as amended; and

WHEREAS, ECFC subsequently filed a lawsuit challenging CARTA's authority to exercise eminent domain on the Condemnation Parcel, and further alleging that the election to condemn was arbitrary, done in bad faith, and/or constituted a clear abuse of discretion, amongst other deficiencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY CARTA, ACTING BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, that:

- The election to exercise eminent domain and serve upon the ECFC a Notice of Condemnation and Tender of Payment dated August 5, 2024 ("Condemnation Notice") are hereby unanimously and unequivocally reaffirmed to the extent CARTA meeting minutes do not reflect a consistent level of support for such prior authorized actions.
- The decision to exercise eminent domain and acquire the Condemnation Parcel in conjunction with LCRT was and remains in the public interest and for the public's use and benefit.
- The decision to exercise eminent domain and acquire the Condemnation Parcel was based on established project factors and supported by studies, data and other technical information provided to CARTA at the time service of the Condemnation Notice, which continues to be the case as of the date of this Resolution.
- The decision to exercise eminent domain and acquire the Condemnation Parcel for development into a park and ride facility has been determined a necessary piece of LCRT and ECFC's insistence that it would not sell or lease the Condemnation Parcel, preferring CARTA use a separate portion of the Fairgrounds or move the park and ride facility off-site entirely, in addition to never providing a counteroffer to CARTA's offer of just compensation dated May 8, 2024, made formal condemnation proceedings necessary and CARTA's only viable option to procure the approved Condemnation Parcel.
- Should any portion of this Resolution be deemed unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination should not affect the remaining terms and provisions of this resolution, all of which are hereby deemed separable.
- All orders, resolutions and enactments of CARTA inconsistent herewith are to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked and rescinded.
- This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately.

Mr. Logan made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Approving Exercise of Eminent Domain as presented. Mr. Harris seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

16. Board Comments, If Any

Discussion was held regarding flooding/drainage issues and the Charleston County Transportation Sales Tax referendum. Mr. Lahm encouraged a Yes vote for the sales tax referendum.

17. Adjourn

Chairman Seekings announced that the next CARTA Board of Directors meeting will be held in January but to keep an eye out on emails in case a December meeting is needed. He thanked Board Members for their continued dedicated service to the CARTA Board of Directors and the communities they serve. Chairman Seekings commended staff on their dedicated work. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Seekings adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Coleman

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Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Robin W. Mitchum, Deputy Director of Finance & Administration
SUBJECT: November 30, 2025 Financial Report Overview
DATE: January 12, 2026

Please find attached the November 30, 2025 Financial Report. Below is a brief overview of the activities for FY26.

Revenues

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Expenditures

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- Interest is interest on the Melnick Park and Ride Loan.

Capital Expenditures

- Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint) is the purchase of bike racks and shelving for inventory storage.

Overall, the agency ended the month with excess of revenues of \$498,160.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 843-529-2126 or robinm@bcdcog.com.

Amount owed to National Express Shuttle & Transit as of 11/30/2025 was \$1,524,417.69.

CARTA
Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
For the Month Ending November 30, 2025

Time elapsed:
17%

	FY26 Budget	Actual	% of Budget
<u>Operating Revenues</u>			
Farebox	1,238,120	157,754	13%
Passes & Mobile Ticketing	659,690	91,039	14%
COC Shuttle	393,945	66,579	17%
MUSC	765,160	235,972	31%
City of Charleston - DASH	778,524	129,754	17%
Federal	11,648,167	3,831,915	33%
Sales Tax - Charleston County	12,700,640	2,436,628	19%
Advertising	900,000	171,646	19%
Insurance Proceeds	-	19,573	N/A
Miscellaneous	-	61	N/A
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>29,084,246</u>	<u>7,140,921</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>Operating Expenditures</u>			
Retiree Benefits	10,660	1,712	16%
Supplies	65,000	7,060	11%
Printing	40,000	2,780	7%
Automotive	2,500	62	2%
Postage	50	-	0%
Dues/Memberships	2,500	-	0%
Office Equipment Rental	116,225	17,500	15%
Office Equipment Maintenance	411,100	232,107	56%
Rent	38,175	5,766	15%
Communications	167,095	35,476	21%
Utilities	204,310	26,542	13%
Advertising	5,000	-	0%
<i>Professional Services</i>			
Auditing	31,850	-	0%
Legal	1,000	-	0%
Custodial	11,405	-	0%
On Demand Program	531,050	83,850	16%
Other	20,000	400	2%
<i>Contract Services</i>			
Shared Services - IGA	3,972,314	752,226	19%
Comprehensive Operating Analysis	1,000,000	-	-
Fixed Route	15,650,000	2,503,376	16%
Money Transport	14,230	1,742	12%
Security Services	171,180	24,765	14%
Vehicle Maintenance	350,000	108,178	31%
Vehicle Maintenance - Proterra repairs	-	1,751,950	N/A
Facility Repair & Maintenance	48,050	34,291	71%
Operating Fees & Licenses	63,420	10,068	16%
Insurance	1,085,307	255,068	24%
Fuel	1,268,750	225,667	18%
Paratransit	3,735,000	556,174	15%

CARTA
Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
For the Month Ending November 30, 2025

Time elapsed:
17%

	FY26 Budget	Actual	% of Budget
Miscellaneous	5,950	1,539	26%
Interest	37,125	3,548	10%
Non-Capitalized Assets	25,000	914	4%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	29,084,246	6,642,761	23%
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		498,160	

Capital Revenues

Rolling Stock	2,228,000	-
Land	2,520,000	-
Facilities Construction	4,807,800	-
Security/ Cameras & Equipment	275,841	-
Sales Tax - Charleston County	2,097,360	8,039
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUES	11,929,001	8,039
		0%

Capital Expenditures

Rolling Stock	2,785,000	-
Bus Facilities/Charging Stations	-	-
Bus Shelter Construction/Bench Install	210,000	-
Land	3,150,000	-
Facilities Construction	5,414,200	
Security/ Cameras & Equipment	344,801	793
Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint)	25,000	7,246
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	11,929,001	8,039
		0%

CARTA
BALANCE SHEET
11/30/2025

ASSETS

ASSETS

GENERAL OPERATING (BB&T)	19,832,619.34
PETTY CASH	160.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	3,451,103.95
PREPAID EXPENSES	53,485.42
INVENTORY - FUEL	22,192.66
LAND	8,586,573.20
VEHICLES	52,013,693.00
FAREBOXES	1,214,379.70
SHELTERS	4,766,045.48
BUS SIGNAGE	254,913.32
FACILITIES	11,319,074.00
PARK & RIDE FACILITY	183,927.64
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(42,992,172.97)
RIGHT TO USE LEASES	1,605,170.88
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION - RTU	(555,579.32)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>62,395,439.85</u></u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	2,068,213.49
NOTE PAYABLE - BB&T	1,193,663.28
ACCRUED INTEREST	29,759.85
UNEARNED REVENUE	6,934.00
OPEB LIABILITY	133,517.00
LEASE LIABILITY	997,506.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>4,429,593.95</u></u>

EQUITY

CURRENT YEAR FUND BALANCE	498,159.72
INVEST IN CAPITAL ASSETS	36,698,429.14
FUND BALANCE	20,769,257.04
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>57,965,845.90</u></u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY 62,395,439.85

CARTA
OnDemand Program
11/30/2025

Activity	BUDGET	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	Total	Balance	%Complete
		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total			
OnDemand Program (80/20)		737,786	1,421	20,778	98,039	323,179	294,369	-	737,786	- 100%
OnDemand Program (Local)		-				207,180	83,849	291,029	(291,029)	
Total		737,786	1,421	20,778	98,039	323,179	501,549	83,849	1,028,815	(291,029) 139%
Federal FTA 5310		587,000	1,137	16,622	75,203	258,544	235,494	-	587,000	- 100%
Local		150,786	284	4,156	22,836	64,635	266,055	83,849	441,815	(291,029) 293%
Total		737,786	1,421	20,778	98,039	323,179	501,549	83,849	1,028,815	(291,029) 139%



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 7, 2026
To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ron Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: 2026 Calendar of Events – Request for Approval

The below list represents events and days we would like to participate in during this year. We are seeking approval to provide free ride days as shown below and to participate in the events listed.

Days:

Driver Appreciation Day – March - Promotions
Earth Day – April 22nd – Free Day
Mobility Month – May - Promotions
Dump the Pump – June 18th – Free Day
Ride to the Polls – November 3rd – Free Day
Veterans' Ride Free Day – November 11th – Free Day
Christmas Free Rides – December 18th & December 25th – Free Day
Seniors Ride Free Days (4)

- Feb 16th (Monday - Presidents Day) - February is Senior Independence Month
- May 27th (Wednesday – National Senior Health and Fitness Day (Older Americans Month)
- Aug 21st (Wednesday – National Senior Citizen Day)
- Dec 18th (Friday – Holiday gift)

Events:

Stingrays – March
Black Expo - March
MUSC Senior Fair - April
Earth Day – April
College of Charleston Sustainability Fair - April
North Charleston Business Expo - May
Riverdogs – August/September
Trunk or Treat Events – October
Bus Roadeo - October
Turkey Giveaway - November
Christmas Parades – December
Bike Giveaway - December



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 12, 2026
To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald E. Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Transit Planning Project Updates for November/December 2025

Please find the progress reports for transit planning projects.

1. Service Planning Initiatives (Project Manager: Megan Ross)
2. CARTA Comprehensive Operational Analysis (Project Manager: Megan Ross)
3. CARTA On-Demand (TNC Pilot Project) (Project Manager: Courtney Cherry)
4. Shelter Improvement Program (Project Manager: Rainee Kearney)
5. Shipwatch Square Transit Center (Project Manager: Sharon Hollis)
6. Lowcountry Rapid Transit (Project Manager: Sharon Hollis)
7. Dorchester Transit Signal Priority (TSP) Pilot Project (Project Manager: Sharon Hollis)
8. Mt. Pleasant Street Park and Ride (Project Manager: Robin Mitchum)
9. Fairgrounds Park and Ride (Project Manager: Robin Mitchum)
10. O&M Facility – LCRT (Project Manager: Robin Mitchum)
11. Mobile Ticketing Sales and Use (Project Manager: Jeff Burns)

Please let me know if you need additional information.

MEMORANDUM



1. Service Planning Initiatives

November

- Staff continued working with Spare and We Drive U to improve efficiency and rider experience for Tel-A-Ride clients.
- Staff continued working on tablet replacement and system improvements for fixed route vehicles. Staff worked with Swiftly to train operations on new features, creating detours and canceling service if needed. Staff are moving forward with setting up the tablets to be installed in the fixed route vehicles. Installation is scheduled for the last week of December.
- Staff continued to participate in an LCRT Transit System Meeting. Additionally, staff participated in the LCRT OMF Re-scoping workshop.
- Staff continued to meet with MUSC to ensure that Rt. 203 and Express routes are running as planned.
- Staff participated in the annual Day of Thanks and Giving Food Giveaway.
- Staff joined in on the Beach Reach Ad Hoc Committee.
- Staff participated in the TriCounty Link Transit Study open house.
- Staff presented on the CARTA COA in the Para TRAC/ TRAC meeting.
- Staff continued working with development review and infrastructure improvement along the bus routes.
- Staff tracks and investigates all missed service. It is reported to We Drive U and documented as non performance fees.

December

- Staff continued working on the tablet replacement and system improvements for fixed route vehicles finalizing the program and software setup. Installation of the new tablets took place in the last week of December. All tablets now have turn-by-turn directions and can be rerouted due to detours entered by dispatch.
- Staff continued to participate in an LCRT Transit System Meeting. Staff will now also participate in the LCRT Fire/Life Safety and Security Committee and the LCRT Safety and Security Committee. Staff joined the OMF PM Coordination meeting.
- Staff continued to meet with MUSC to ensure that Rt. 203 and Express routes are running as planned.
- Staff continued working with Spare and We Drive U to improve efficiency and rider experience for Tel-A-Ride clients.
- Staff met with RaptDev to show them Spare and what we use for the paratransit operations. Staff also participated in multiple meetings with RaptDev reviewing what they use to plan and monitor operations.
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2. Comprehensive Operational Analysis

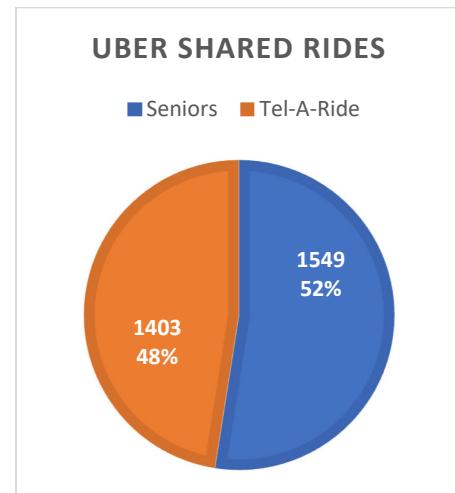
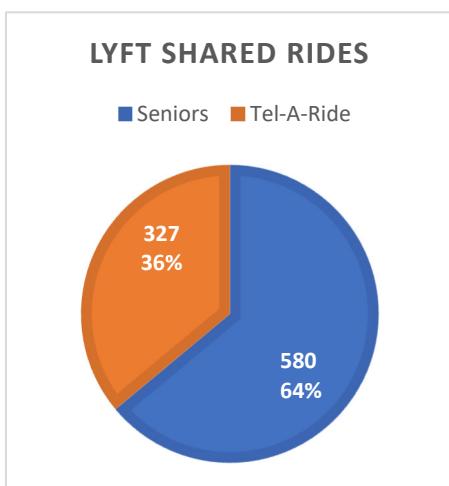
November: Staff and Nelson\ Nygaard continued with bi-weekly meetings. Staff established a website for the project through Public Input. Staff confirmed meeting locations for the open houses and posted flyers for the events scheduled for the first week of December. The first Technical Advisory Committee meeting with stakeholders was held November 14th.

December: Staff and Nelson\ Nygaard continued with bi-weekly meetings. Staff held 5 open houses in different locations across the service area with one meeting being online. Staff began reviewing feedback received from the survey through Public Input. Staff participated in the City of Charleston's Sam Rittenberg Re-design Meeting at the Citadel Mall to promote the COA.

3. CARTA OnDemand (TNC Pilot)

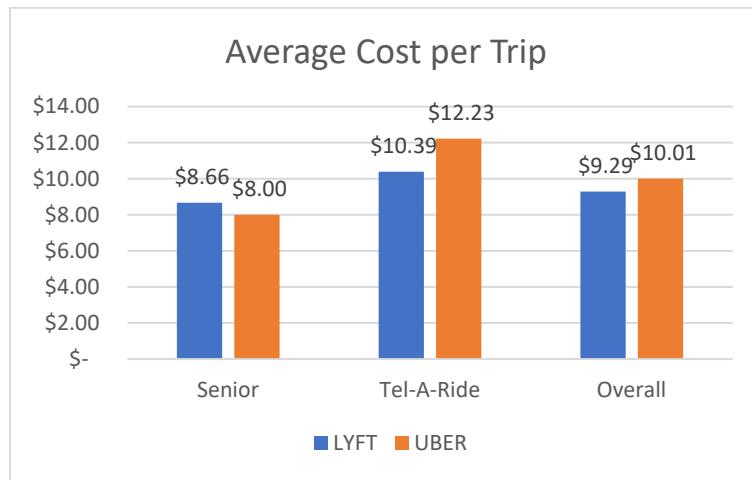
Staff contracts with service providers Uber and Lyft to provide subsidized transportation. CARTA OnDemand launched on February 1, 2021. On March 1, 2025, program changes were implemented and updated for senior vouchers. Changes included reduction in CARTA max subsidy, monthly vouchers to weekly vouchers, and an increase in min customer pay. The service offers door-to-door subsidized services for seniors (60+) and Tel-A-Ride customers and covers the Tel-a-Ride service area Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7 AM and 5 PM. Senior customers pay an initial \$5 with a maximum trip subsidy of \$14 and any surplus being charged to the rider. Tel-A-Ride customers pay an initial \$4 with a maximum trip subsidy of \$30 and any surplus amount being charged to the rider.

In November 2025, there were 2,130 senior riders and 242 Tel-A-Ride customers approved to use OnDemand service, a total of 2,372. Also in November, CARTA OnDemand had a total of 3,860 trips with 45% of the trips being taken by paratransit customers and 55% being taken by senior customers.



In November, the 3,860 trips (Tel-A-Ride and senior) averaged \$10.06 per trip. Tel-A-Ride trips averaged \$12.06 and senior trips averaged \$8.45. To date (February 2021 – present), CARTA has spent a total of \$990,824.96 on the OnDemand program.

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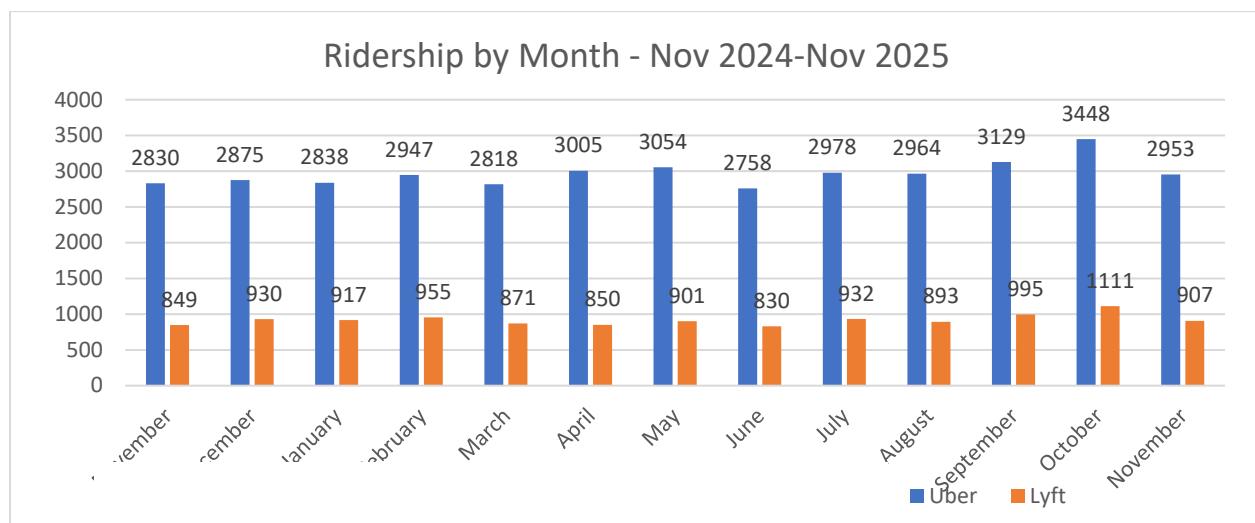


LYFT STATISTICS

- 907 Trips provided
- Avg Trip Cost: **\$9.29**
- 140 Unique Riders
- Total Cost: **\$8,422.05**

UBER STATISTICS

- 2953 Trips provided
- Avg Trip Cost: **\$10.01**
- 415 Unique Riders
- Total Cost: **\$29,546.21**



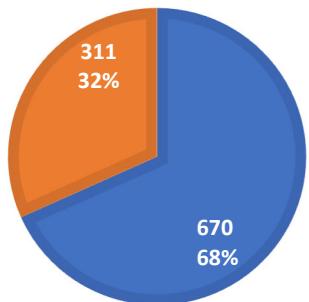
December

In December 2025, there were 2,157 senior riders and 250 Tel-A-Ride customers approved to use OnDemand service, a total of 2,372. Also in December, CARTA OnDemand had a total of 3,859 trips with 46% of the trips being taken by paratransit customers and 54% being taken by senior customers.

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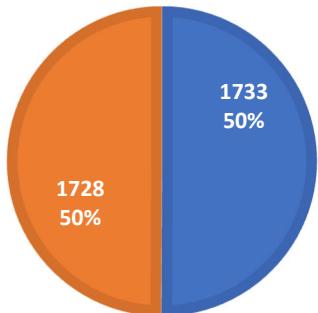
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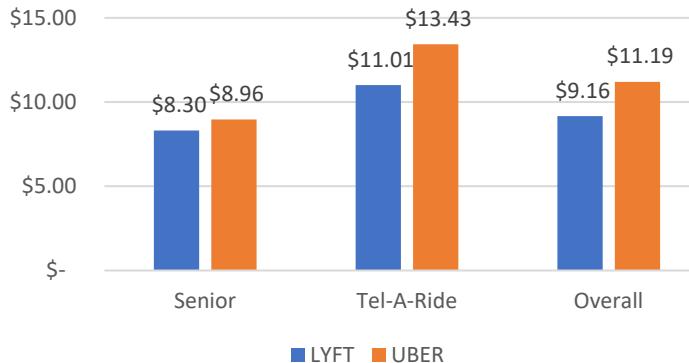
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Average Cost per Trip



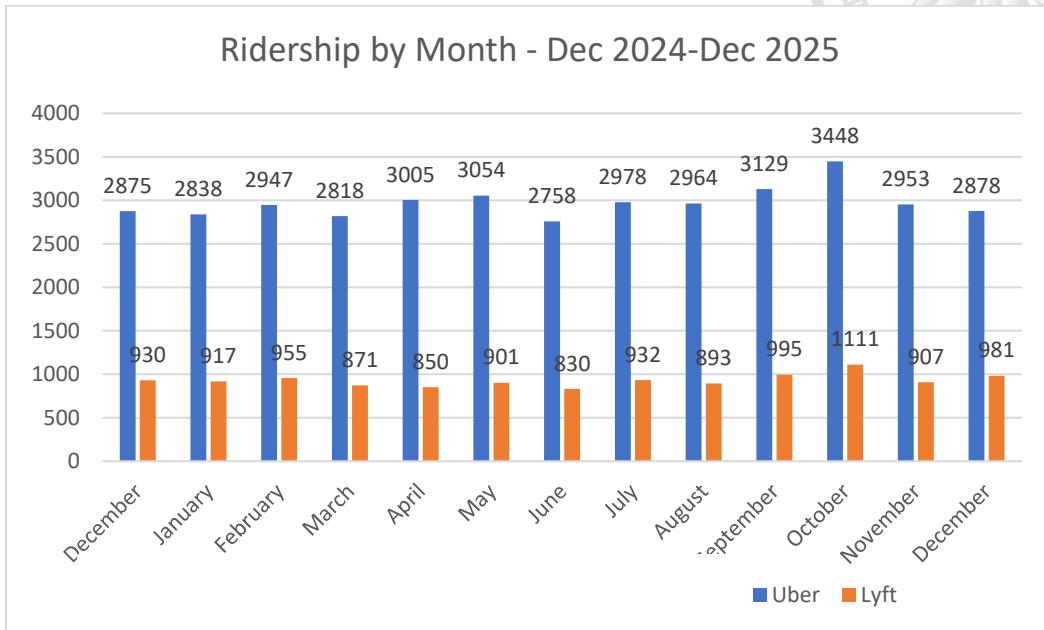
LYFT STATISTICS

- 981 Trips provided
- Avg Trip Cost: **\$9.16**
- 147 Unique Riders
- Total Cost: **\$8,988.44**

UBER STATISTICS

- 2878 Trips provided
- Avg Trip Cost: **\$11.30**
- 425 Unique Riders
- Total Cost: **\$38,743.53**

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Ongoing Tasks:

Program Parameters:

- Parameters to CARTA OnDemand were updated and approved 11/2024. Changes to be implemented March 1st, 2025. Changes include an increase in the customer fair, reduction in CARTA subsidy amount, an age increase, and reduction in vouchers allocated. These changes resulted in the removal of any current customers under 60 years of age
- As a result, OnDemand has seen an average of \$5,500 decrease in monthly costs since March 2025

Coordination with TNC provider

- Staff coordinates with Uber and Lyft to ensure consistent service delivery and address service delivery and billing issues

Marketing

- Marketing collateral has been distributed by request and through various public outreach efforts
- Outreach efforts specific to CARTA OnDemand have been held at local senior centers, medical facilities, and community living centers.

Application approval and customer service

- Staff application process continues to be an efficient approval process
- Staff approves applications from seniors and paratransit customers within 15 days of receiving
- Staff provides customer service by responding to inquiries about the service and assisting new riders with information on how to use Uber and Lyft

Performance Monitoring (ongoing)

- Staff tracks ridership and expenditures on a monthly basis
- Ridership has risen consistently

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4. CARTA Shelter Improvement Program (SIP)

Bus stops play a vital role in shaping how riders experience transit. CARTA continues to enhance the rider experience by improving bus stop amenities to ensure safety, comfort, and accessibility.

November:

Completed:

- **Stop ID 596- Savannah Hwy/Colyem Rd.** - Installation Completed

In Progress:

- **Battery Island Dr / Folly Rd (Stop ID 167)** – Developer making a contribution to Improvement funds.
- **98 Wentworth St** – Temporary stop placement, easement agreement, and ADA bench pad and bench; currently in development review/construction phase
- **1940 Savannah Hwy (Stop ID 795)** – Shelter pad requested and stop shift to far side of the intersection under development review
- **Stocker Dr / Savannah Hwy (Stop ID 591)** – Request for bench pad, trash can, and bench, Charleston County project
- **Meeting St / Line St (Stop ID 59)** – Shelter pad poured; shelter installation pending shelter delivery(developer-initiated)
- **512 Johnnie Dodds Blvd** – Shelter pad poured
- **162 Ashley Ave (Stop ID 138)** – ADA-compliant pad and approved bench pending construction
- **Charleston Place Hotel** – Requested bench and pad- Bench design approved
- **Courier Square II** – Detailed site plan received showing CARTA sign, bench, trash receptacle, and 8'x5' landing pad; coordination ongoing with the City and CARTA. Space constraints may require the omission of a bench.
- **Savage Rd** – SCDOT/Charleston County sidewalk project; easement agreement submitted to the County by engineer
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- **485 Jonathan Lucas St / MUSC Quad** – CARTA-initiated infrastructure; shared easement agreement in progress with MUSC

Letters of Coordination Issued: CARTA issued letters of coordination to support transit integration in the following developments:

- Noble Tract Phase 3
- Drury Plaza Hotel
- Charleston County Azalea Complex Phase 4
- Saint Johns Townhomes
- Aviation Authority West Gate & Connector
- 2361 Savannah Hwy
- 2725 Shadow Lane
- 3750 Savannah Hwy
- 9030 Ethel Rd
- Von Kolmitz Rd
- 1765 Folly Rd

December:

In Progress:

- **Orleans Rd / Carverwood Lane (Stop ID 848)** – Orleans Rd Improvements to install a bench pad as part of the project.
- **5728 Dorchester Rd (Stop ID 387)**- Developer adding a shelter pad during site renovation project.
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Letters of Coordination Issued: CARTA issued letters of coordination to support transit integration in the following developments:

- 1028 Floyd Dr
- 1920 Redwood St
- Orleans Rd Improvement Project
- 7230 Cross County Rd
- 55 Lee St
- Dawson Branch Rd
- Gardens of Whitney Lakes
- 2279 Bohicket Rd
- 5728 Dorchester Rd

Guidelines

Transit Design Guidelines have been adopted by CARTA Board and staff continue to work with municipalities and developers on implementing these guidelines. These guidelines are being shared with developers through development review.

5. Shipwatch Square/Transit Hub

- NEPA: NEPA is complete.
- A&E Design: 100% Design Complete/City Permitting Complete
- IFB: 100% design and bid documents package underway; Anticipated Bid 1st Qtr 2026

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6. Lowcountry Rapid Transit

A&E Design: 100%/IFB deliverable approval scheduled for February 7, 2026.

Key Stakeholder Coordination: Stakeholder meetings are ongoing. Maintenance of Traffic Meetings held in November & December. Additional TRC/DRB meetings for Mount Pleasant Street Station to be scheduled 1st Qtr 2026.

FTA Coordination: Monthly and quarterly meetings are held with FTA and the Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC. PMOC participates in monthly risk review meetings. Annual report and ratings results anticipated in March 2026. Continue to update and submit readiness documents for Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) review.

NEPA: Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) was approved by FTA in July 2021. A reevaluation document for 60% design was submitted to FTA in August 2024 and was approved by FTA in October 2024. A reevaluation for project shift to diesel fleet as submitted and approved by FTA on July 8, 2025. 90% design did not generate impact Class of Action. No NEPA changes were identified with 100% design. Wetlands permitting is underway to be submitted in January 2026.

Maintenance Facility: 60% Redesign/cost containment to be complete in February 2026.

Coordination with Dominion and SCDOT are underway related sewer and utility easements. Wetland permitting to be submitted with the full Corridor project in January 2026.

Transit Signal Prioritization: Transit signal prioritization at intersections is included as part of the LCRT project. A demonstration project of TSP on Dorchester Road was initiated to develop the technology and infrastructure on a smaller scale corridor to advance that technology on CARTA transit buses traveling on Dorchester Road. Progress on that effort is provided in #9 below.

Public Involvement: Stakeholder and neighborhood meetings are ongoing. Team continues to engage with community via neighborhood association meetings, farmers markets, festivals and events. Outreach in January/February to businesses and neighborhoods along King Street Extension segment. Next public meeting anticipated in April/May 2026.

ROW Acquisition: ROW acquisition for the corridor, led by SCDOT, is underway.

Utility Coordination: Monthly utility coordination meetings with all impacted utilities are underway. Pre Utility Agreements (required for FTA funding) have been sent to utility providers for review and are being routed for legal reviews/signatures. Smaller, focused utility coordination meetings with major utility providers, Dominion, CWS, and North Charleston Sewer District are occurring on biweekly and triweekly basis to minimize conflicts caused by drainage needed for the project. Discussions for Remain in place requests are being held with NCSD, CWS and Dominion. A risk workshop with CWS is scheduled for January 30 to review risks to remain in place request.

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Construction Related Activities: Meetings related to coordination on MOT, IGAs, CEI, bidder outreach, and construction phase project procedures are underway. CEI procurement documents and contract templates are in review to advance CEI procurement next year.

Systems Integration: Tasks associated with transit systems and integration (vehicles, fare vending, technology, etc.) are underway. Bi-weekly meetings with the systems integration team are underway. Route redesign and CARTA infrastructure modifications to be developed in the coming year as part of CARTA COA effort.

7. Dorchester TSP

- Procurement documents and technical documents are in final draft based on comments from SCDOT.
- IGA comments received by SCDOT
- Phase 3 to be procured Winter 2025/2026 pending IGA.

8. Mt. Pleasant Street Park and Ride

We continue to work with the City of Charleston to meet new standards. We plan to submit the Stormwater Permit and plan in February 2026.

9. Fairgrounds Park and Ride

The ECFC & CARTA trial is scheduled for March 16, 2026.

10. O&M Facility (Acres Drive, Ladson)

We are waiting on sewer easement review appraisal completion for FTA approval. Once received we will proceed with purchase of the easement.

11. Mobile Ticketing Sales & Use

During the month of December 2025, mobile ticket sales totaled \$29,704.07. This is a 0.7% decrease in sales revenue over December 2024 and a 0.6% decrease from November 2025. Mobile ticket sales comprised 25.1% of total farebox revenue for the month and totals 24.1% of the revenue fiscal year to date. Mobile ticketing revenue comprised 20.4% of total farebox revenue last year fiscal year to date. Mobile ticket sales are 3.1% lower than mobile ticket sales last year fiscal year to date. There were 1,784 unique users over the month, conducting 16,924 transactions. The pass type with the highest frequency of use is the local, fixed-route, one-trip ticket. The route with the highest usage is Route 10, followed by Route 12. The expanded payment options available on CARTA Tel-A-Ride service will be announced to customers in January 2026.



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald E. Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Hospitality on Peninsula Shuttle (HOP) Parking Lot Expansion
Date: January 14, 2026

Staff has been working with the City of Charleston, the SC Ports Authority, and Beemok Capital, LLC, and has the opportunity to expand the parking capacity available along the Rt. 211 HOP route.

Improvements to the Union Pier lot will allow for the addition of two hundred and nine (209) parking spaces to serve the Hospitality industry. The parking spaces will be secured with parameter fencing, and an electronically controlled gate. Vehicular and transit bus access will be provided along Pritchard Street. Updated parking lot striping, and covered transit shelter will be installed. A short extension of the existing Route 211 will be required with no loss in the current service offered on this route.

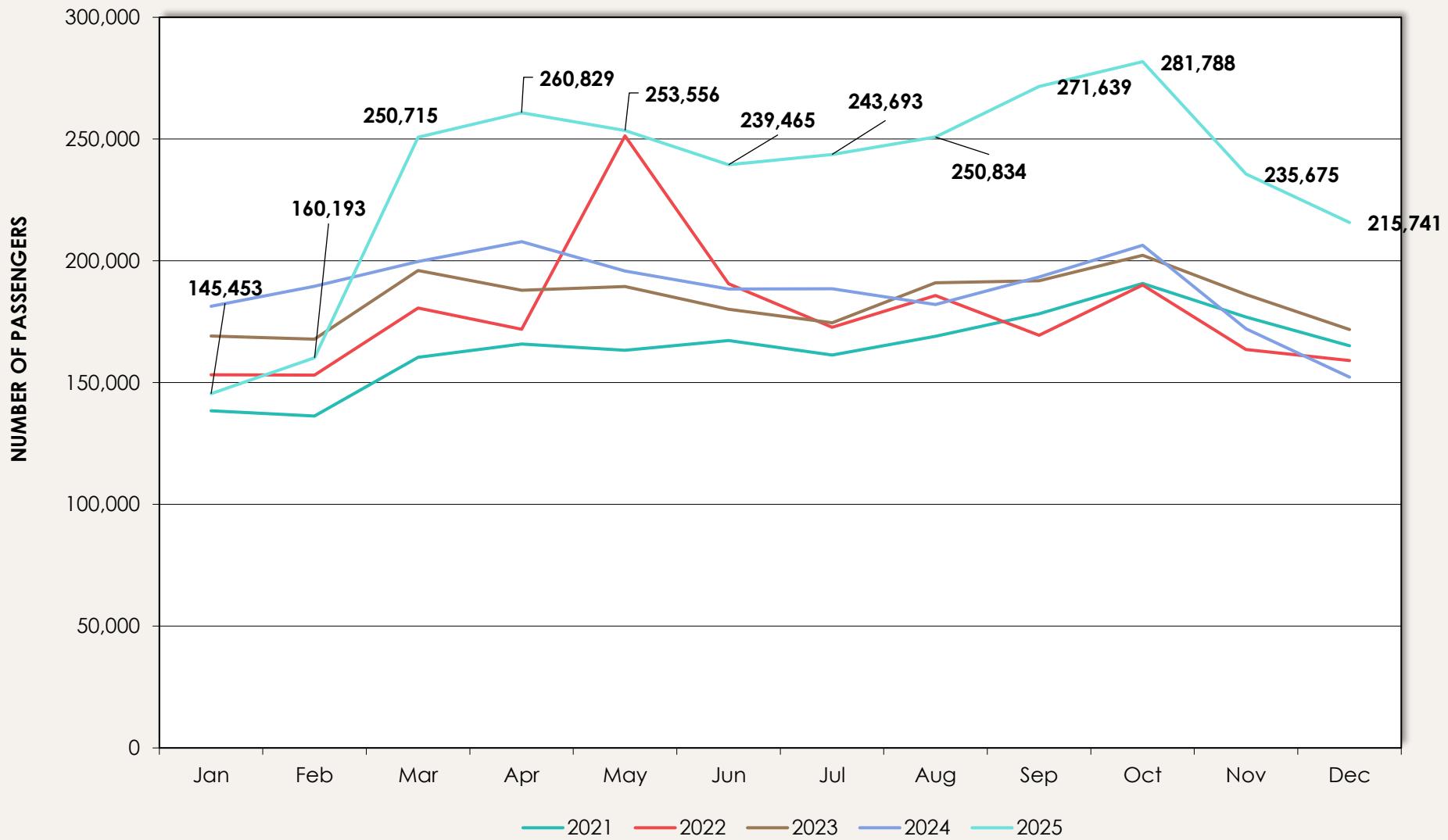
Staff recommends approval to proceed in upfitting the parking lot and the expenditure of no more than \$83,000 to complete the project.

Revenue/Cost/Ridership for the Month of December 2025

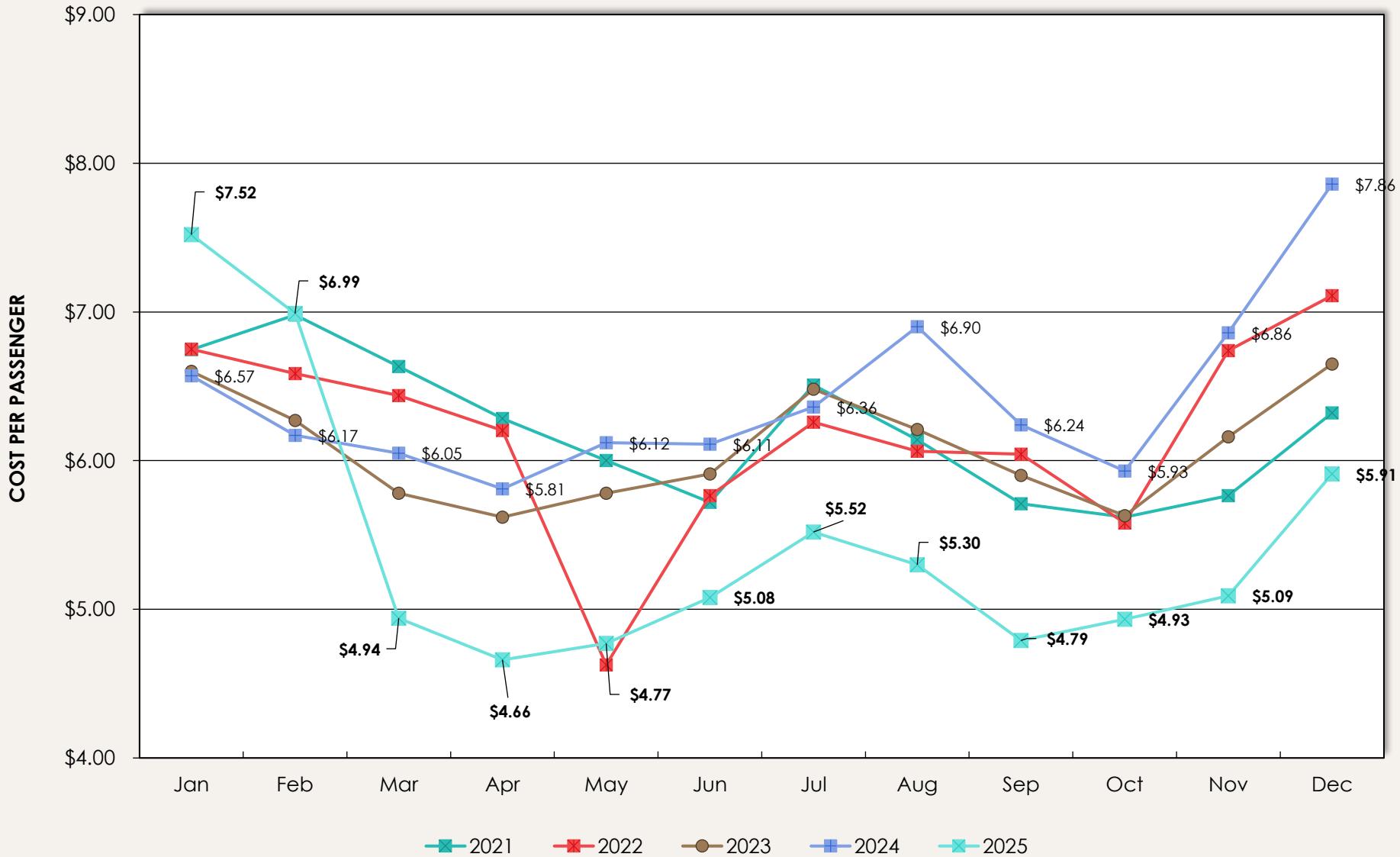
Route Name	Route Name	Farebox Revenue	Pass/Presale Revenue	2024 Revenue	2025 Revenue	Cost of Operation	Hours Operated	Farebox Recovery	Cost Per Passenger	Deviation From System Average	Allowable Deviation Under Performance Standards	2024 Passengers Per Hour	2025 Passengers Per Hour	Change from Last Year	Passenger Per Hour Target Under Performance Standards	2024 Ridership	2025 Ridership	Change from Last Year	Change from Last Year	% of Total Ridership
1 James Island-North Charleston Express	1 James Island-North Charleston Express	\$311.31	\$ 17,433.56	\$ 12,049.97	\$ 17,744.87	\$ 58,615.42	635.80	30.3%	\$ 7.29	10.51%	-5%	7	9	21%	15	4,161	5,605	1,444	35%	2.60%
2 Mt. Pleasant-West Ashley Express	2 Mt. Pleasant-West Ashley Express	\$ 427.98	\$ 11,284.83	\$ 8,796.94	\$ 11,712.81	\$ 56,967.03	617.92	20.6%	\$ 12.03	0.80%	-5%	6	8	8%	15	3,151	3,761	610	19%	1.74%
3 Dorchester Rd-Summerville Express	3 Dorchester Rd-Summerville Express	\$ 774.60	\$ 9,576.66	\$ 6,714.84	\$ 10,351.26	\$ 39,992.72	433.80	25.9%	\$ 8.69	6.12%	-5%	7	8	9%	15	2,821	3,410	589	21%	1.58%
4 Airport Express	4 Airport Express	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-5%	-5%	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	0.00%
7 HOP Shuttle (Hospitality on Peninsula)	7 HOP Shuttle (Hospitality on Peninsula)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-15%	-15%	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	0.00%
10 Rivers Avenue	10 Rivers Avenue	\$ 24,873.57	\$ 11,600.32	\$ 42,720.90	\$ 36,473.89	\$ 244,906.99	2,656.50	14.9%	\$ 4.49	-4.87%	-10%	14	17	29%	20	34,994	46,469	11,475	33%	21.54%
11 Dorchester Rd/Airport	11 Dorchester Rd/Airport	\$ 6,376.00	\$ 3,606.99	\$ 11,956.10	\$ 9,982.99	\$ 107,092.53	1,161.63	9.3%	\$ 6.72	-10.44%	-10%	9	12	32%	20	10,728	14,449	3,721	35%	6.70%
12 Upper Dorch/Ashley Phosphate Rd	12 Upper Dorch/Ashley Phosphate Rd	\$ 8,835.34	\$ 4,251.55	\$ 14,205.76	\$ 13,086.89	\$ 117,180.13	1,271.05	11.2%	\$ 6.11	-8.60%	-10%	9	13	47%	20	11,450	17,031	5,581	49%	7.89%
13 Remount Road	13 Remount Road	\$ 3,084.48	\$ 1,632.62	\$ 5,473.50	\$ 4,717.10	\$ 68,237.46	740.17	6.9%	\$ 9.71	-12.85%	-10%	7	9	33%	20	5,125	6,540	1,415	28%	3.03%
20 King Street/Meeting St	20 King Street/Meeting St	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 57,595.78	624.74	10.4%	\$ 4.24	-9.35%	-10%	18	19	10%	20	11,215	12,182	967	9%	5.65%
30 Savannah Highway	30 Savannah Highway	\$ 2,752.63	\$ 1,354.77	\$ 5,208.84	\$ 4,107.40	\$ 59,193.46	642.07	6.9%	\$ 10.15	-12.82%	-10%	7	8	19%	20	4,435	5,427	992	22%	2.52%
31 Folly Road	31 Folly Road	\$ 2,063.13	\$ 1,412.94	\$ 3,946.97	\$ 3,476.07	\$ 75,807.31	822.28	4.6%	\$ 12.78	-15.18%	-15%	4	7	55%	10	3,550	5,660	2,110	59%	2.62%
32 North Bridge	32 North Bridge	\$ 4,474.21	\$ 2,756.98	\$ 7,960.30	\$ 7,231.19	\$ 73,244.38	794.48	9.9%	\$ 5.98	-9.89%	-10%	9	14	49%	20	7,745	11,044	3,299	43%	5.12%
33 St. Andrews/Ashley River Rd	33 St. Andrews/Ashley River Rd	\$ 4,552.12	\$ 2,425.71	\$ 7,917.90	\$ 6,977.83	\$ 65,140.74	706.58	10.7%	\$ 5.99	-9.05%	-10%	11	14	28%	20	7,362	9,717	2,355	32%	4.50%
40 Mt. Pleasant	40 Mt. Pleasant	\$ 1,991.15	\$ 1,226.21	\$ 4,228.21	\$ 3,217.36	\$ 60,905.46	660.64	5.3%	\$ 11.74	-14.48%	-10%	5	7	36%	20	3,519	4,912	1,393	40%	2.28%
41 Coleman Boulevard	41 Coleman Boulevard	\$ 624.32	\$ 385.69	\$ 1,334.56	\$ 1,010.01	\$ 33,380.73	362.08	3.0%	\$ 20.95	-16.74%	-10%	3	4	36%	20	1,067	1,545	478	45%	0.72%
42 Wando Circulator	42 Wando Circulator	\$ 495.13	\$ 301.31	\$ 1,197.50	\$ 796.44	\$ 32,000.63	347.11	2.5%	\$ 25.85	-17.28%	-15%	2	3	47%	10	844	1,207	363	43%	0.56%
102 North Neck/ Rutledge Ave	102 North Neck/ Rutledge Ave	\$ 659.38	\$ 549.45	\$ 1,513.87	\$ 1,208.83	\$ 42,468.06	460.65	2.8%	\$ 18.75	-16.92%	-15%	4	5	18%	10	1,800	2,201	401	22%	1.02%
103 Leeds Avenue	103 Leeds Avenue	\$ 418.39	\$ 343.25	\$ 859.06	\$ 761.64	\$ 14,854.83	161.13	5.1%	\$ 10.25	-14.64%	-15%	6	9	32%	10	999	1,375	376	38%	0.64%
104 Montague Avenue	104 Montague Avenue	\$ 1,236.12	\$ 787.35	\$ 1,848.51	\$ 2,023.47	\$ 59,449.75	644.85	3.4%	\$ 18.21	-16.36%	-10%	3	5	80%	10	1,823	3,154	1,331	73%	1.46%
203 Medical Shuttle	203 Medical Shuttle	\$ 3.10	\$ 81,074.80	\$ 39,975.01	\$ 81,077.90	\$ 81,225.41	881.05	99.8%	\$ 0.01	80.05%	-10%	15	31	108%	10	6,680	27,420	20,740	310%	12.71%
210 Aquarium/ CofC DASH	210 Aquarium/ CofC DASH	\$ -	\$ 47,248.67	\$ 46,218.89	\$ 47,248.67	\$ 69,507.86	753.95	68.0%	\$ 3.74	48.21%	-15%	7	8	8%	10	3,840	5,946	2,106	55%	2.76%
211 Meeting/King DASH	211 Meeting/King DASH	\$ -	\$ 29,625.67	\$ 28,595.89	\$ 29,625.67	\$ 100,185.53	1,086.71	29.6%	\$ 4.10	9.81%	-15%	13	16	26%	10	15,165	17,199	2,034	13%	7.97%
213 Lockwood/Calhoun DASH	213 Lockwood/Calhoun DASH	\$ -	\$ 13,625.67	\$ 12,595.89	\$ 13,625.67	\$ 39,049.60	423.57	34.9%	\$ 3.63	15.13%	-15%	19	17	-12%	10	7,904	7,003	(901)	-11%	3.25%
301 Glenn McConnell Circulator	301 Glenn McConnell Circulator	\$ 1,058.34	\$ 620.10	\$ 2,125.45	\$ 1,678.44	\$ 32,440.38	351.88	5.2%	\$ 12.38	-14.59%	-15%	6	7	27%	10	1,880	2,484	604	32%	1.15%
TOTAL	System Average	\$65,011.30	\$ 249,125.07	\$ 273,444.83	\$314,136.37	\$ 1,589,442.19	17,240.64	19.8%	\$ 5.91			9.3	12.5	35%		152,257	215,741	63,484	41.7%	100.0%

Meeting Passenger Per Hour Standards
 NOT Meeting Passenger Per Hour Standards

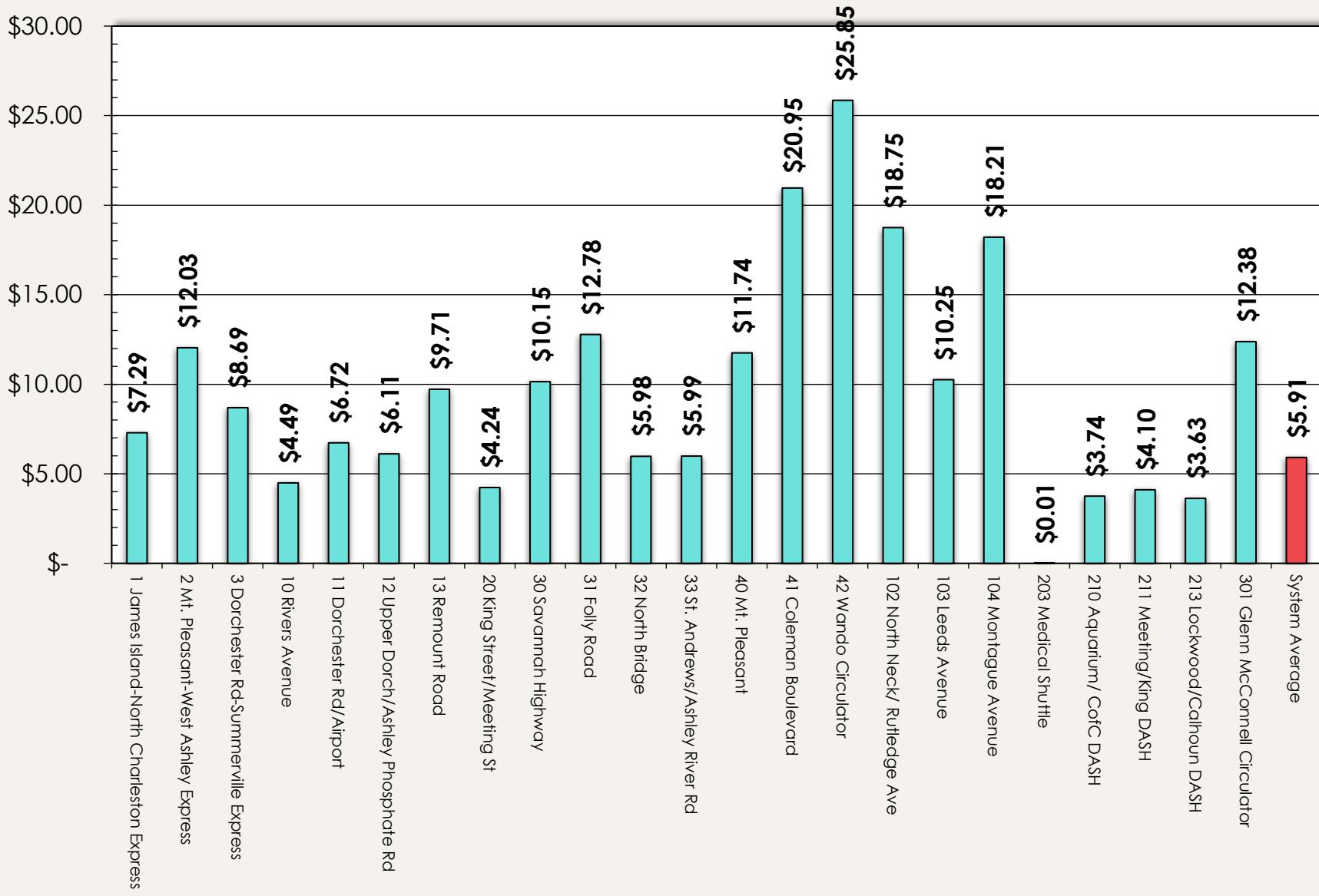
Ridership - Fixed Route



Cost Per Passenger - Fixed Route

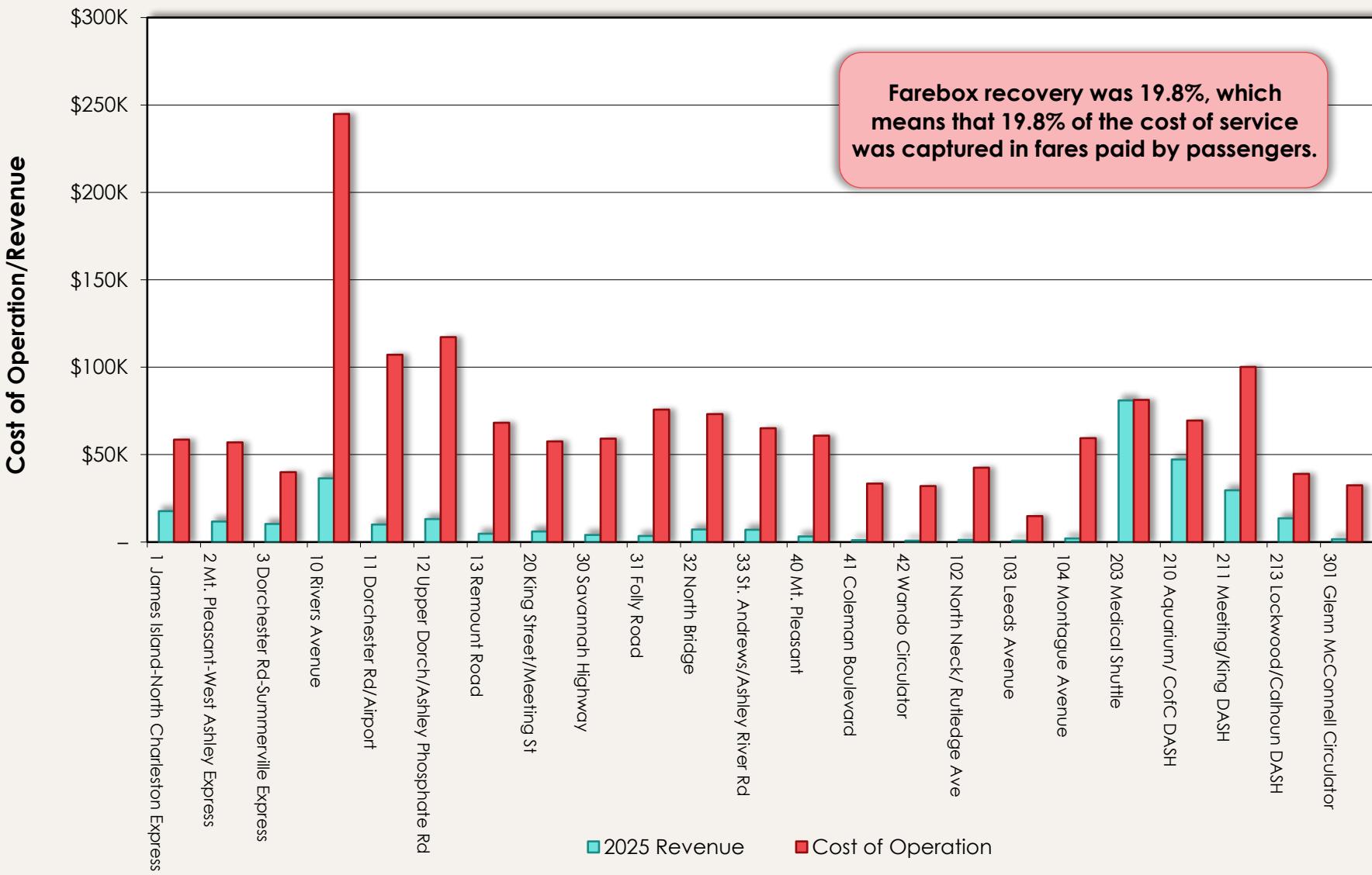


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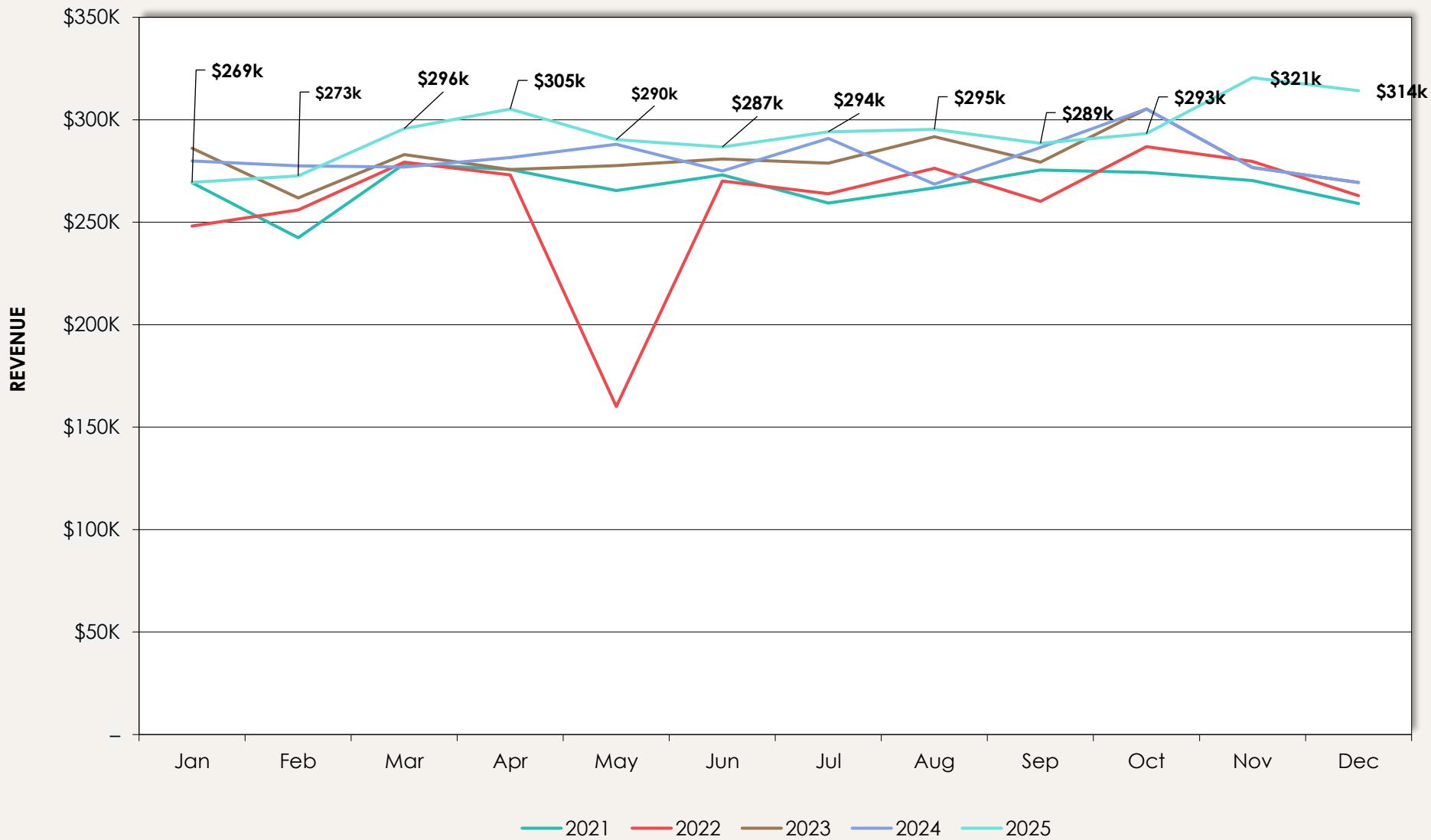


Revenue & Cost by Route

December 2025

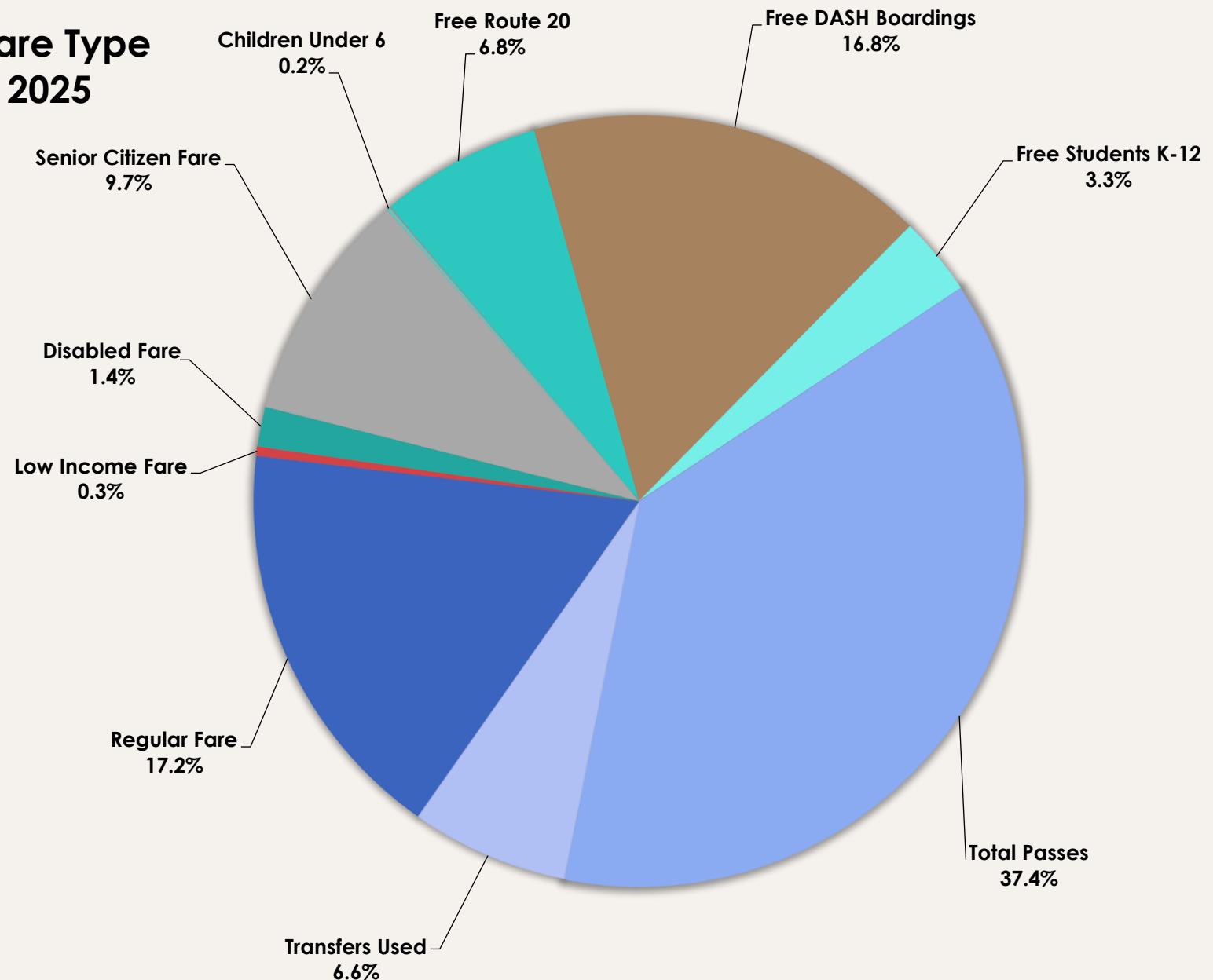


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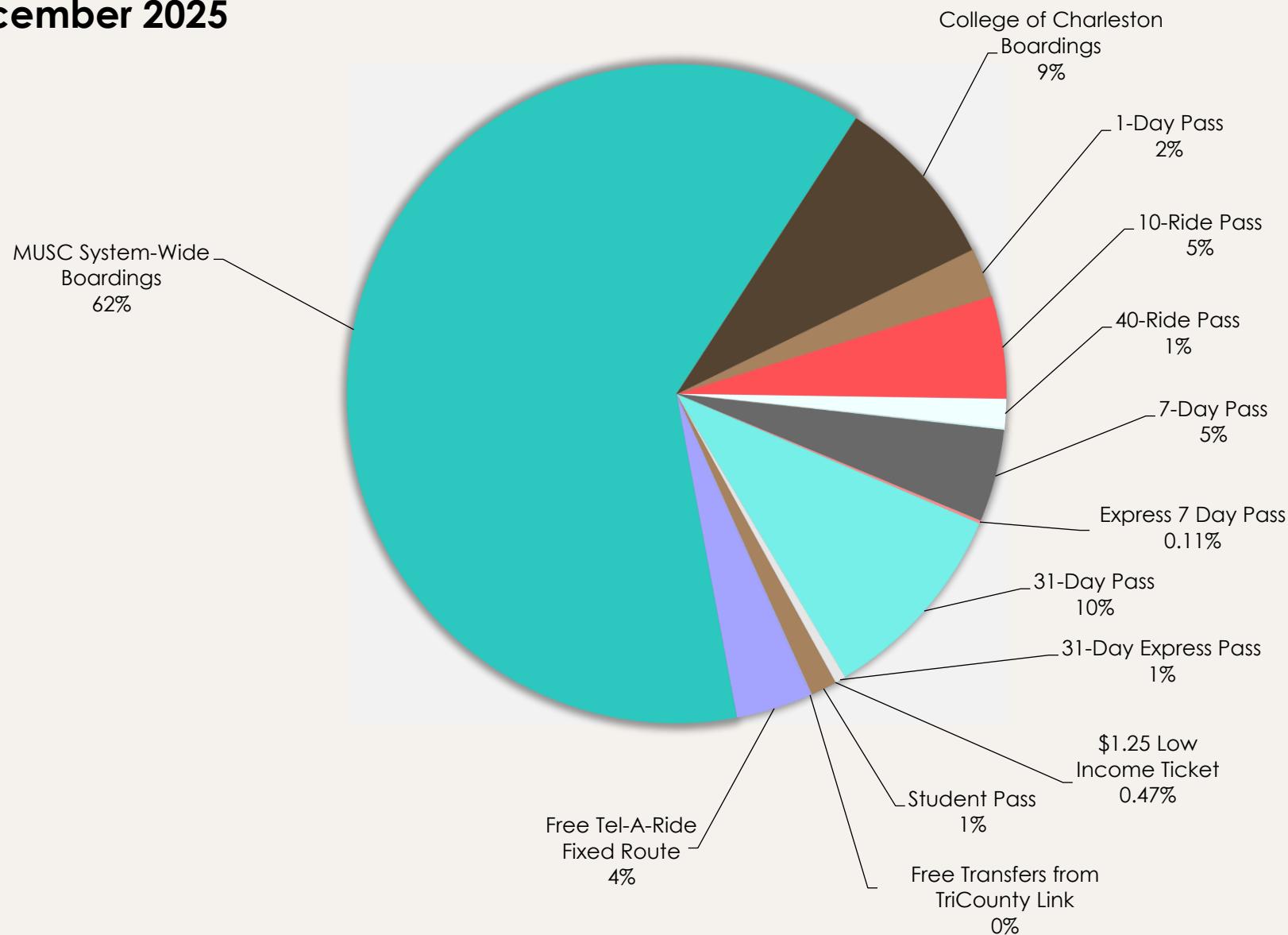


Ridership by Fare Type December 2025

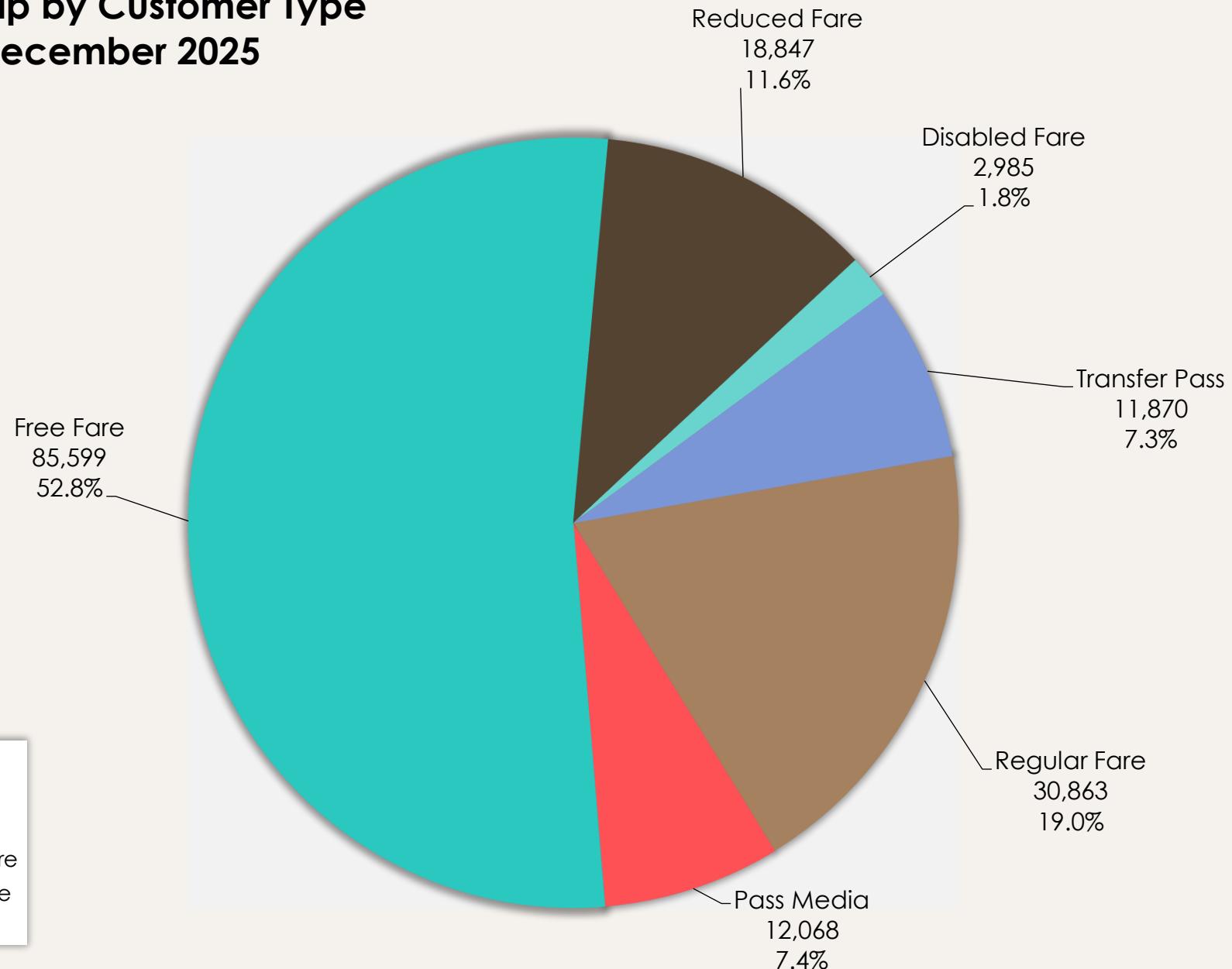
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- Children Under 6
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- Free School Guard
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- Free Students K-12
- Total Passes
- Transfers Used
- Unclassified Ridership



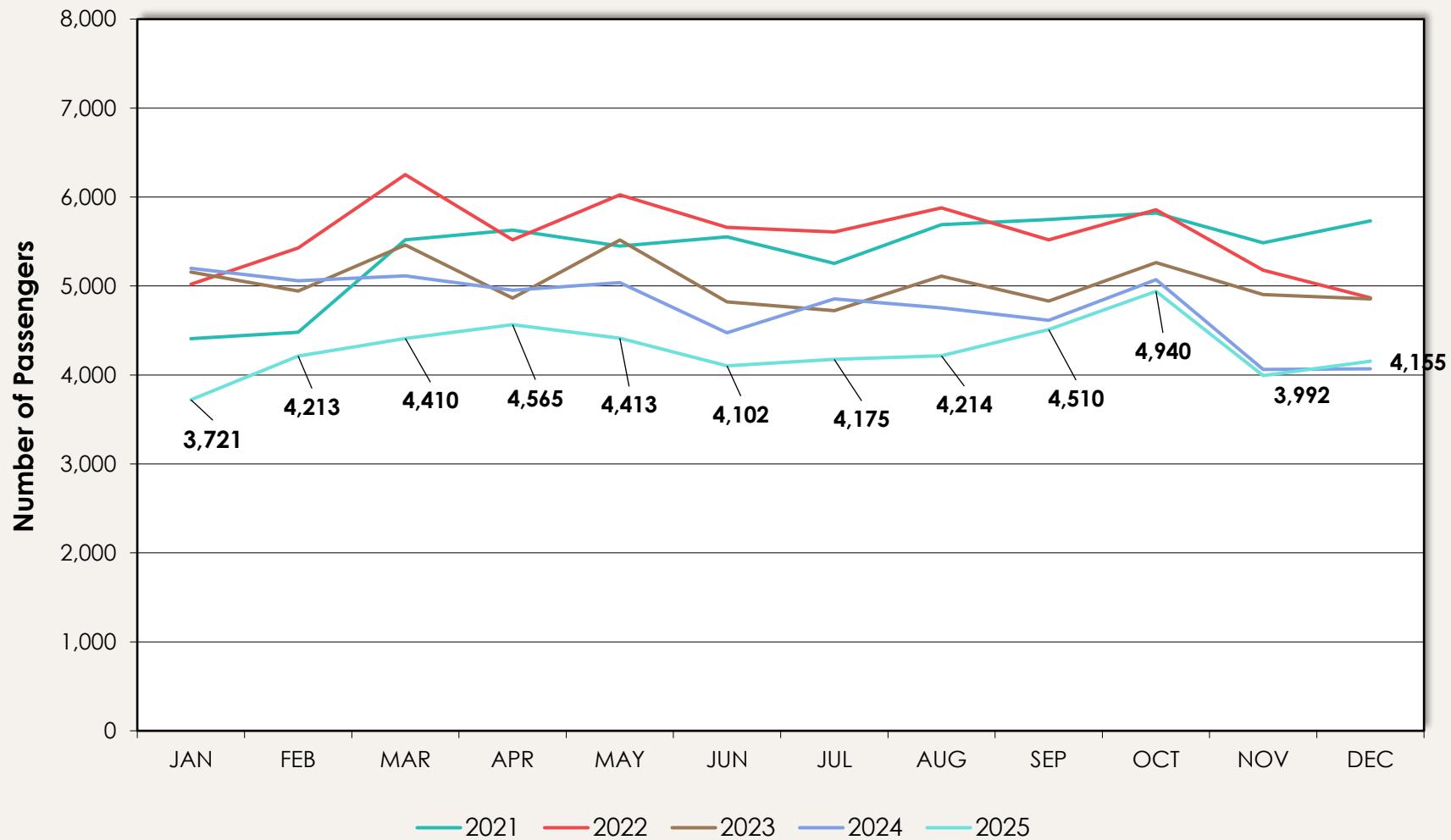
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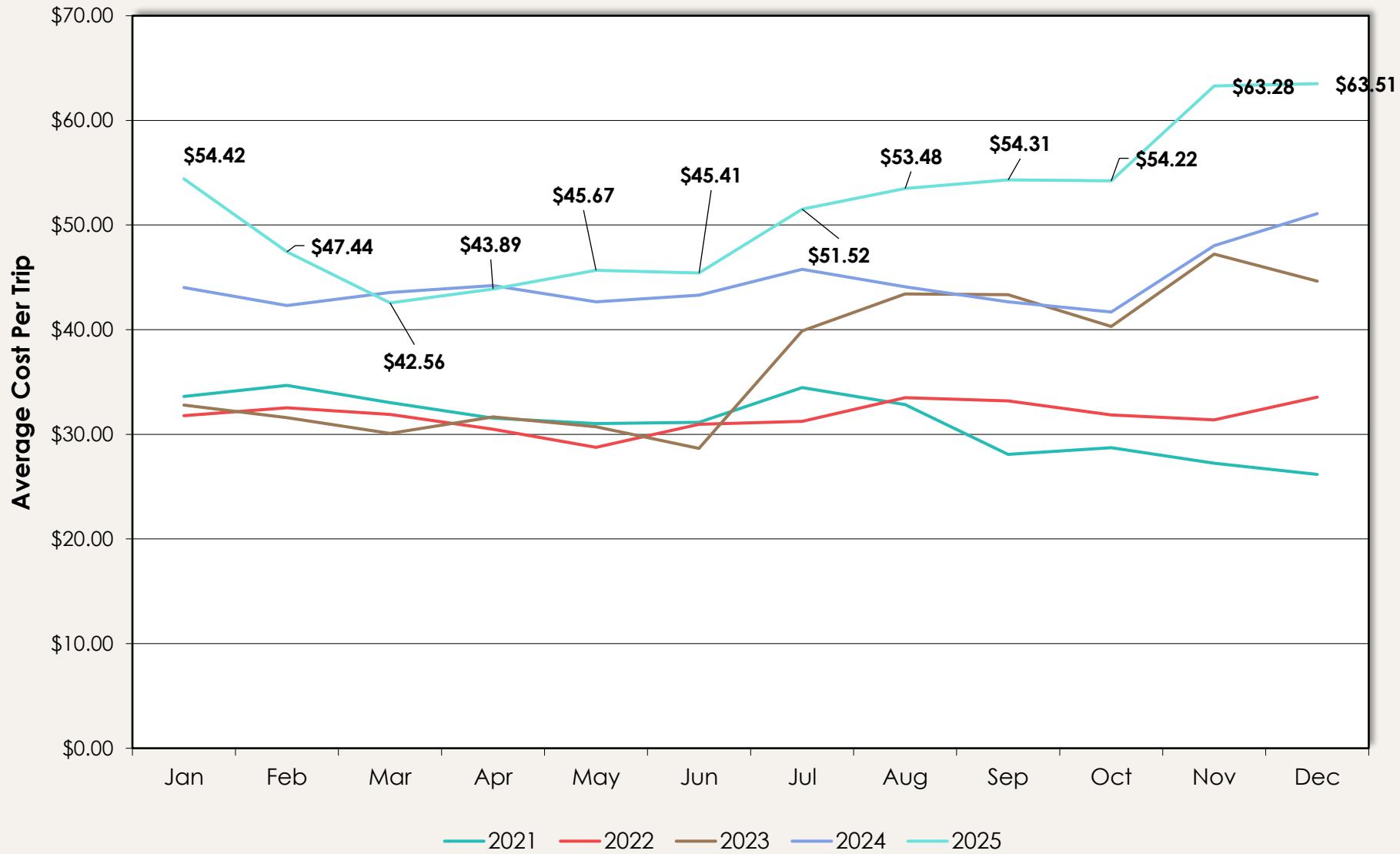
Ridership by Customer Type December 2025



Ridership - Tel-A-Ride

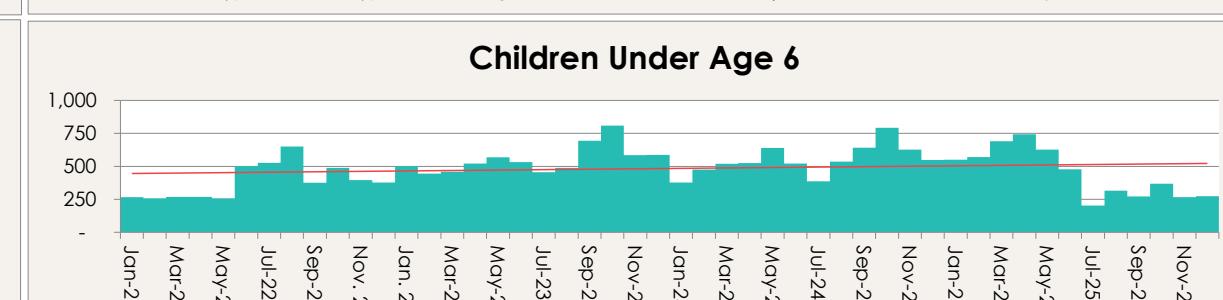
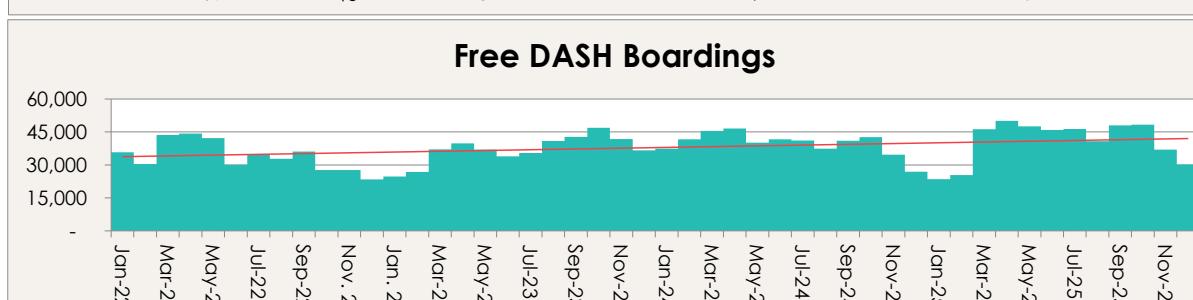
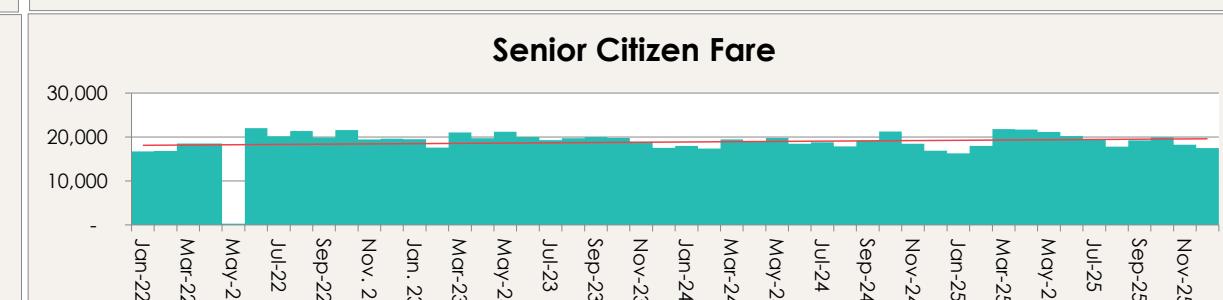
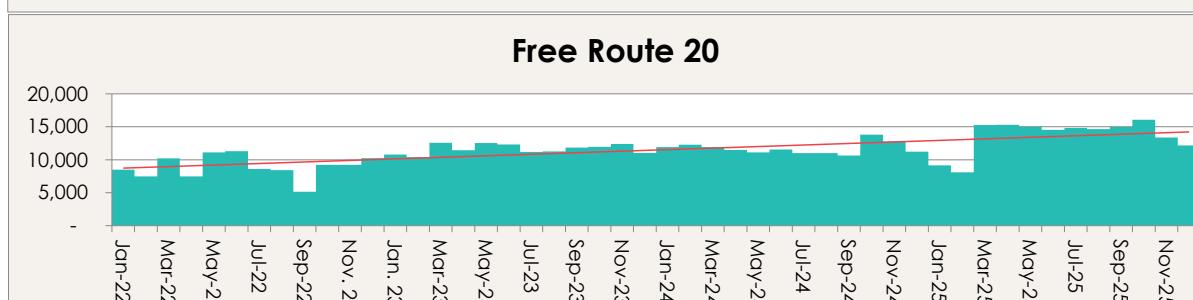
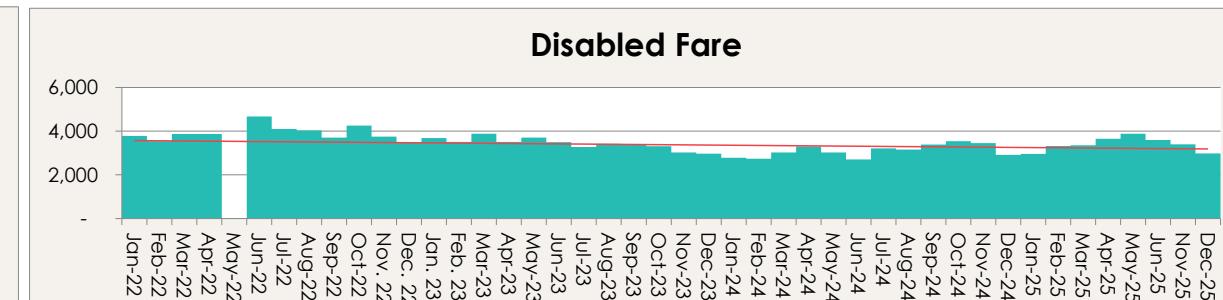
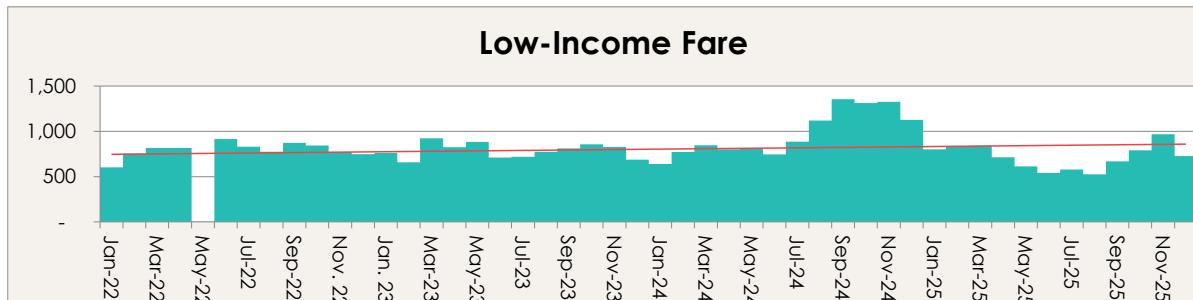
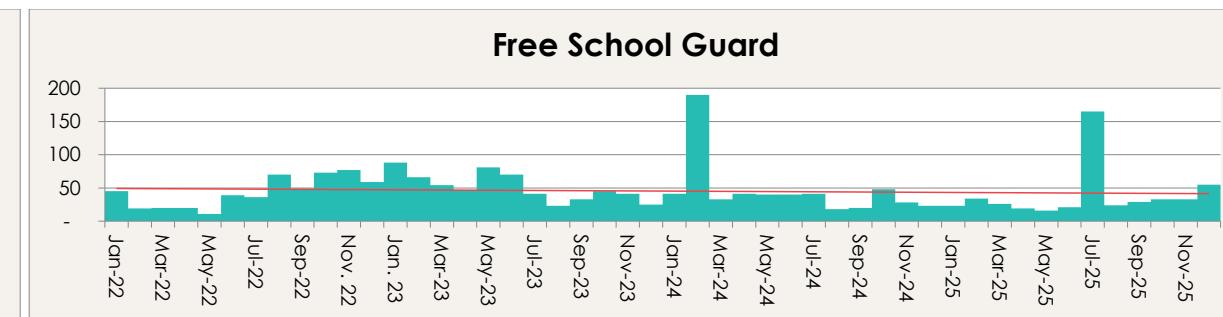
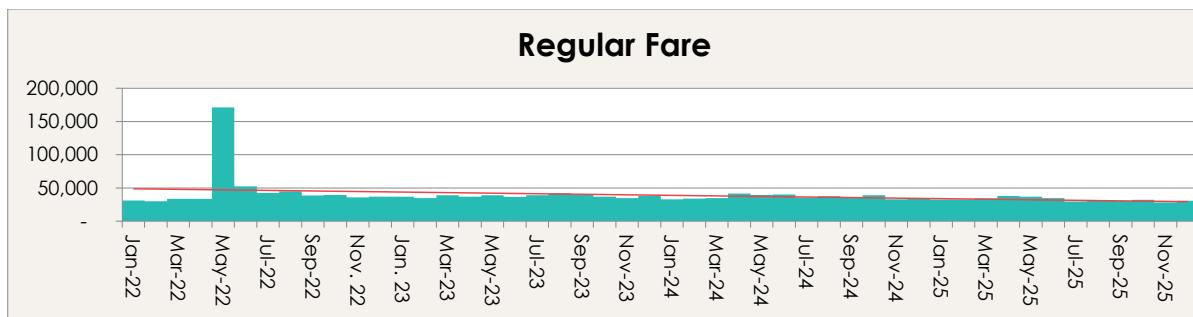


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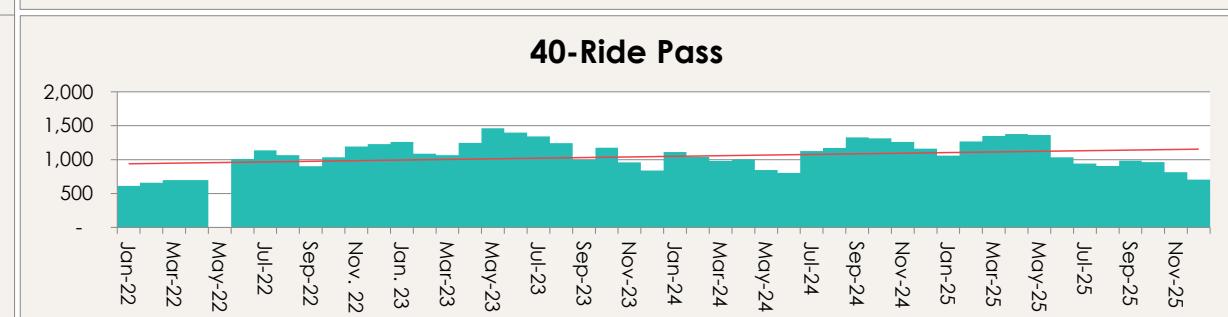
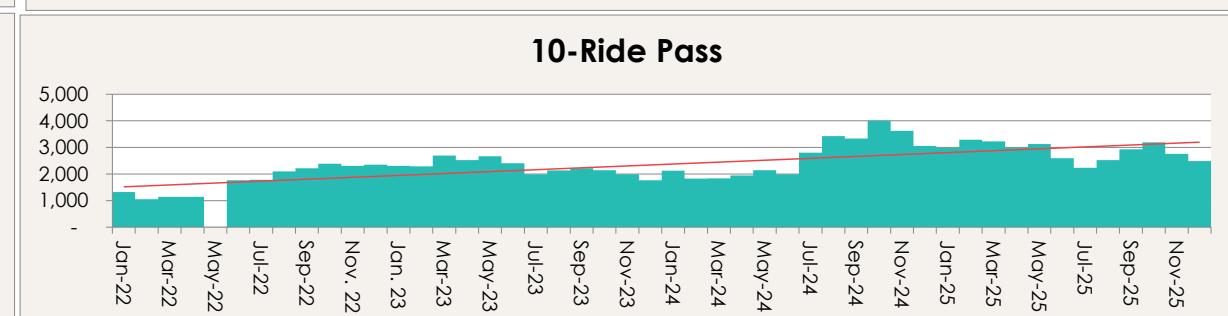
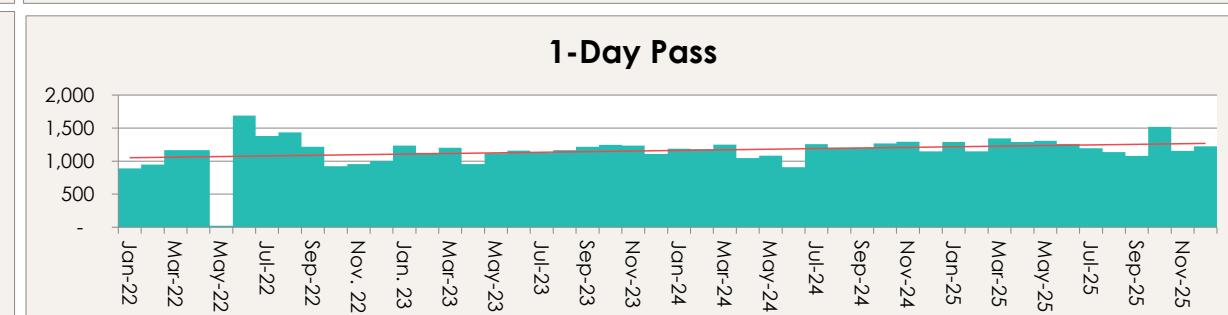
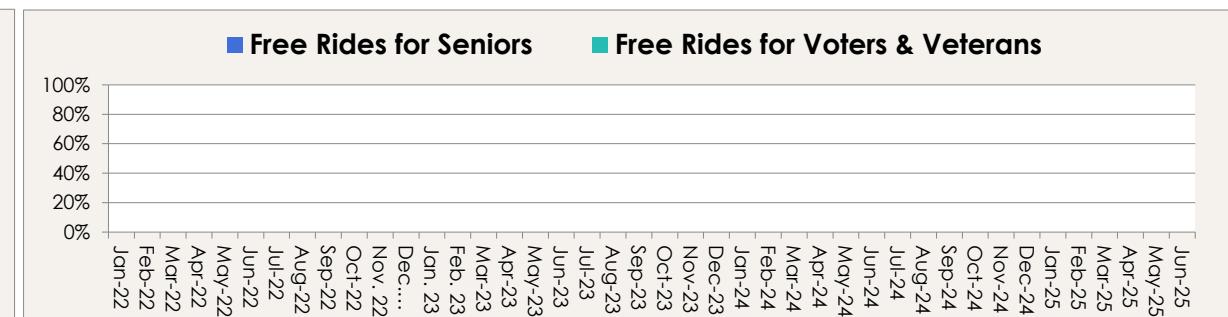
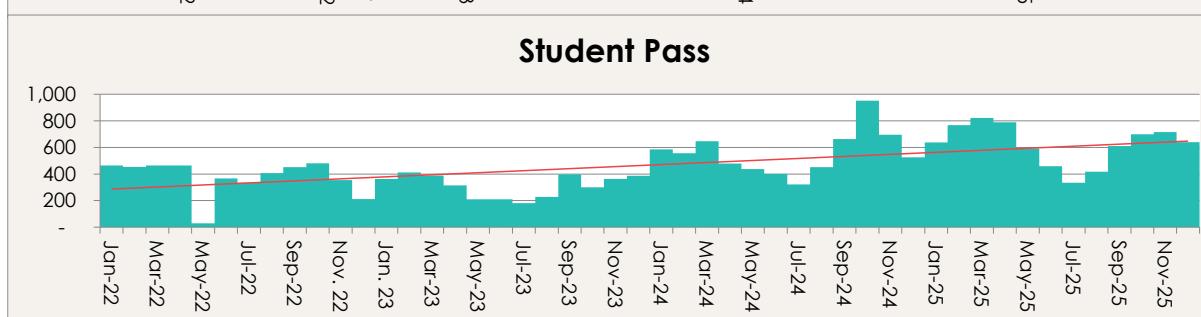
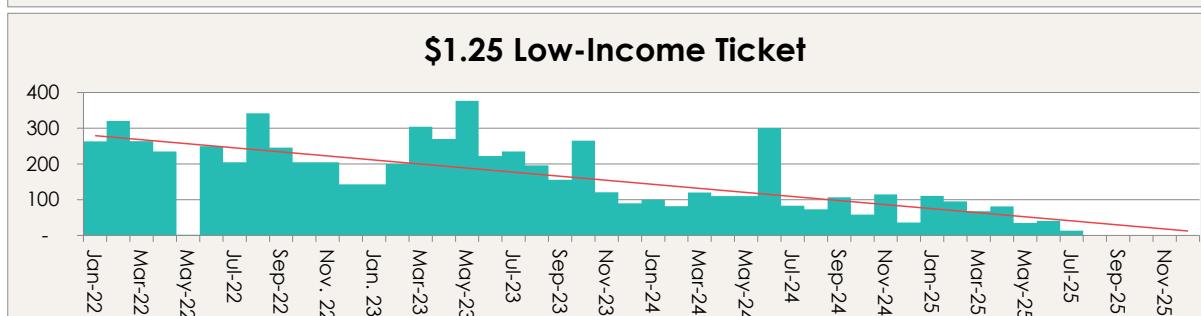
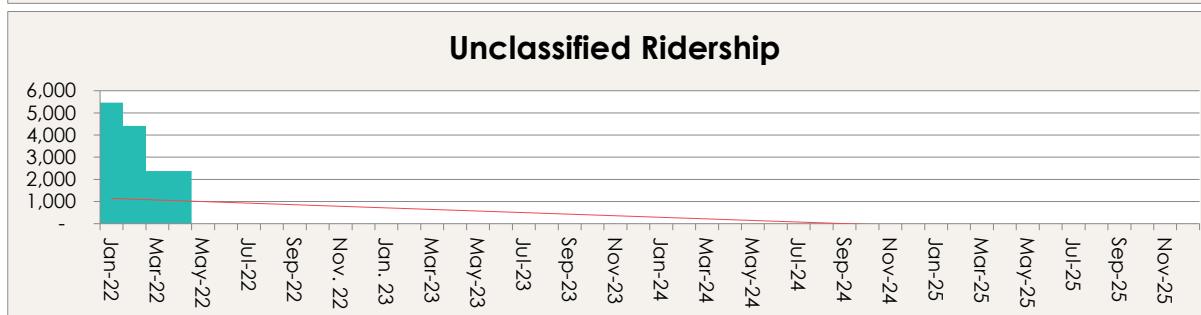
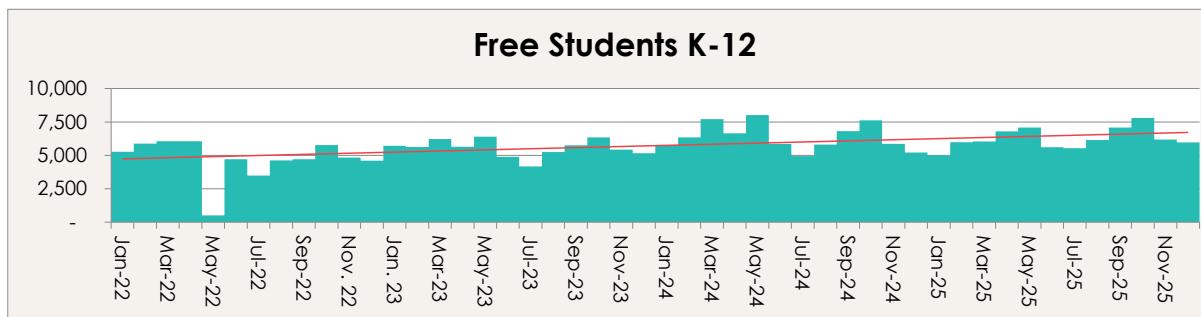


Ridership Classification for November 2025		
Type of Fare		
Regular Fare	30,863	14.31%
Low Income Fare	727	0.34%
Disabled Fare	2,985	1.38%
Senior Citizen Fare	17,481	8.10%
Children Under 6	274	0.13%
HOP Shuttle	0	0.00%
Beach Shuttle	0	0.00%
Free School Guard	55	0.03%
Free Route 20	12,182	5.65%
Free DASH Boardings	30,148	13.97%
Free Students K-12	5,964	2.76%
Subtotal	136,508	63.27%
Type of Pass		
1-Day Pass	1,223	0.57%
10-Ride Pass	2,485	1.15%
40-Ride Pass	703	0.33%
3-Day Pass	41	0.02%
7-Day Pass	2,258	1.05%
7-Day Express Pass	74	0.03%
31-Day Pass	4,987	2.31%
31-Day Express Pass	260	0.12%
\$1.25 Low Income Ticket	0	0.00%
Student Pass	639	0.30%
1-Ride Courtesy Pass	3	0.00%
1-Ride Pass	37	0.02%
Free Transfers from TriCounty Link	0	0.00%
Free Tel-A-Ride Fixed Route	1,840	0.85%
MUSC System-Wide Boardings	30,868	14.31%
College of Charleston Boardings	4,265	1.98%
Total Passes	67,363	31.22%
Transfers		
Issued	19,077	
Transfers Used	11,870	5.50%
Wheelchair Count	309	
Unclassified Ridership	0	0.00%
Total Ridership	215,741	100.00%

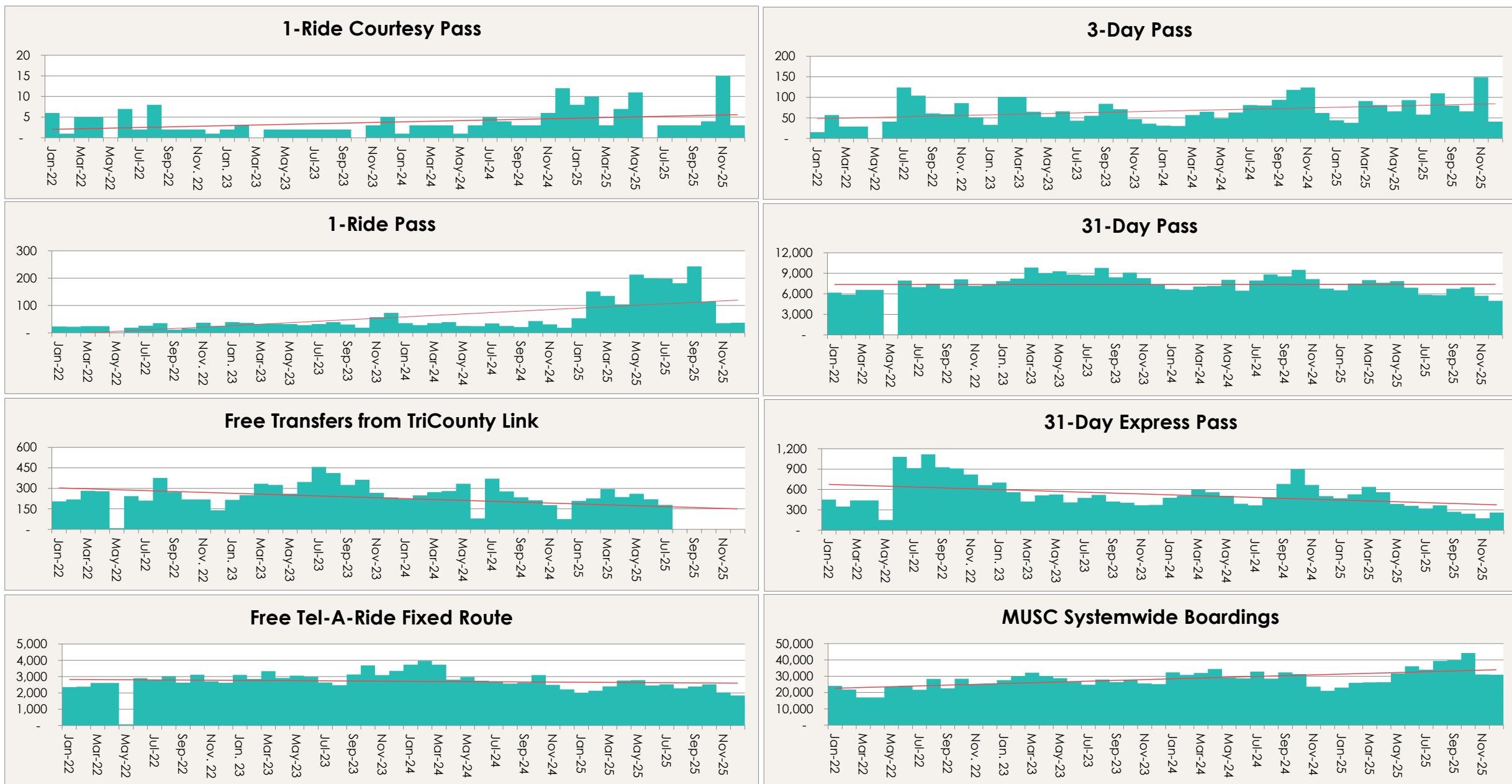
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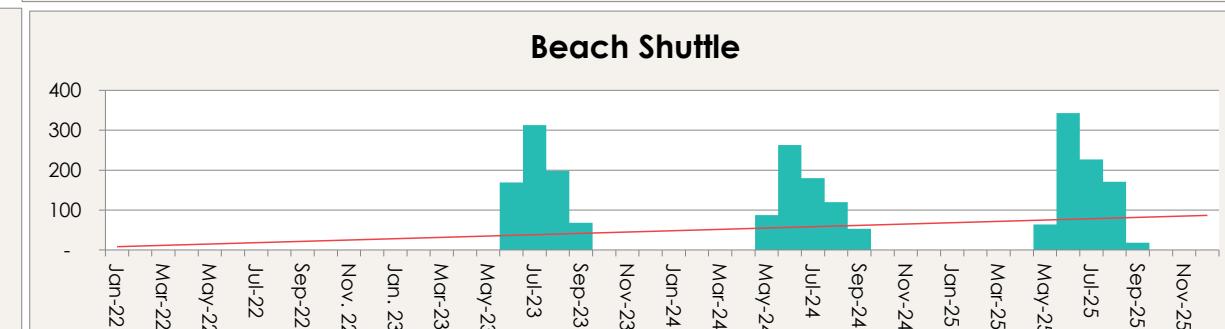
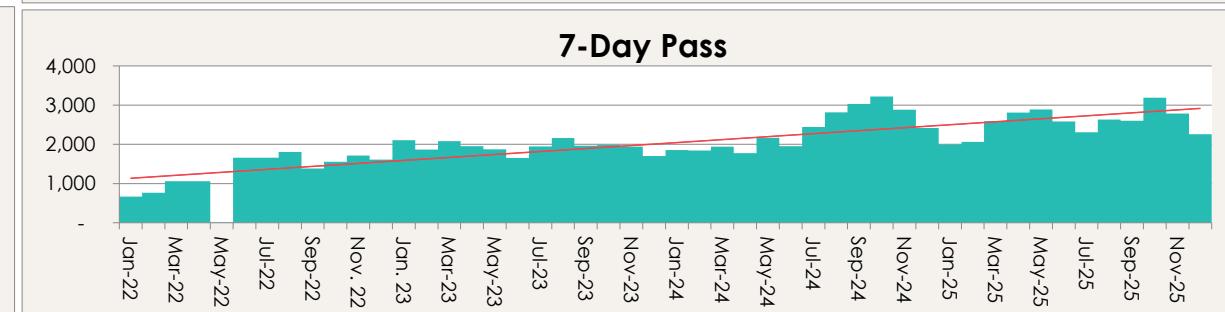
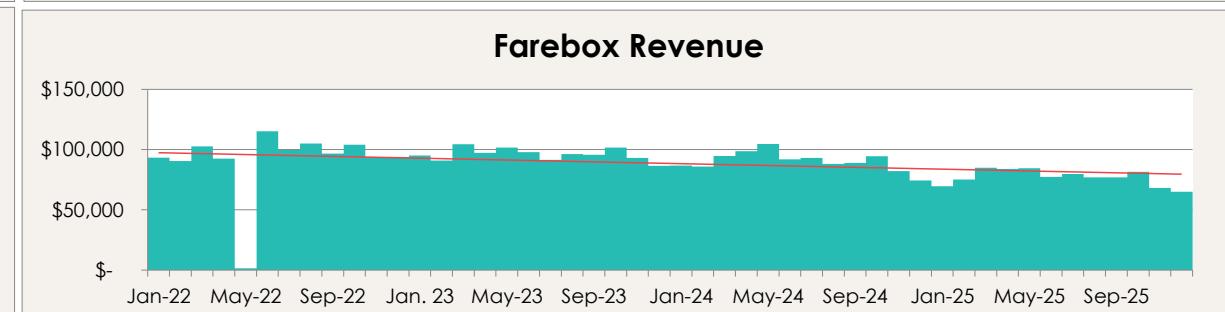
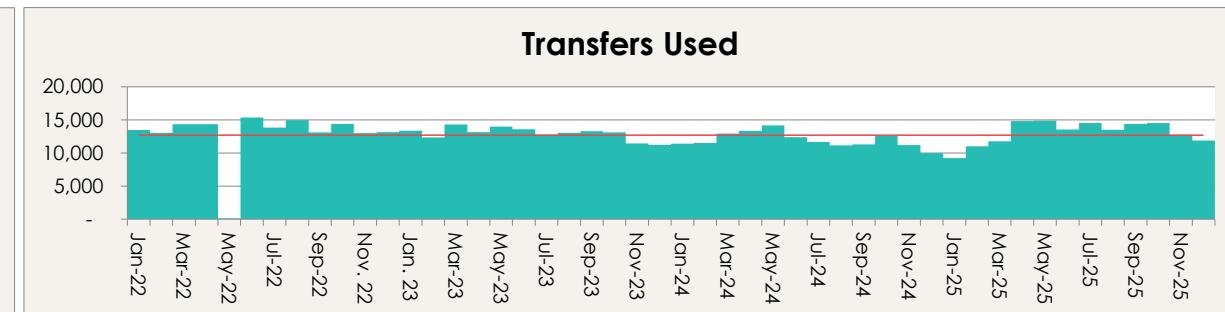
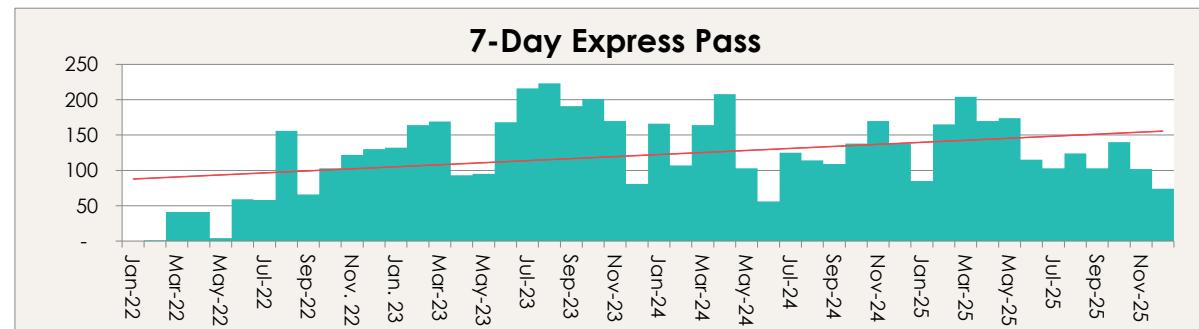
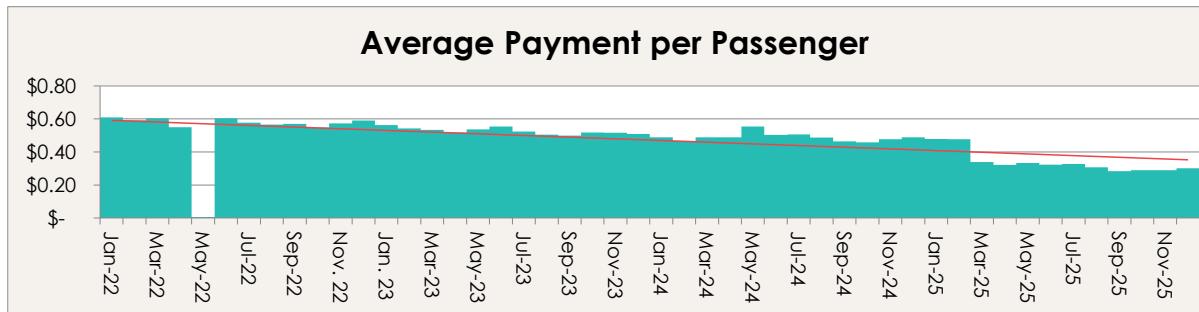
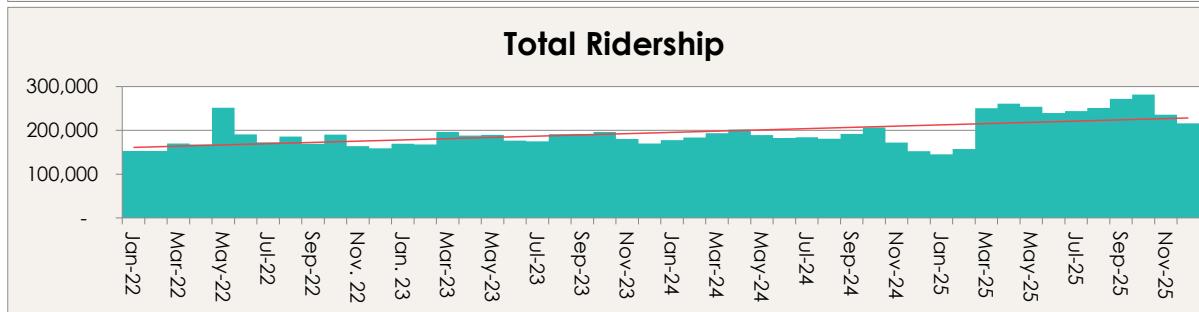
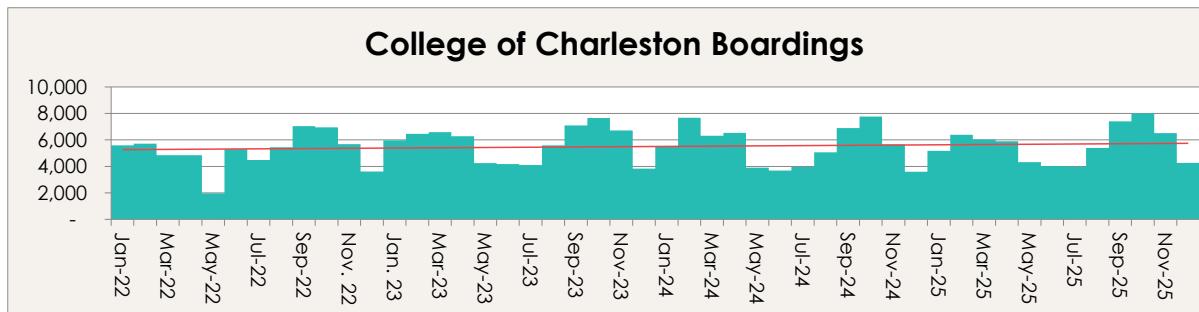
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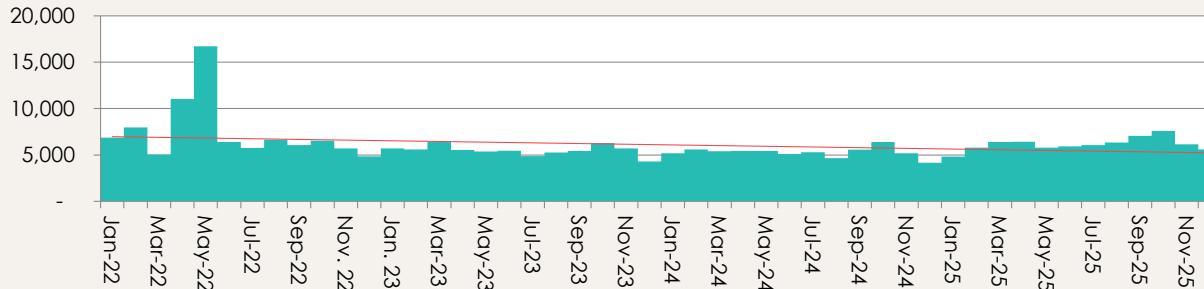


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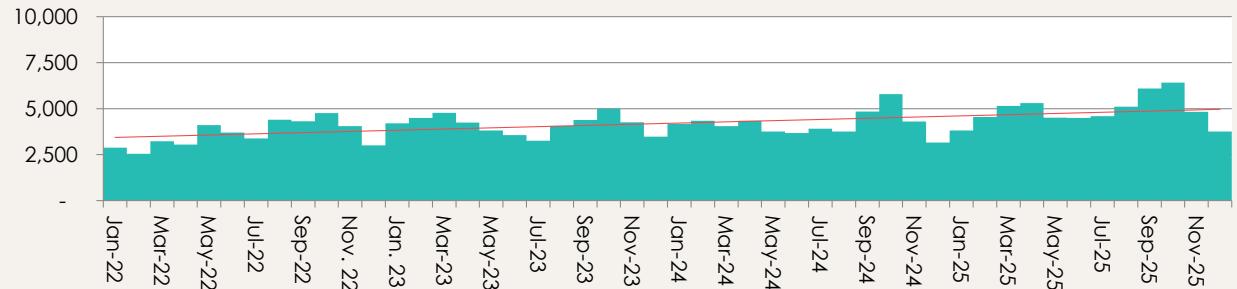


Ridership Trends by Route

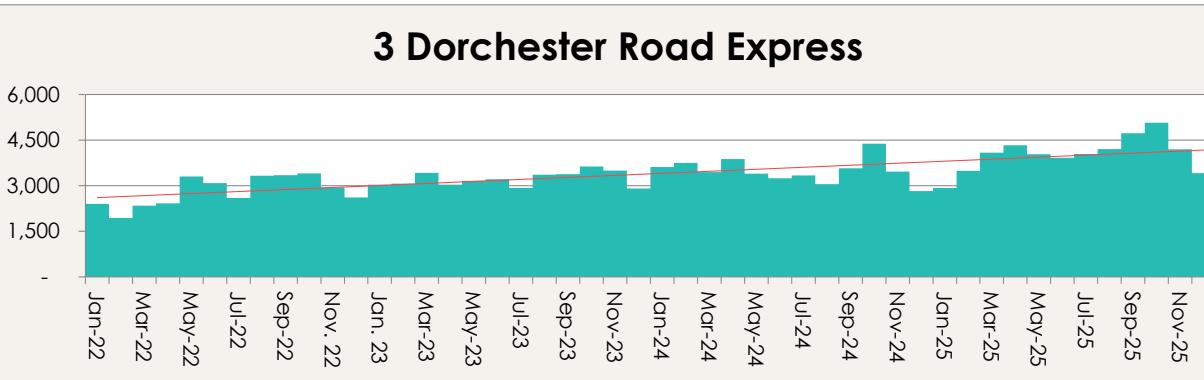
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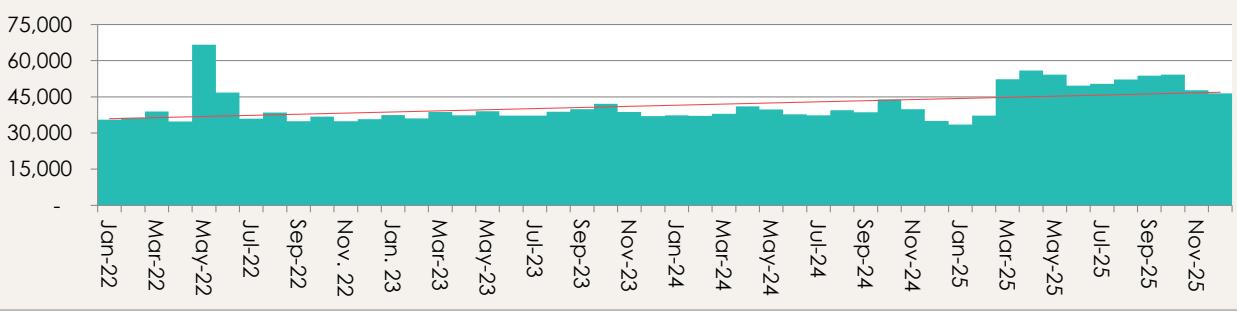
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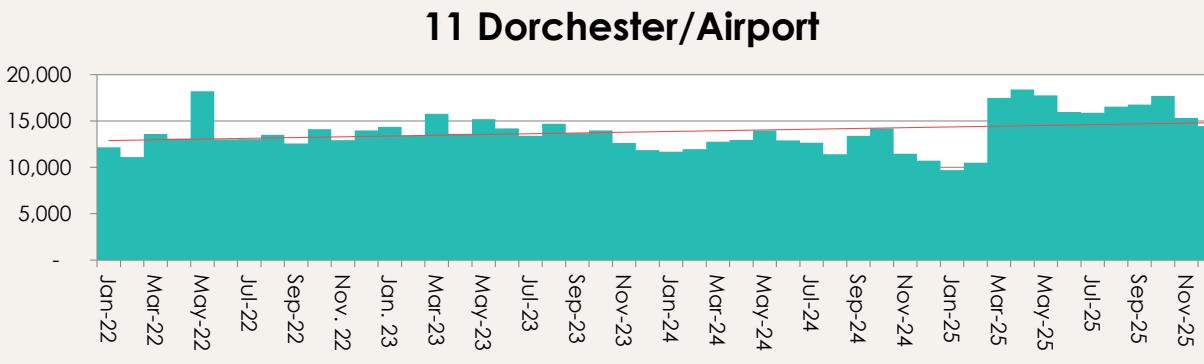
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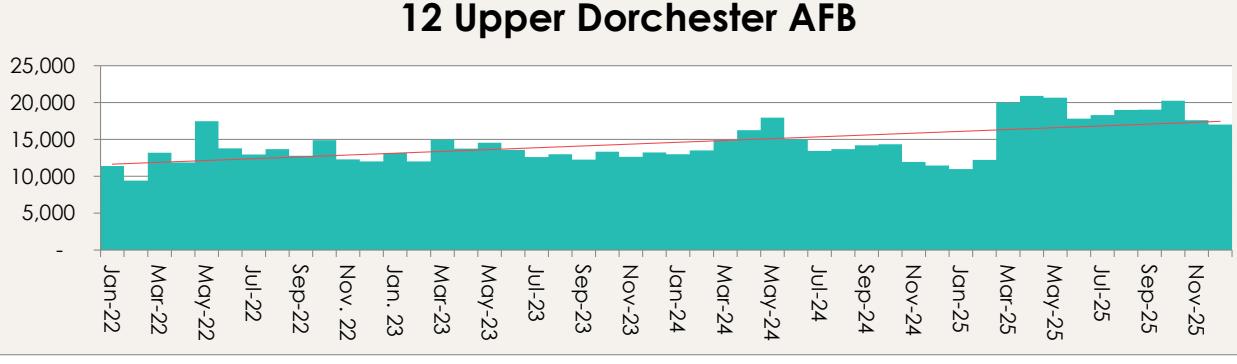
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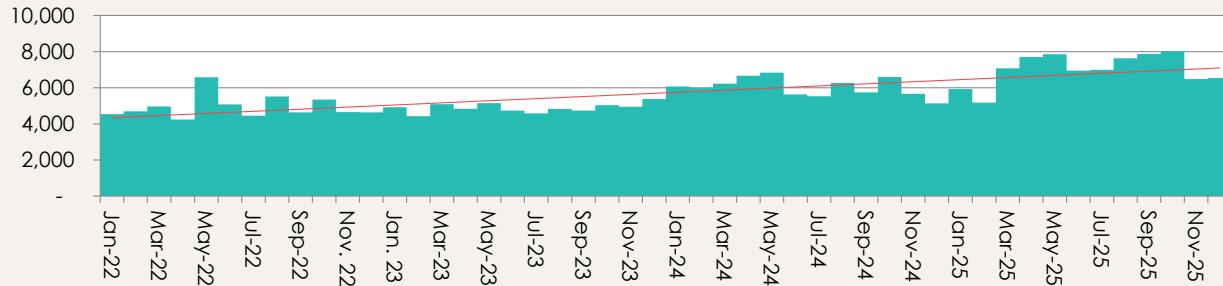


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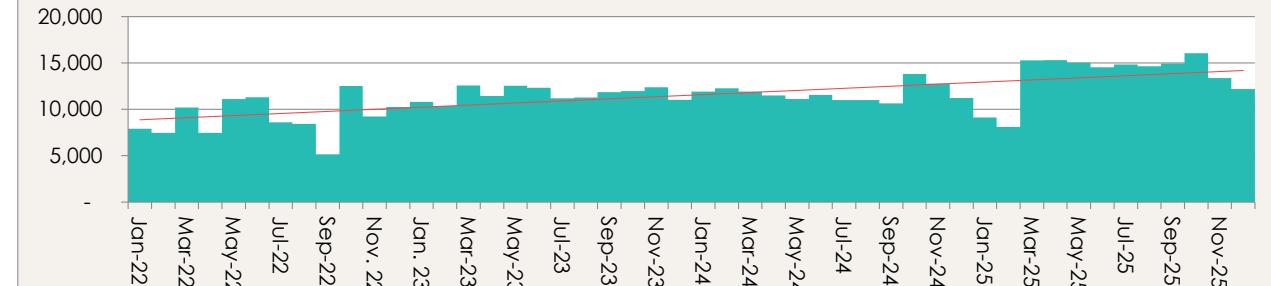


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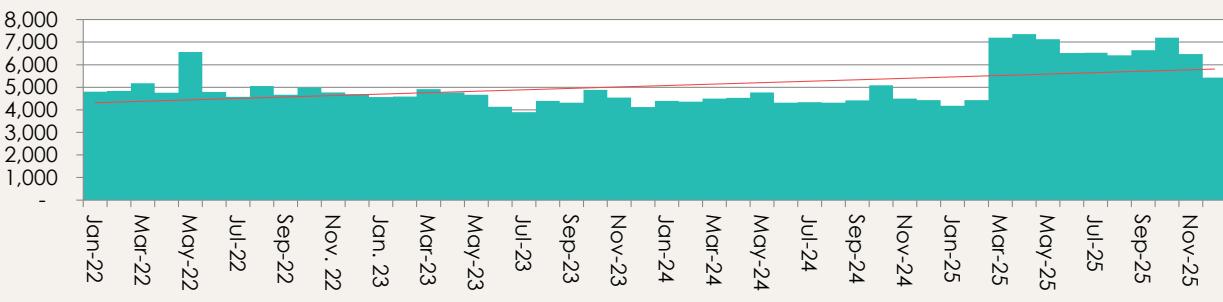
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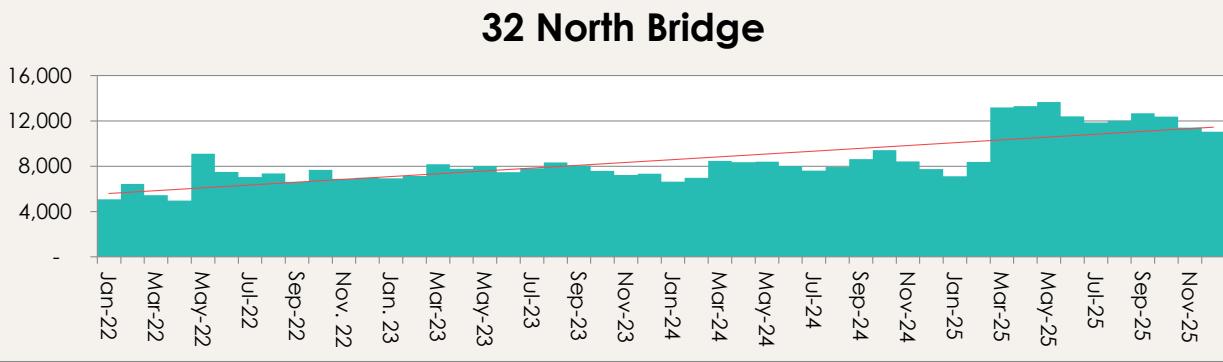
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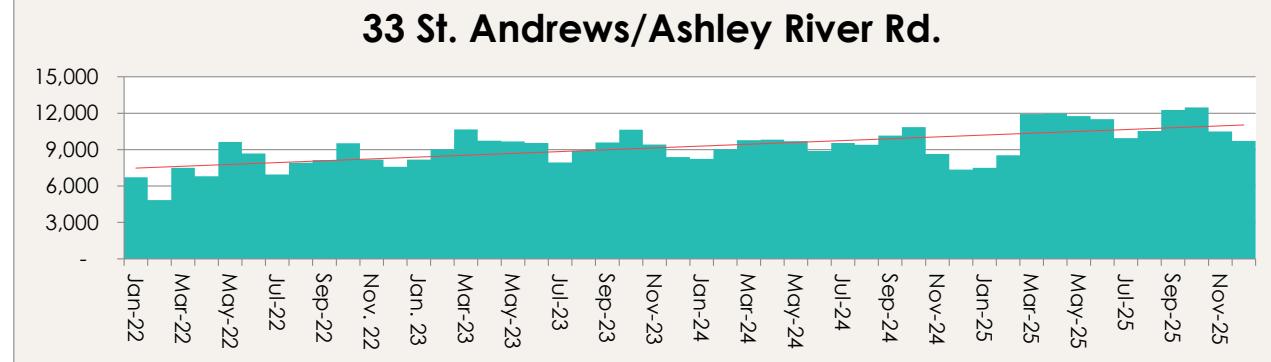
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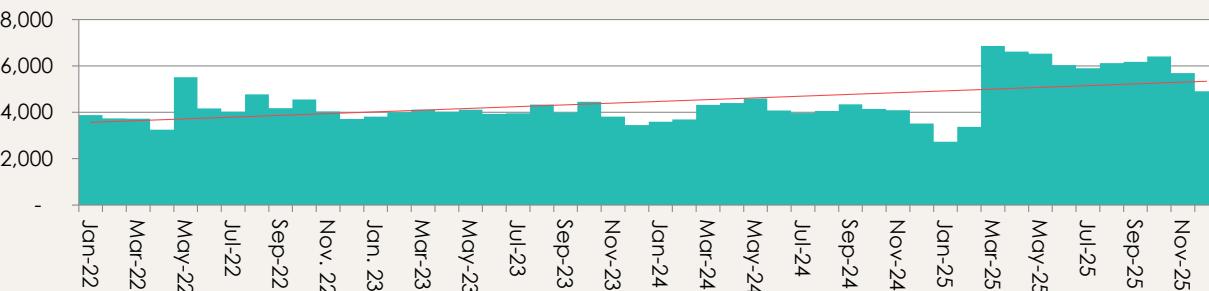


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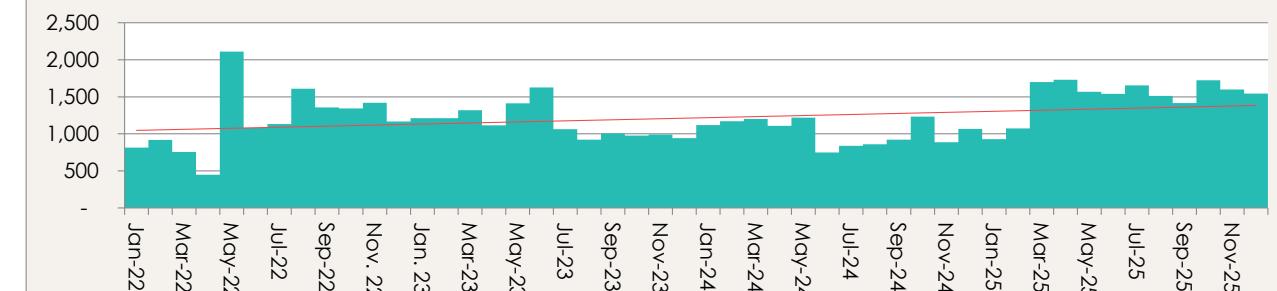


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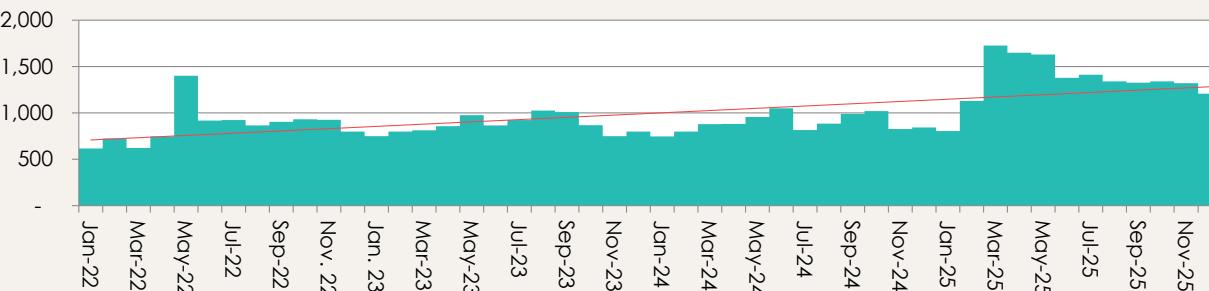
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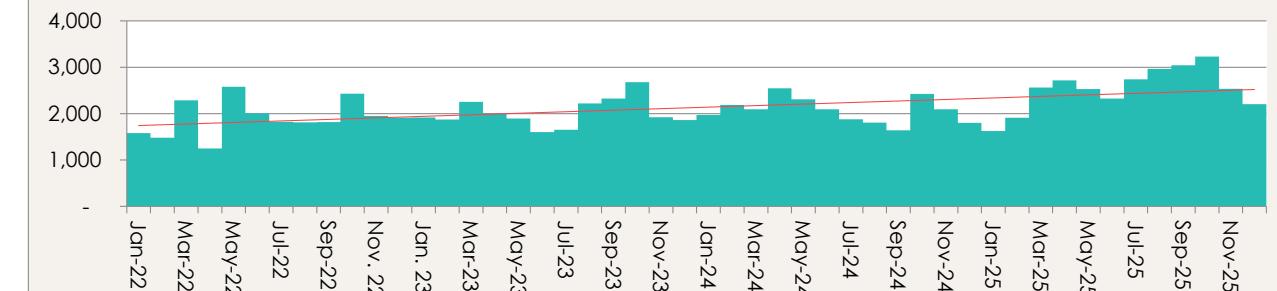
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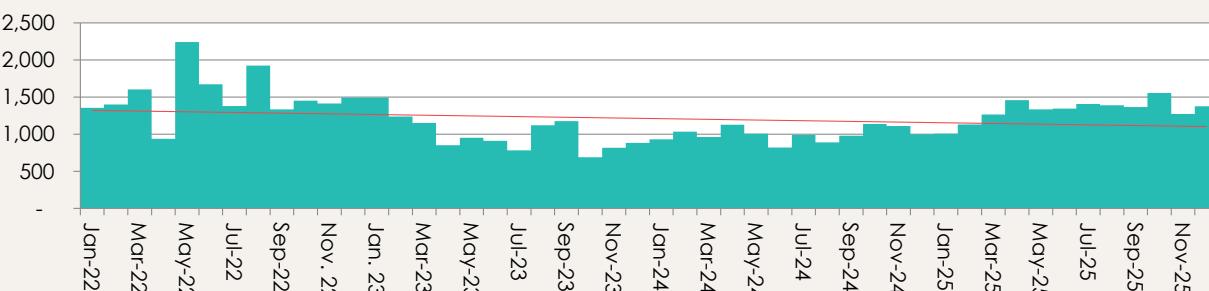
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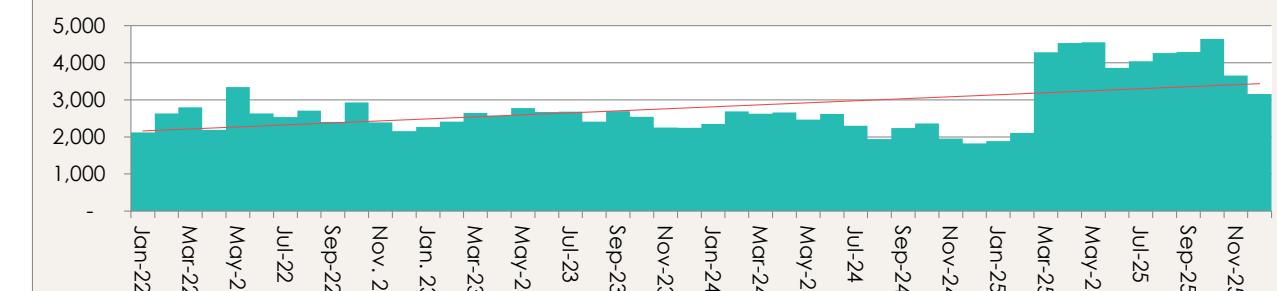
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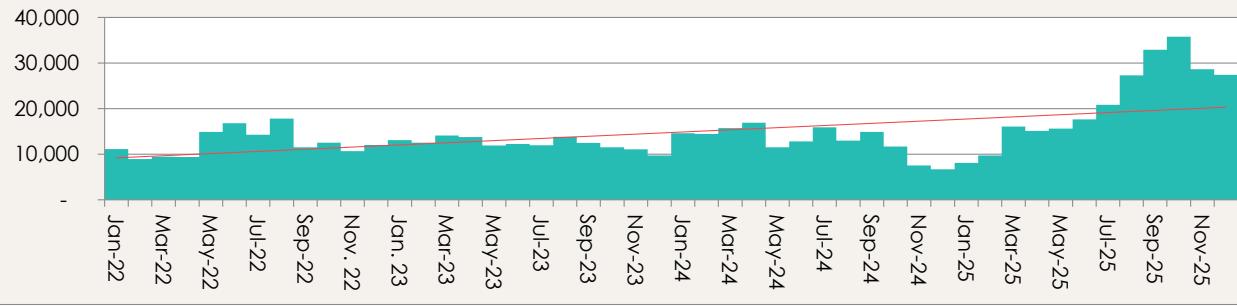


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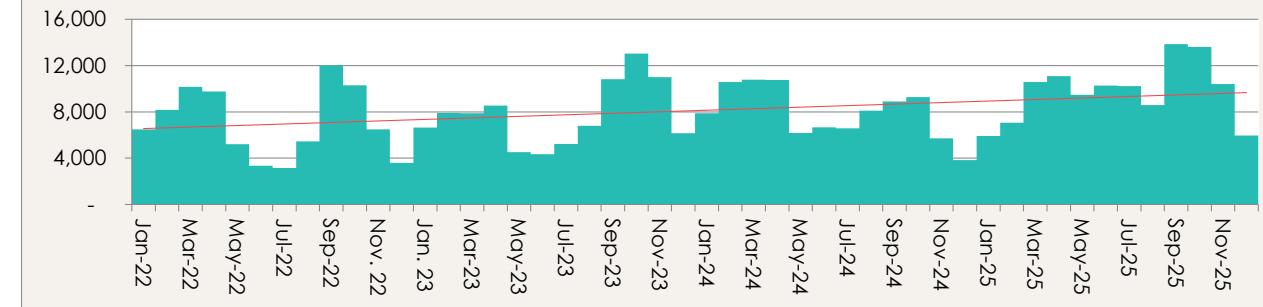


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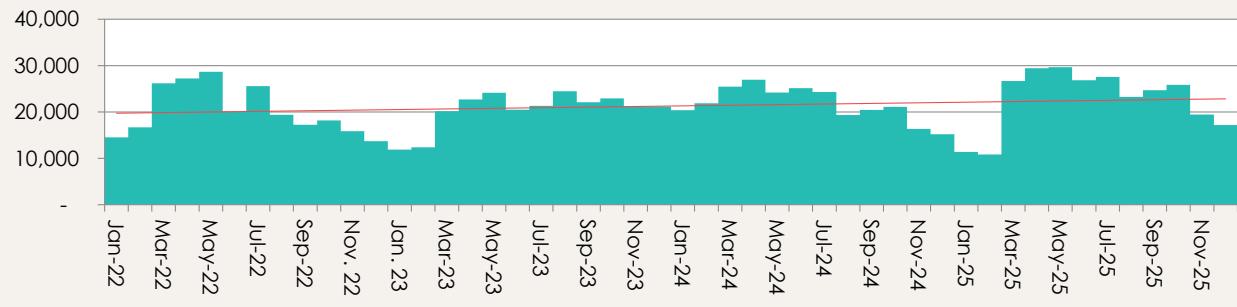
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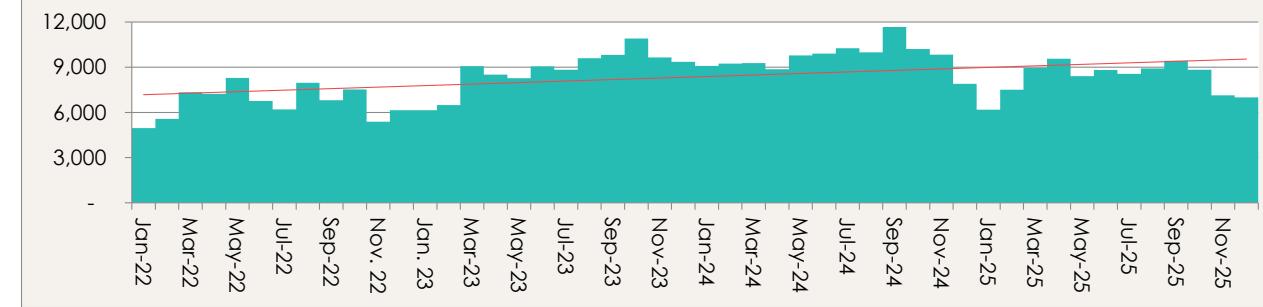
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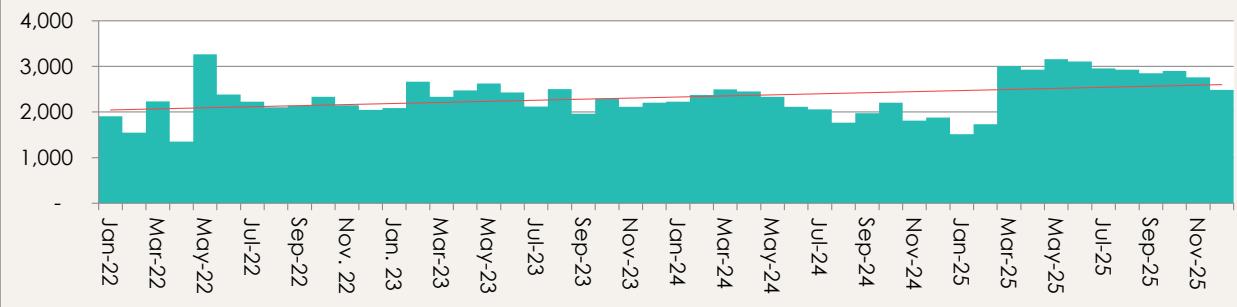
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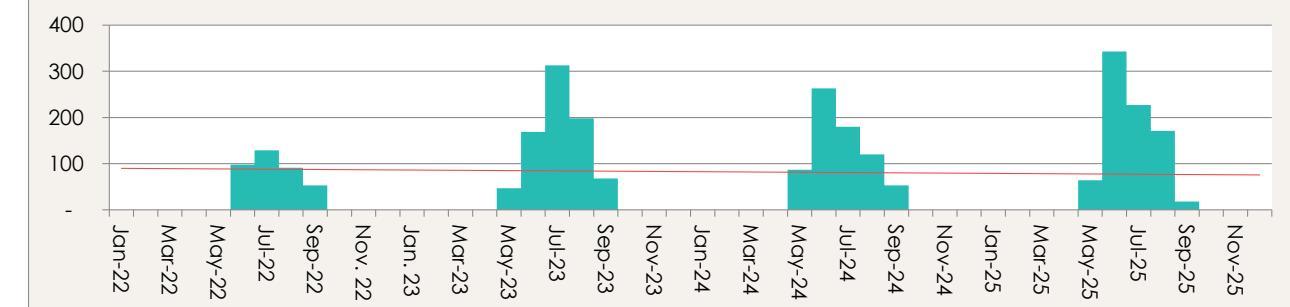
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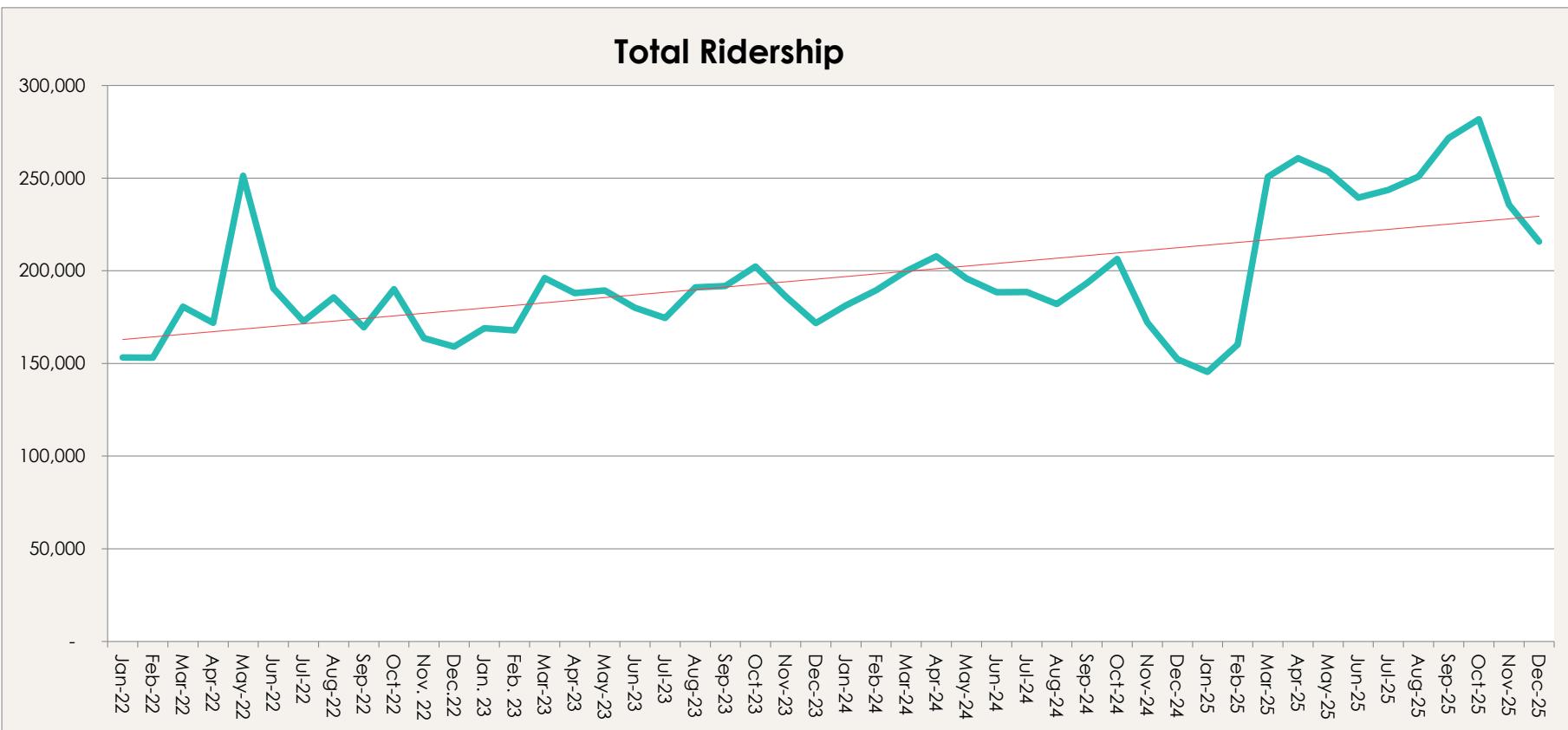
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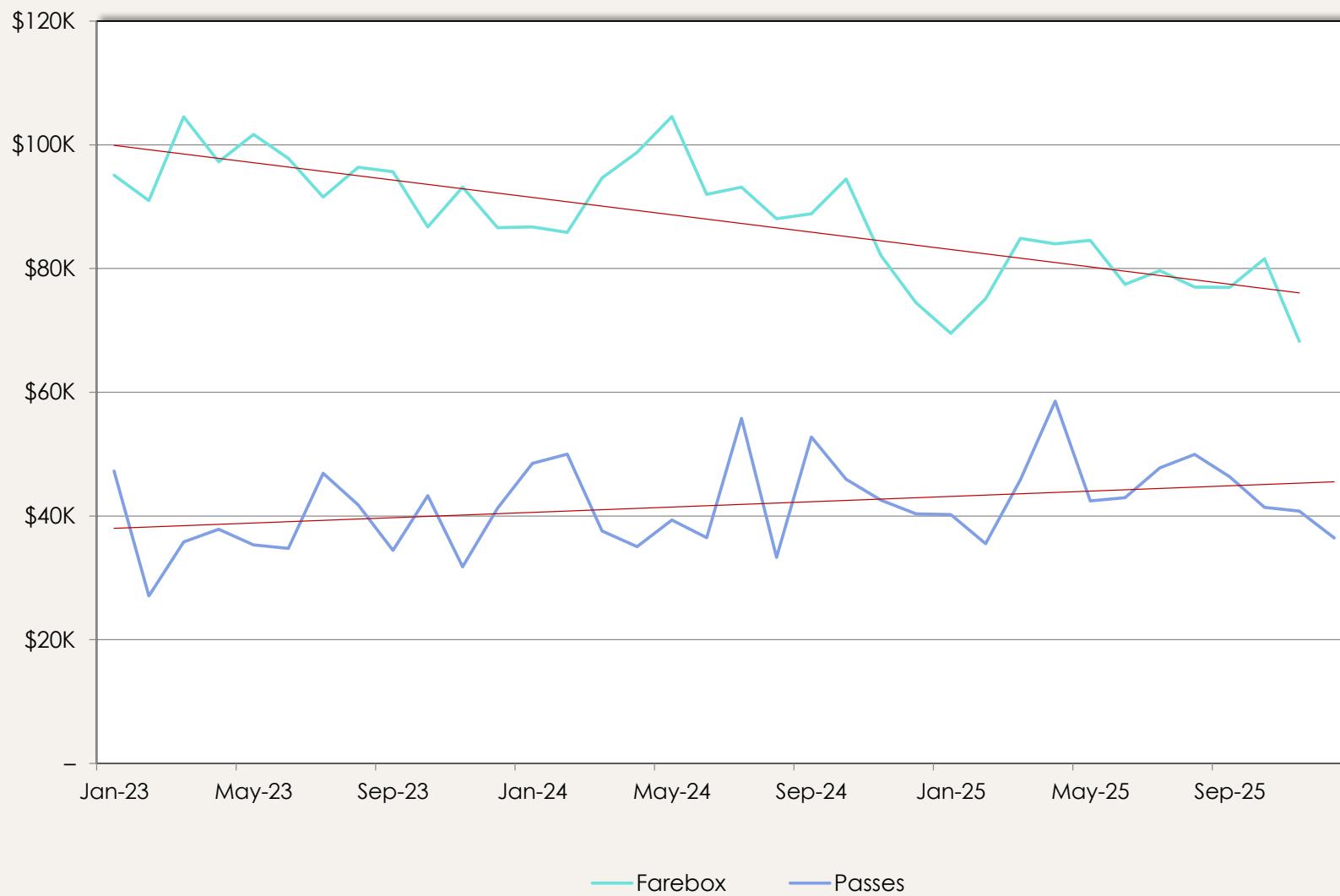
Beach Shuttle



Ridership Trends by Route



Farebox and Pass Revenue History





Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald E. Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Fleet Maintenance Contract Services
Date: January 14, 2026

The transit services operating contract with RATP Dev USA will commence on February 1, 2026. Since being selected by CARTA, RATP Dev USA has been working to understand the current state of the operations and maintenance functions to include fleet and facility conditions. Based on these activities, it was recommended that a third-party maintenance contractor be procured to allow an expedited response to address these repairs and perform a full facilities condition and maintenance program assessment. Consideration and authorization to proceed is requested at an expenditure estimate at \$485,800.

The proposal will create a strategic path forward that enables CARTA to achieve long-term, sustainable success in providing the transportation services the Charleston community deserves. All staff, materials, oversight, and overhead costs are included. The program assessment will establish RATP Dev USA to develop a comprehensive path forward for bringing the facilities into a state of good repair.

Staff recommends approval to proceed in procuring a third-party maintenance contractor and an expenditure of no more than \$485,800 to complete the project. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald E. Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Lease of Transit Vehicles
Date: January 14, 2026

The transit services operating contract with RATP Dev USA will commence on February 1, 2026. Since being selected by CARTA, RATP Dev USA has been working to understand the current state of the operations and maintenance functions to include fleet and facility conditions. Based on these activities, it was recommended that revenue vehicles be leased to ensure service continuity while the third-party maintenance contractor completes their work. Consideration and authorization to proceed is requested at an expenditure not to exceed \$1,200,000.

The leased vehicles consist of four (4) 2005, 40-foot, two door, New Flyer transit vehicles, six (6), thirty-six passenger Starcraft Allstar cutaway-style transit vehicles, and one (1), forty-two passenger, Starcraft Allstar cutaway-style transit vehicle. The terms of the lease is twenty-four (24) months for the New Flyer transit vehicles and twelve (12) months for the Starcraft transit vehicles. The final quantity of vehicles leased will be determined based on the status of the fleet repairs completed by February 1, 2026.

Staff recommends approval to proceed in leasing transit vehicles and an expenditure of funds not to exceed \$1,200,000. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.