



CARTA BOARD MEETING

September 23, 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 –August 13, 2026 Meeting
3. Financial Status Report – Robin Mitchum
4. FY27 Budget – Request for Approval – Robin Mitchum
5. Low Floor Transit Bus – Request for Approval
6. Transit Bus Video Mirrors – Request for Approval
7. Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) Services: Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center – Request for Approval
8. Project Updates – Andrea Kozloski
9. Ridership Report – Megan Ross
10. Executive Director's Report – Ron Mitchum
11. Other Business, If Any
12. Public Comments, If Any
13. Executive Session – Legal and Contractual Matters
14. Board Comments, If Any

The next meeting will be held on October 21, 2026

**CHARLESTON AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
(CARTA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 13, 2026
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 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2026.

MEMBERSHIP: Brad Belt; Joe Boykin; Daniel Brownstein; Reggie Burgess; William Cogswell; Henry Darby; Christopher Emde; 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; Brandon Hudson; Pat O'Neil; Michael Seekings; Jimmy Ward; Robert Wehrman

PROXIES: Craig Harris for Mayor Belt; Carter McMillan for Chairman Boykin; Ron Brinson for Mayor Burgess; Michael Mathis for Mayor Cogswell; Lt. Steve Meade for Mayor Rainwater

OTHERS PRESENT: Elissa Smith (HDR); Tom Hiles (WSP); John Mitchell (STV, Inc.); Hannah Bowden (STV, Inc.); Sharon Broderick (Local Union #610 President/RATP Dev); Ed Remly (RATP Dev); Stanley Lacey (RATP Dev); Brandon Maybank (RATP Dev); Jacquelyn Spence (RATP Dev); Daniel Brock (HNTB); TV News Media Personnel

STAFF PRESENT: Ron Mitchum; Andrea Kozloski; Robin Mitchum; Megan Ross; Ben Cochran; Matthew Spath; Kim Coleman

1. Call to Order

Chairman Seekings called the CARTA Board of Directors Meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. followed by a moment of silence and a quorum determination. Chairman Seekings announced that the Board of Directors will hold an Executive Session during today's Board Meeting.

2. Consideration of Board Minutes: June 24, 2026 Meeting

***Mr. Mathis made a motion to approve the June 24, 2026 Meeting Minutes as presented.
Mayor O'Neil 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 June 30, 2026. Ms. Mitchum stated that, overall, the agency remains in good shape and ended the month under budget with \$0.00 unexpended funds. The reported ending balance includes an appropriated fund balance of \$1,953,345. She noted capital is aligned with the budget and 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 FY2026 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 local capital contributions for shelters.
- 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.
- Interest is interest earned from the SC Department of Revenue for delay of refund of paid fuel excise taxes.
- Insurance proceeds are a result of accidents.
- Miscellaneous revenue is the sale of scrap metal and lost & found cash.

Expenditures:

- Retiree Benefits include the cost of retiree insurance.
- Supplies include office, facility maintenance and signage supplies.
- Printing includes costs of printing passes and map brochures.
- Automotive is the cost to service the 2018 Ford F-150.
- Postage is shipping costs to return parts for the Genfare system and title paperwork.
- Dues/Membership is the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce membership.
- Equipment Rental includes the monthly battery lease for the electric buses, leased cutaway buses and facility maintenance equipment.
- Office Equipment Maintenance (OEM) includes Swiftly real time passenger predictions, Swiftly GPS Playback, Swiftly on-time performance, Swiftly run-times service, RCN NetCloud Essentials and NetCloud Advanced for mobile routers, Chargepoint electric charging system, Angeltrax management and system viewer, 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, SC Works 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 FY2025 GASB 75 actuary and the annual audit.
- OnDemand Program is customer transportation cost for same-day service through independent rideshare.
- Comprehensive Operating Analysis is services provided to develop a comprehensive operational analysis of CARTA services and strategic implementation plan.
- Other Professional Services include underground utility tank inspections and on-site inspection and technical advisor services.
- 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 and RATP Dev USA, Inc.
- Onboarding Costs is RATP Dev USA, Inc. cost for contract service transition from National Express Shuttle and Transit.

- Money Transport is the cost of the armored guard service to transport cash deposits to the bank.
- Security Services are the contracted security services provided at the SuperStop by the City of North Charleston Police Department and by Extra Duty Solutions at the SuperStop and at the Mary Street bus stop.
- Vehicle Maintenance is the cost to maintain the fleet and repair the Proterra electric fleet.
- Facility Repair & Maintenance is the cost to maintain facilities. Facility repairs include bus wash, shelter, HVAC, backflow device and lock repairs.
- Operating Fees & Licenses include credit card transaction fees and vehicle title and registration fees.
- Insurance includes the cost of directors and officers insurance and liability insurance provided by the Insurance Reserve Fund.
- Paratransit is the cost of paratransit transportation provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit and RATP Dev, USA. Inc.
- Interest is the interest on the Melnick Park & Ride loan.

Capital Expenditures:

- Rolling Stock is the purchase of two 2009 Vanpool transit buses and six 2014 Vanpools.
- Bust Shelter Construction/Bench Install is shelters, shelter equipment and shelter design and engineering services.
- Facilities Construction is facility engineering for Shipwatch Square and vehicle lift equipment upgrades.
- Security/Cameras & Equipment is AVL system equipment, security cameras and access control equipment.
- Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint.) is the purchase of bike racks, shelving for inventory storage, video server replacement, in-line boiler pump at Leeds Avenue and a chill water pump replacement at the Leeds Avenue location.

Ms. Mitchum briefed the Board of Directors regarding the OnDemand Program and addressed questions and comments. The Board of Directors received the Financial Status Report and the OnDemand Program Activity Report as information.

Chairman Seekings requested a motion to combine the following two agenda items: Requests for Approval regarding the Contracts for Lyft, Inc. and Uber Technologies, Inc. Transportation Network Companies.

Mr. Brinson made a motion to combine the two agenda items for discussion and consideration for approval. Mr. Mathis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Lyft Transportation Network Company (TNC) Contract – Request for Approval

Ron Mitchum, Executive Director, presented the Lyft Transportation Network Company (TNC) contract. He noted that CARTA is requesting approval to amend the Lyft, Inc. TNC contract for an additional year pursuant to the terms outlined in the contract. Mr. Mitchum stated that the contract was awarded as a two-year contract with three options to renew annually. If approved, this amendment will extend the contract for an additional one-year term.

5. Uber Transportation Network Company (TNC) Contract – Request for Approval

Mr. Mitchum presented the Uber Technologies, Inc. Transportation Network Company (TNC) contract. He noted that CARTA is requesting approval to amend the Uber Technologies, Inc. TNC contract for an additional

year pursuant to the terms outlined in the contract. Mr. Mitchum stated that the contract was awarded as a two-year contract with three options to renew annually. If approved, this amendment will extend the contract for an additional one-year term. Mr. Mitchum and Ms. Mitchum addressed questions and comments.

***Mr. Brownstein made a motion to approve the Lyft, Inc. Transportation Network Company (TNC) and the Uber Technologies, Inc. Transportation Network Company (TNC) Contracts as presented. Mayor O'Neil seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved.***

6. Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center Construction Contract – Request for Approval

Mr. Mitchum presented the Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center Construction Contract. He noted that CARTA is requesting approval to award the construction contract for the Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center. The project includes construction of a new two-story, approximately 20,000 square-foot facility with transit, workforce development, office, training and public service spaces, along with related bus loop and site improvements. Construction is anticipated to begin in September 2026 with completion expected in February of 2028. Mr. Mitchum noted that two bids were received: Cooper Tacia General Contracting Company for \$13,906,600 and Monteith Construction Corporation for \$15,830,000. Based on the recommendation of the project's A&E firm, CARTA is requesting approval to award the contract to Cooper Tacia General Contracting Company in the amount of \$13,906,600. Mr. Mitchum and Ms. Mitchum addressed questions and comments.

***Mr. Brinson made a motion to approve the Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center Construction Contract as presented. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion.
The motion was unanimously approved.***

7. Executive Director's Report – Ron Mitchum

In the interest of time, Mr. Mitchum noted that the Project Updates are included in the Board Meeting Agenda Packet. He encouraged Board Members to review the updates, as time permits, and to reach out to him if there are any questions, comments or concerns regarding any of the projects. Mr. Mitchum briefed the Board Members regarding the LCRT project and addressed questions and comments.

8. Other Business, If Any

There was no further business to discuss.

9. Public Comments, If Any

There was one Public Comment noted for the record:

- Sharon Broderick (Local Union #610 President/RATP Dev): Ms. Broderick expressed the bus operators' concerns regarding the unsanitary and unsafe issues created by vagrancy at several bus stops. She also expressed her concerns regarding issues with some riders using the Transit Token App, noting that some individuals may be abusing the system. Those individuals are receiving discounted fares but are not providing proof of eligibility required to receive discounted fares.

10. Executive Session – Legal and Contractual Matters

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

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

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

An Executive Session was held.

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

Mr. Wehrman 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 and contractual matters discussed during Executive Session.

11. Board Comments, If Any

There was no further business to discuss. Chairman Seekings thanked the Board of Directors for their invaluable service to the Board of Directors and the communities they serve.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Seekings adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Coleman



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Robin W. Mitchum, Deputy Director of Finance & Administration
SUBJECT: July 31, 2026 Financial Report Overview
DATE: September 14, 2026

Please find attached the July 31, 2026 Financial Report. Below is a brief overview of the activities for FY26.

Revenues

- Farebox is the fares collected on the revenue vehicles.
- Passes & Mobile Ticketing is bus pass fares sold to customers.
- Local Contributions is local capital contributions for shelters.
- The Federal revenue includes operating for the year to date. Federal revenue is recorded as eligible expenditures are incurred.
- Advertising is advertising on the buses.
- Interest is interest earned from SC Department of Revenue for delay of refund of paid fuel excise taxes.
- Insurance proceeds are a result of accidents.
- Miscellaneous revenue is the sale of scrap metal and lost and found cash.

Expenditures

- Retiree Benefits includes the cost of retiree insurance.
- Supplies includes office, facility maintenance, and signage supplies.
- Printing includes costs of printing passes and map brochures.
- Automotive is the cost to service the 2018 Ford F150.
- Postage is shipping costs to return parts for the Genfare system and title paperwork.
- Dues/Memberships is the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce membership.
- Equipment Rental includes the monthly battery lease for the electric buses, leased cutaway buses, and facility maintenance equipment.
- Equipment Maintenance (OEM) includes Swiftly real time passenger predictions, Swiftly GPS Playback, Swiftly on-time performance, Swiftly run-times service, RCN NetCloud Essentials & Netcloud Advanced for mobile routers, Chargepoint electric charging system, Angeltrax management and system viewer 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, SC Works, and document storage.

- Communications is the cost of phone, internet, and radio services at the facilities and on the buses.
- Utilities includes electric and water at the Superstop, Melnick Park and Ride, the Radio Shop at Leeds Avenue, Medcom St, and the charging stations at Leeds Avenue.
- Auditing is the cost of the FY25 GASB 75 actuary and the annual audit.
- Legal is Lowcountry Rapid Transit (LCRT) legal fees associated with the proposed condemnation of the Park & Ride facility.
- OnDemand Program is customer transportation cost for same day service through independent rideshare.
- Comprehensive Operating Analysis is services provided to develop a comprehensive operational analysis of CARTA services and strategic implementation plan.
- Other Professional Services includes underground utility tank inspections and on-site inspection and technical advisor services.
- Shared Contract Services (IGA & Management) is the extensive services BCDCOG provides to CARTA.
- Fixed Route service is the cost of fixed and commuter service provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit and RATP Dev USA, Inc.
- Onboarding Costs is RATP Dev USA, Inc. cost for contract service transition from National Express Shuttle.
- Money Transport is the cost of the armored guard service to transport cash deposits to the bank.
- Security Services are contracted security services provided at the Super Stop by the City of North Charleston Police Dept. and Extra Duty Solutions.
- Vehicle Maintenance is the cost to maintain the fleet and repair the Proterra electric fleet.
- Facility Repair & Maintenance is the cost to maintain facilities. Facility repairs include bus wash, shelter, HVAC, backflow device and lock repairs.
- Operating Fees & Licenses include credit card transaction fees and vehicle title & registration fees.
- Insurance includes the cost of directors and officers insurance and liability insurance provided by the Insurance Reserve Fund.
- Paratransit is the cost of paratransit transportation provided by National Express Shuttle and Transit and RATP Dev USA, Inc.
- Interest is interest on the Melnick Park and Ride Loan.

Capital Expenditures

- Rolling Stock is the purchase of two 2009 Van Hool Transit Buses and six 2014 Van Hools.
- Bus Shelter Construction/Bench install is shelters, shelter equipment, and shelter design and engineering services,
- Facilities Construction is facility engineering for Shipwatch and vehicle lift equipment upgrades.
- Security/Cameras & Equipment is AVL system equipment, security cameras, and access control equipment.
- Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint) is the purchase of bike racks, shelving for inventory storage, video server replacement, in-line boiler pump at Leeds, and a chill water pump replacement at the Leeds Avenue location.

Overall, the agency ended the month with revenues equal to expenditures, resulting in a net excess of revenue over expenditures of \$0.00. The reported ending balance includes an appropriated fund balance of \$1,287,803.

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

Amount owed to RATP Dev USA, Inc. as of 07/31/26 was \$2,262,518.05.

CARTA
Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
For the Month Ending July 31, 2026

Time elapsed:
83%

	Original Budget FY26	Revised Budget FY26	Actual	% of Budget
<u>Operating Revenues</u>				
Farebox	1,238,120	854,060	816,193	96%
Passes & Mobile Ticketing	659,690	593,370	483,892	82%
COC Shuttle	393,945	395,725	330,687	84%
MUSC	765,160	1,398,030	1,186,130	85%
City of Charleston - DASH	778,524	778,524	648,770	83%
Local Contributions	-	8,250	8,250	100%
Federal	11,648,167	14,557,458	12,363,060	85%
Sales Tax - Charleston County	12,700,640	14,267,936	12,380,523	87%
Appropriate fund balance	-	6,211,341	1,287,803	21%
Advertising	900,000	981,780	873,529	89%
Interest	-	-	187	N/A
Insurance Proceeds	-	56,735	57,797	102%
Miscellaneous	-	1,317	1,923	146%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	29,084,246	40,104,526	30,438,744	76%
<u>Operating Expenditures</u>				
Retiree Benefits	10,660	10,601	8,816	83%
Supplies	65,000	65,000	75,218	116%
Printing	40,000	40,000	40,495	101%
Automotive	2,500	2,500	918	37%
Postage	50	500	568	114%
Dues/Memberships	2,500	2,500	500	20%
Equipment Rental	116,225	358,775	284,061	79%
Equipment Maintenance	411,100	426,532	382,991	90%
Rent	38,175	40,380	32,832	81%
Communications	167,095	169,225	133,543	79%
Utilities	204,310	204,690	155,325	76%
Advertising	5,000	11,375	-	0%
<u>Professional Services</u>				
Auditing	31,850	32,300	32,300	100%
Legal	1,000	1,000	9,140	914%
Custodial	11,405	-	-	N/A
On Demand Program	531,050	591,710	483,431	82%
Comprehensive Operating Analysis	1,000,000	568,850	367,645	65%
Other	20,000	25,000	10,870	43%
<u>Contract Services</u>				
Shared Services - IGA	3,972,314	4,733,882	3,843,997	81%
Fixed Route	15,650,000	18,873,118	14,387,902	76%
Onboarding Costs	-	1,330,771	1,321,077	99%
Money Transport	14,230	13,000	9,806	75%
Security Services	171,180	154,850	115,230	74%
Vehicle Maintenance	350,000	5,190,060	2,608,443	50%
Facility Repair & Maintenance	48,050	125,865	132,702	105%
Operating Fees & Licenses	63,420	78,170	68,253	87%

CARTA
Statement of Revenues & Expenditures
For the Month Ending July 31, 2026

Time elapsed:
83%

	Original Budget FY26	Revised Budget FY26	Actual	% of Budget
Insurance	1,085,307	1,141,000	1,148,782	101%
Fuel	1,268,750	1,415,000	1,468,052	104%
Paratransit	3,735,000	4,426,000	3,264,131	74%
Miscellaneous	5,950	7,990	9,682	121%
Interest	37,125	38,882	32,672	84%
Non-Capitalized Assets	25,000	25,000	9,362	37%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	29,084,246	40,104,526	30,438,744	76%
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			-	

Capital Revenues

Rolling Stock	2,228,000	-	-	
Land	2,520,000	2,520,000	-	
Facilities Construction	4,807,800	1,853,404	407,034	
Security Cameras & Equipment	275,841	319,712	102,989	
Sales Tax - Charleston County	2,097,360	2,205,564	444,644	
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUES	11,929,001	6,898,680	954,667	14%

Capital Expenditures

Rolling Stock	2,785,000	522,000	190,977	
Bus Shelter Construction/Bench Install	210,000	304,300	120,882	
Land	3,150,000	3,150,000	-	
Facilities Construction	5,414,200	2,456,755	453,145	
Security Cameras & Equipment	344,801	440,625	144,137	
Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint)	25,000	25,000	45,526	
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	11,929,001	6,898,680	954,667	14%

**CARTA
BALANCE SHEET
7/31/2026**

ASSETS

ASSETS

GENERAL OPERATING (BB&T)	13,092,387.33
PETTY CASH	160.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	11,783,619.33
PREPAID EXPENSES	1,381,628.09
INVENTORY - FUEL	22,192.66
LAND	8,586,573.20
VEHICLES	52,204,669.50
EQUIPMENT	2,958,073.83
FAREBOXES	1,214,379.70
SHELTERS	4,883,095.48
BUS SIGNAGE	254,913.32
FACILITIES	11,495,971.52
PARK & RIDE FACILITY	183,927.64
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(46,554,961.20)
RIGHT TO USE LEASES	1,598,814.11
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION - RTU	(720,763.03)
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>62,384,681.48</u>

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	6,262,654.18
NOTE PAYABLE - BB&T	1,061,791.35
ACCRUED INTEREST	17,105.02
UNEARNED REVENUE	9,034.00
OPEB LIABILITY	180,638.00
LEASE LIABILITY	827,412.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>8,358,635.45</u>

EQUITY

CURRENT YEAR FUND BALANCE	0.00
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	(1,287,803.27)
INVEST IN CAPITAL ASSETS	34,067,726.32
FUND BALANCE	21,246,122.98
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>54,026,046.03</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	<u>62,384,681.48</u>
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CARTA
OnDemand Program
7/31/2026

<u>Activity</u>	BUDGET	FY 21 Total Costs	FY 22 Total Costs	FY 23 Total Costs	FY 24 Total Costs	FY 25 Total Costs	FY 26 Total Costs	Total	Balance	% Complete
OnDemand Program	1,481,216	1,421	20,778	98,039	323,179	501,549	483,431	1,428,397	52,819	96%
Total	1,481,216	1,421	20,778	98,039	323,179	501,549	483,431	1,428,397	52,819	96%
Federal <i>FTA 5310</i>	1,016,000	1,137	16,622	75,203	258,544	235,494	386,745	973,745	42,255	96%
Local	465,216	284	4,156	22,836	64,635	266,055	96,686	454,652	10,564	98%
Total	1,481,216	1,421	20,778	98,039	323,179	501,549	483,431	1,428,397	52,819	96%



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Robin W. Mitchum, Deputy Director of Finance and Administration
SUBJECT: FY26/27 Proposed Budget
DATE: May 11, 2026

Please find attached the Proposed FY26/27 Budget for your consideration.

Revenues

A detailed explanation of line-item changes are as follows:

- Contract Service revenues have increased based on the contract agreements and estimated ridership.
- Local contributions are funds received for shelter construction. These contributions are recorded as received.
- Federal revenue includes estimated 5307 Urban funds and 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities funds. CARTA receives funds as a direct recipient from FTA and Pass-Through funds from the BCDCOG. Capital funds are reflected in the capital revenues budget. The decrease in Federal funding is a projection of federal grant awards.
- Sales Tax – Charleston County is the operating funds. The matching requirements for capital are reflected the capital revenues budget line item.
- Advertising is a projected estimate of advertising on the buses.
- Insurance proceeds is policy proceeds that are the result of accidents. Insurance proceeds are recorded as received.
- Miscellaneous revenue is the sale of scrap metal and lost and found cash. Miscellaneous revenue is recorded as received.

Expenditures

A detailed explanation of line-item changes are as follows:

- Retiree Benefits is increased for the projected cost of the employer portion of SCPEBA Retiree Insurance.
- Postage is decreased for the one-time shipping costs related to equipment returns during FY26.
- Equipment Rental is decreased for the short-term lease of seven rental cutaway buses.
- Equipment Maintenance is increased for anticipated cost associated with the AVL and ITS systems.

- Rent includes the Ashley Phosphate Park & Ride Lot, Dorchester Village Shopping Center Park & Ride Lot, Leeds Avenue lot lease from Dominion Energy, SC Works Trident lease space, and document storage. The increase is due to average and anticipated expenditures for renewing the Park & Rides leases, document storage, and SC Works Trident lease.
- Communication is increased for average and anticipated costs.
- Utilities is increased for average and anticipated costs.
- Professional services is decreased for the cost of the Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA).
- Contract Services is increased for Shared IGA and Fixed Route services.
- Vehicle Maintenance decreased for estimated maintenance costs.
- Facility Repair & Maintenance is decreased for average and estimated repairs and maintenance.
- Operating Fees decreased for average and anticipated costs.
- Insurance is increased for average and anticipated costs. The Insurance Reserve Fund anticipates that at policy renewal, automotive comp and collision will increase 15% and auto liability insurance will increase 40%.
- Fuel is increased as a projected average.
- Paratransit service increased for anticipated operator costs.
- Interest is decreased as the principle on the Melnick Drive property loan decreases.

Capital Expenditures (Balance Sheet)

- Rolling Stock includes the purchase of vehicles and associated equipment.
- Bus Facilities/Charging Stations is the purchase of an on-route charger.
- Bus Shelter Construction/Bench is the estimated cost for shelters and associated equipment.
- Land is for park and ride facilities.
- Facilities construction is for Leeds Avenue maintenance facility improvements, Shipwatch Square, and park and ride facilities.
- Security Cameras and Equipment is to purchase safety and security equipment at our facilities and on vehicles.

We will monitor the budget to ensure revenues and expenditure remain aligned and we will make recommended revisions as necessary.

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

CARTA
***Proposed* FY2027 Budget**

	Revised Budget <u>FY 2026</u>	<i>Proposed</i> Budget <u>FY 2027</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Farebox	854,060	854,060	-
Passes & Mobile Ticketing	593,370	593,370	-
COC Shuttle	395,725	395,725	-
MUSC	1,398,030	1,398,030	-
City of Charleston - DASH	778,524	817,448	38,924
Local Contributions	8,250	-	(8,250)
Federal	14,557,458	9,524,840	(5,032,618)
Sales Tax - Charleston County	14,267,936	16,771,824	2,503,888
Appropriate Fund Balance	6,211,341	7,509,160	1,297,819
Advertising	981,780	950,000	(31,780)
Insurance Proceeds	56,735	-	(56,735)
Miscellaneous	1,317	-	(1,317)
TOTAL REVENUES	40,104,526	38,814,457	(1,290,069)
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Retiree Benefits	10,601	11,110	509
Supplies	65,000	65,000	-
Printing	40,000	40,000	-
Automotive	2,500	2,500	-
Postage	500	50	(450)
Dues/Memberships	2,500	2,500	-
Equipment Rental	358,775	116,225	(242,550)
Equipment Maintenance	426,532	435,935	9,403
Rent	40,380	42,202	1,822
Communications	169,225	173,040	3,815
Utilities	204,690	205,790	1,100
Advertising	11,375	11,375	-
Professional Services			
Auditing	32,300	33,915	1,615
Legal	1,000	1,000	-
On Demand Program	568,850	574,500	5,650
Comprehensive Operational Analysis	591,710	-	(591,710)
Other	25,000	20,000	(5,000)
Contract Services			
Shared Services - IGA	4,733,882	4,897,741	163,859
Fixed Route	18,873,118	22,880,776	4,007,658
Onboarding Costs	1,330,771	-	(1,330,771)
Money Transport	13,000	13,000	-
Security Services	154,850	154,850	-
Vehicle Maintenance	5,190,060	363,000	(4,827,060)

CARTA
***Proposed* FY2027 Budget**

	Revised Budget FY 2026	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY 2027	<u>Variance</u>
Facility Repair & Maintenance	125,865	60,000	(65,865)
Operating Fees & Licenses	78,170	67,750	(10,420)
Insurance	1,141,000	1,461,655	320,655
Fuel	1,415,000	1,442,500	27,500
Paratransit	4,426,000	5,670,477	1,244,477
Miscellaneous	7,990	8,400	410
Interest	38,882	34,166	(4,716)
Non-Capitalized Assets	25,000	25,000	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>40,104,526</u>	<u>38,814,457</u>	<u>(1,290,069)</u>
 Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>
 <u>Capital Revenues</u>			
Rolling Stock	-	6,925,156	6,925,156
Bus Facilities/Charging Stations	-	284,453	284,453
Land	2,520,000	280,000	(2,240,000)
Facilities Construction	1,853,404	10,528,127	8,674,723
Security Cameras/Equipment	319,712	164,946	(154,766)
Sales Tax - Charleston County	2,205,564	5,345,676	3,140,112
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,898,680</u>	<u>23,528,358</u>	<u>16,629,678</u>
 <u>Capital Expenditures</u>			
Rolling Stock	522,000	9,156,446	8,634,446
Bus Facilities/Charging Stations	-	355,566	355,566
Bus Shelter Construction/Bench Install	304,300	250,000	(54,300)
Land	3,150,000	350,000	(2,800,000)
Facilities Construction	2,456,755	13,160,159	10,703,404
Security Cameras/Equipment	440,625	231,187	(209,438)
Capital (IT, Facility Repairs/Maint)	25,000	25,000	-
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	<u>6,898,680</u>	<u>23,528,358</u>	<u>16,629,678</u>

CARTA <i>Proposed</i> Detailed Budgeted Expenditures FY 2026/2027

		Revised Budget FY 2026	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY 2027	Increase (Decrease)
RETIREE BENEFITS	Retiree Insurance	10,601	11,110	509
		<u>10,601</u>	<u>11,110</u>	<u>509</u>
SUPPLIES	Admin/Operations	65,000	65,000	-
	Total	<u>65,000</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>-</u>
PRINTING	Printing	40,000	40,000	-
		<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>-</u>
AUTOMOTIVE	Parking/Mileage/Service	2,500	2,500	-
	Total	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>
POSTAGE		500	50	(450)
		<u>500</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>(450)</u>
DUES & MEMBERSHIPS	Charleston Metro Chamber	500	500	-
	TASC (SCAMI)	2,000	2,000	-
	Total	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>-</u>
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	Electric Bus Battery Lease	105,000	105,000	-
	Electric Bus Battery Lease Property Tax	11,225	11,225	-
	Vehicle Rentals	242,550	-	(242,550)
	Total	<u>358,775</u>	<u>116,225</u>	<u>(242,550)</u>
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	IT / Camera Maint.	45,000	45,000	-
	Money Counting Equipment	2,000	2,000	-
	AVL Cloud Manager	19,038	19,615	577
	Genfare Support	5,000	5,000	-
	Electric Bus Mgmt Software	77,814	72,755	(5,059)
	CAD/ITS/AVL	277,680	291,565	13,885
		<u>426,532</u>	<u>435,935</u>	<u>9,403</u>
RENT	Land	6,000	6,000	-
	Park & Ride	25,500	26,942	1,442
	Document Storage	3,340	3,375	35
	SC Works Charleston Center	5,540	5,885	345
		<u>40,380</u>	<u>42,202</u>	<u>1,822</u>
COMMUNICATIONS	Telephone/Internet	40,965	42,320	1,355
	Tablets - Buses	46,255	46,255	-
	Radios	82,005	84,465	2,460
	Total	<u>169,225</u>	<u>173,040</u>	<u>3,815</u>
UTILITIES	Electricity	12,880	13,215	335
	Electricity -Charging Stations	187,560	188,200	640
	Water	4,250	4,375	125
		<u>204,690</u>	<u>205,790</u>	<u>1,100</u>

CARTA <i>Proposed</i> Detailed Budgeted Expenditures FY 2026/2027
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		Revised Budget FY 2026	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY 2027	Increase (Decrease)
ADVERTISING	ALL	6,375	6,375	-
	BUS WRAPS	5,000	5,000	-
		<u>11,375</u>	<u>11,375</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	Audit	32,300	33,915	1,615
	Legal	1,000	1,000	-
	CARTA OnDemand	568,850	574,500	5,650
	Comprehensive Operational Analysis (COA)	591,710	-	(591,710)
	Other	25,000	20,000	(5,000)
		<u>1,218,860</u>	<u>629,415</u>	<u>(589,445)</u>
CONTRACT SERVICES	Management Services	75,000	75,000	-
	Shared Services (IGA)	3,846,190	3,903,195	57,005
	Legal Fees (IGA)	237,480	25,000	(212,480)
	Transit Planning & OnDemand Planning (IGA)	204,080	216,290	12,210
	Mt. Pleasant St. Park & Ride (IGA)	301,942	609,066	307,124
	Mobile Ticketing (IGA)	69,190	69,190	-
	Fixed Route	18,873,118	22,880,776	4,007,658
	Onboarding Costs	1,330,771	-	(1,330,771)
	Money Transport	13,000	13,000	-
	Super Stop Security Services	145,110	145,110	-
	Mary St. Security Services	9,740	9,740	-
		<u>25,105,621</u>	<u>27,946,367</u>	<u>2,840,746</u>
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	Vehicle Repairs & Maintenance	790,060	363,000	(427,060)
	Proterra Repairs	4,400,000	-	(4,400,000)
		<u>5,190,060</u>	<u>363,000</u>	<u>(4,827,060)</u>
FACILITY REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	Facility Repair Misc	47,245	50,000	2,755
	Charger Repairs	20,000	-	(20,000)
	Environmental Cleanup	25,000	-	(25,000)
	Bus Wash Inspection/Repairs	33,620	10,000	(23,620)
		<u>125,865</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>(65,865)</u>
OPERATING FEES & LICENSES		78,170	67,750	(10,420)
		<u>78,170</u>	<u>67,750</u>	<u>(10,420)</u>
INSURANCE	Administration	24,565	29,325	4,760
	Operating	1,116,435	1,432,330	315,895
		<u>1,141,000</u>	<u>1,461,655</u>	<u>320,655</u>
FUEL	Fuel	1,415,000	1,442,500	27,500
		<u>1,415,000</u>	<u>1,442,500</u>	<u>27,500</u>
PARATRANSIT	National Express/WeDriveU/ RATP Dev.	4,426,000	5,670,477	1,244,477
		<u>4,426,000</u>	<u>5,670,477</u>	<u>1,244,477</u>

CARTA <i>Proposed</i> Detailed Budgeted Expenditures <i>FY 2026/2027</i>

		Revised Budget FY 2026	<i>Proposed</i> Budget FY 2027	Increase (Decrease)
MISCELLANEOUS	Misc	7,990	8,400	410
		<u>7,990</u>	<u>8,400</u>	<u>410</u>
INTEREST	BB&T/Truist - Melnick Property	38,882	34,166	(4,716)
		<u>38,882</u>	<u>34,166</u>	<u>(4,716)</u>
NON-CAPITALIZED ASSETS	Non-Capitalized Assets	25,000	25,000	-
		<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>
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Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Request for Approval – Low Floor Cutaway Bus
Date: September 14, 2026

Staff is requesting approval to purchase two (2) 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 (3) wheelchair positions.

The price per vehicle shall not exceed \$185,000.00



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Request for Approval – Transit Bus Video Mirror System
Date: September 14, 2026

The following agenda item is pending selection committee recommendation.



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Request for Approval – Construction, Engineering, and Inspection (CEI) Services:
Shipwatch Square Transit and Workforce Development Center
Date: September 14, 2026

The following agenda item is pending selection committee recommendation.



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2026
To: CARTA Board of Directors
From: Ronald E. Mitchum, Executive Director
Subject: Transit Planning Project Updates for August 2026

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)
12. Rethink Folly (Project Manager: Kyle James)

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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1. Service Planning Initiatives

- Staff remain working with Spare and RATPDev to improve efficiency and rider experience for Tel-A-Ride clients.
- Staff continue to meet with Swiftly. Staff set up and held two additional training sessions with RATPDev. Staff remain focused on insuring all drivers are logging into tablets while in the yard to track operators deadheading to their first stop.
- Staff met with Swiftly to look at different ways to track and review missed service. Additionally, staff met with RATPDev staff to walk through how missed service is tracked.
- Staff continue working with Remix to finalize our domain name for Google and set up our GTFS database. Staff continue to communicate with Google, who are reviewing the data and ensuring accuracy.
- Staff held an additional meeting with the developers to discuss the changes with Citadel Mall. Staff are working with MUSC to improve the infrastructure at the mall.
- Staff begin working on a new information database to improve performance measurement and reporting. Staff will begin gathering all the information tracked to start a baseline for the data hub.
- Staff participated in an LCRT Fire Life Safety & Security Committee Meeting and an LCRT Safety and Security Review Committee.
- Staff participated in the Regional Planners Forum.
- Staff took part in a discussion around the development at 295 Calhoun St. this location will be the new location for the express stop for MUSC employees when the LCRT opens.
- Staff participated in the Peninsula Plan open house with the City of Charleston.
- Staff reviewed and met to discuss the bus stops that will be affected by the construction of the I-526 on Rivers Ave. Staff continue working on LCRT corridor stop review.
- Staff discussed the final recommendations for the COA and the LCRT.
- Staff took over Genfare farebox exceptions reporting and correcting.
- Staff continue to support Customer Service by responding to passenger complaints, operational challenges, and other related correspondence.
- Staff continue working with development review and infrastructure improvement along the bus routes.
- Staff tracks and investigates all missed service. It is reported to RATPDev and documented to calculate service hours performed.
- Staff continue working on retiming recommendations that were confirmed to be needed in the COA short-term findings.
- Staff began working on federal grant to replace ten DASH diesel vehicles with hybrid electric vehicles.
- Staff participated in and completed an NTI Transit Service Planning course through Rutgers University.
- Staff participated in College of Charleston orientation.

2. Comprehensive Operational Analysis

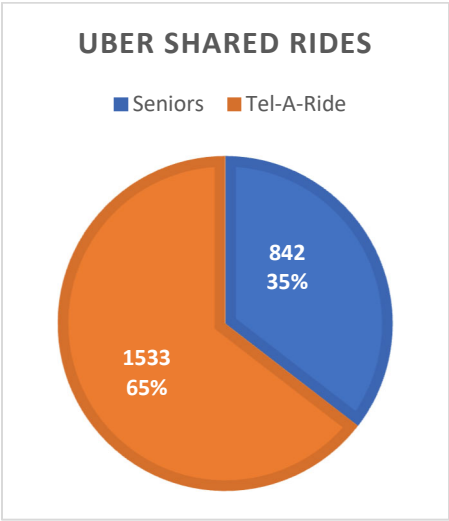
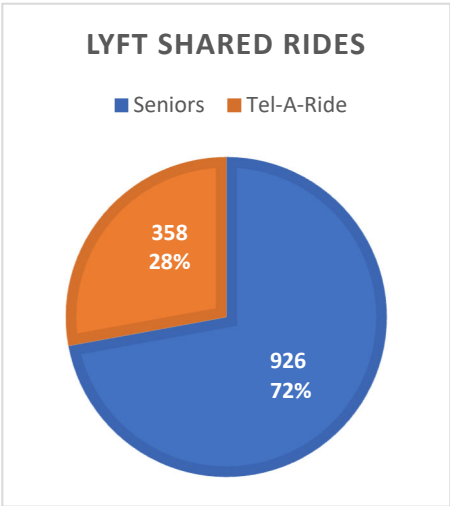
Staff and Nelson\ Nygaard continue with bi-weekly meetings. Staff finalized the last presentation for the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting. The final meeting was held in late August, with the last virtual open house occurring in early September. Staff attended the last interview with another peer to review their fare technologies and how they integrated it with their bus rapid transit projects.

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3. CARTA OnDemand (TNC Pilot)

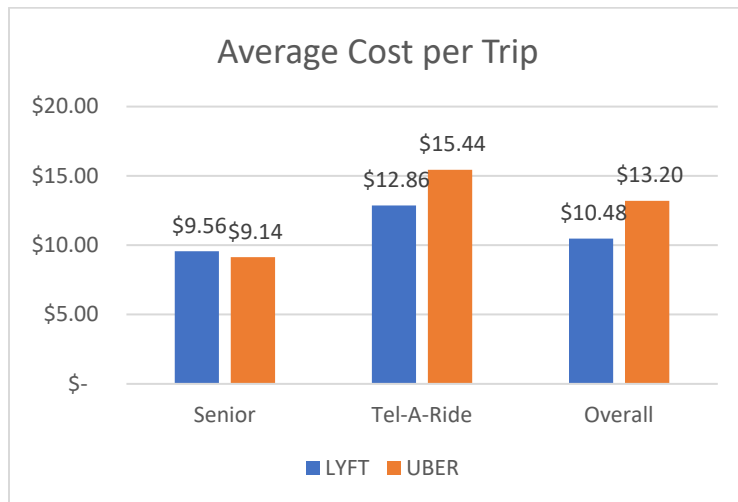
Staff contracts with service providers Uber and Lyft to provide subsidized transportation. CARTA OnDemand launched on February 1, 2021. On March 1, 2025, program changes were implemented and updated for senior vouchers. Changes included reduction in CARTA max subsidy, monthly vouchers to weekly vouchers, 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 August 2026, there were 2,491 senior riders and 264 Tel-A-Ride customers approved to use OnDemand service, a total of 2,755. Also in August, CARTA OnDemand had a total of 3,659 trips, with 52% of the trips being taken by paratransit customers and 48% being taken by senior customers.



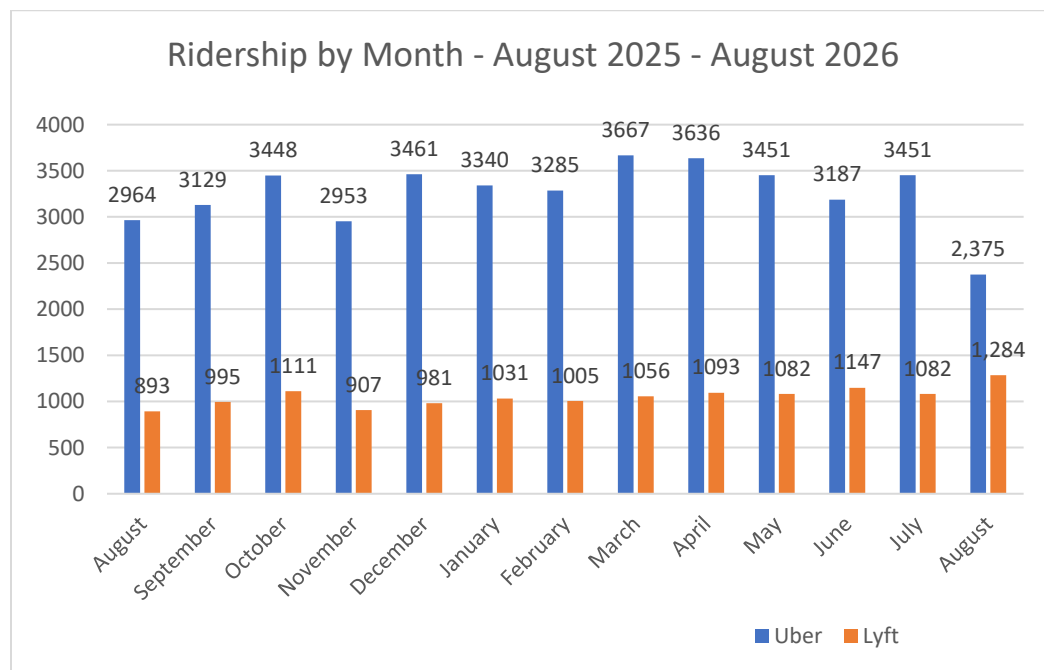
In August, the 3,659 trips (Tel-A-Ride and senior) averaged \$12.25 per trip. Tel-A-Ride trips averaged \$14.95 and senior trips averaged \$9.36. To date (February 2021 – present), CARTA has spent a total of \$1,439,309.87 on the OnDemand program.

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<u>LYFT</u> <u>STATISTICS</u>
• 1,284 Trips provided
• Avg Trip Cost: \$10.48
• 186 Unique Riders
• Total Cost: \$13,454.02

<u>UBER STATISTICS</u>
• 2,375 Trips provided
• Avg Trip Cost: \$13.20
• 255 Unique Riders
• Total Cost: \$31,355.57



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 fare, 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

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years of age.

- Beginning June 1, 2026, UberX was no longer an eligible ride option for CARTA OnDemand vouchers. Customers must select an eligible shared ride option for the voucher to apply.

Coordination with TNC provider

- Staff coordinates with Uber and Lyft to ensure consistent service delivery and address service and billing issues.
- Staff continues to coordinate with Uber and Lyft to address customer questions related to eligible ride options and voucher application following the June 1, 2026 service changes.

Marketing

- Marketing collateral has been distributed by request and through various public outreach efforts
- Staff is coordinating with Marketing to update CARTA OnDemand educational materials, including FAQs and instructional resources, to address common customer questions and improve program guidance.

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 business days of receipt
- 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 monthly
- Staff continues to monitor monthly ridership trends.

There are no outstanding or settled claims exceeding \$100,000. There are no claims or litigation involving third-party contracts and potential third-party contracts.

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.

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- Staff continued reviewing proposed developments and coordinating with developers and local partners to identify appropriate transit accommodations and pedestrian connections.
- Staff continued coordination for Stop #59 at Meeting and Line Streets, including field review of existing conditions and development of a revised recommendation for a CARTA-provided bench in place of the previously proposed shelter.
- Staff continued coordination for the 295 Calhoun Street mixed-use development regarding incorporation of a future passenger shelter and associated transit infrastructure.
- Staff continued coordination with the LCRT project team regarding bus stop improvements, including review of shelter locations, boarding areas, foundation requirements, and pedestrian access.
- Staff continued reviewing shelter inventory and coordinating shelter and bench needs for active transit infrastructure projects.

In Progress:

- **3640 Dorchester Rd:** Re-coordination from the 2024 project with the developer. Requested shelter pad.
- **Orleans Rd / Carverwood Lane (Stop ID 848)** – Orleans Rd Improvements to install a bench pad as part of the project.
- **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 the far side of the intersection under development review.
- **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.
- **Dorchester Rd** – SCDOT Safety Audit:

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- **Stop ID 351** – Dorchester Rd / Archdale Blvd: Proposed shift to the far side of the intersection with an ADA-compliant bench pad and accessible path under review.
- **Stop ID 394** – Dorchester Rd / Franchise St: Proposed shift to the far side of the intersection with ADA-compliant bench pad and path under review.
- **Stop ID 378** – Dorchester Rd / Ashley Phosphate Rd: Proposed shelter relocation approximately 300 feet to the far side of the intersection.
- **783 Calhoun St / Ashley Ave** – CARTA-initiated infrastructure; shared easement agreement in progress with MUSC
- **575 Calhoun St / Jonathan Lucas St (far side)** – CARTA-initiated infrastructure; shared easement agreement in progress with MUSC
- **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:

- Allegro Charter School of Music
- The Wedge Location
- 832 Folly Road (TMS #425-08-00-012)
- Venture at Stono Vista
- 3583 Dorchester Road
- Chicora Park Complex
- 280 Meeting Street
- 7250 Rivers Avenue
- 1941 Baker Street
- Baker Motor Company Dealership

5. Shipwatch Square/Transit Hub

- NEPA: NEPA is complete.
- A&E Design: 100% Design Complete/City Permitting Complete/NOI received.
- IFB: Contract is being circulated for review and signatures.
- Construction: Will begin once the CEI contract is awarded.

6. Lowcountry Rapid Transit

A&E Design: 100% design document for Corridor is complete. IFB/Specifications going to SCDOT Letting Prep in September.

Key Stakeholder Coordination: Stakeholder meetings are ongoing.

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FTA Coordination: Monthly and quarterly meetings are held with FTA and the Project Management Oversight Consultant (PMOC). PMOC participates in monthly risk review meetings. Remainder of federal funding has been allocated in the FY2027 budget. FFGA shifted to January pending final 3rd Party Agreement.

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 impact Class of Action. NEPA reevaluation for additional parcels and utility easements is underway. Wetlands permitting is underway, submitted in April 2026,

Maintenance Facility: 100% Design Deliverable in development to be submitted for review in October 2026. Permitting is underway.

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. SCDOT and BCDCOG hosted an Open Contractor's Forum on August 19 at BCDCOG to gain input from the construction industry, which was well attended.

ROW Acquisition: ROW acquisition for the corridor is underway.

Utility Coordination: Monthly utility coordination meetings with all impacted utilities are underway. All critical third-party utility and railroad agreements have been executed, including CSX, NS, Dominion, NCSD, and CWS.

Construction Related Activities: Meetings related to coordination on MOT, IGAs, CEI, bidder outreach, and construction phase project procedures are ongoing. CEI procurement documents and contract templates are in review to advance CEI procurement in Fall 2026. Railroad construction agreements have been signed with CSX and NS.

Systems Integration: Tasks associated with transit systems and integration (vehicles, fare vending, technology, etc.) are underway. A Bus Stop Impacts Plan during and after construction is being developed. Developing Fare Policy scope to prepare for BRT fare equipment.

7. Dorchester TSP

- Final deliverables have been received. NEPA documentation is complete.
- IGA has been executed.

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- Phase 3 Funding has been programmed. Technical Support RFP going through LPA process.

8. Mt. Pleasant Street Park and Ride

The ROW lighting plans are under review by Dominion, SCDOT and the City of Charleston. SCDES permitting submitted.

9. Fairgrounds Park and Ride

We are currently waiting for a ruling from the appeals court.

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

Currently working on the permit process with Berkeley County and SCDOT.

11. Mobile Ticketing Sales & Use

During the month of August 2026, mobile ticket sales totaled \$31,859.38. This is a 0.6% decrease in sales revenue over August 2025 and a 3.6% decrease from July 2026. Mobile ticket sales comprised 22.7% of total farebox revenue for the month and totals 24.0% of the revenue fiscal year to date. Mobile ticketing revenue comprised 21.5% of total farebox revenue last year fiscal year to date. Mobile ticket sales are equal to mobile ticket sales this year to date as they were last year fiscal year to date. There were 2,364 unique users over the month, conducting 14,920 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. Functionality to accept direct credit card payment with the existing on-vehicle hardware was launched on June 1, 2026, with 1,376 transactions during the month, which is a 32.7% increase over July 2026.

12. Rethink Folly Road

Coordinating implementation of transit infrastructure improvements associated with the Phase 1 roadway project, including:

- George Griffith Boulevard – New ADA boarding pad.
- Wilton Street – New ADA boarding pad and passenger shelter.
- Prescott Street – New ADA boarding pad and passenger shelter.
- Eugene Gibbs Road – New ADA boarding pad, passenger shelter, and bicycle rack.



Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2026
To: Ronald E. Mitchum, Executive Director
From: Megan Ross, Transit Planner
Subject: Monthly Ridership Report – August 2026

The following tables and figures summarize operating statistics for the month of August 2026. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for further information.

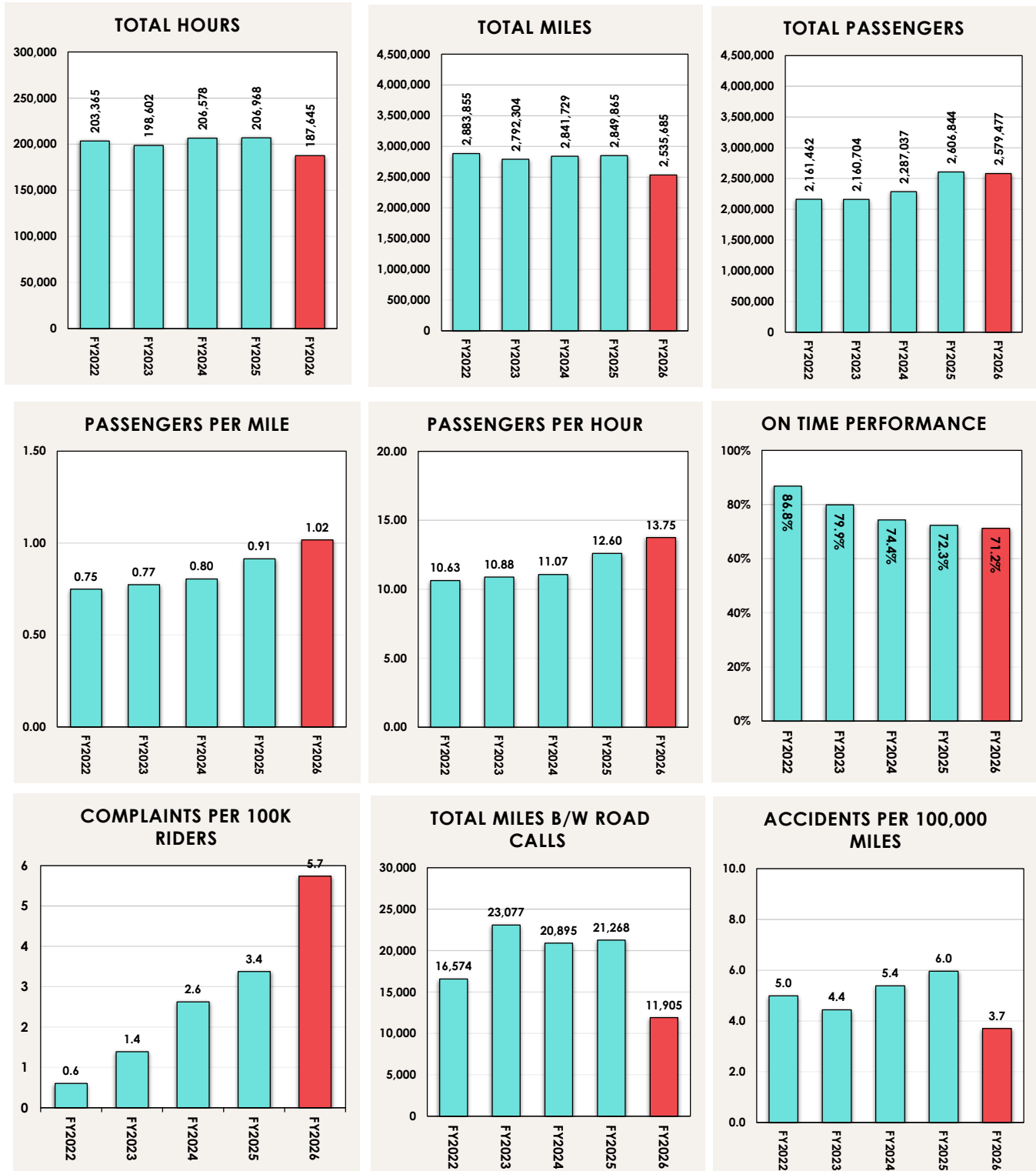
FIXED-ROUTE METRICS THIS MONTH – AUGUST 2026

Fixed Route Metrics	This Month	Percent Change	
	Aug-26	from Same Month Last Year	Percent Change from Last Month
		Aug-25	Jul-26
Fixed-Route Ridership Overview			
Total Ridership	245,075	↓ -2.3%	↑ 6.2%
Total Revenue Hours	17,123	↓ -4.4%	↓ -0.2%
Total Revenue Miles	224,839	↓ -8.7%	↑ 11.2%
Fixed-Route Efficiency			
Passengers Per Hour	14.3	↑ 2.2%	↑ 6.5%
On-Time Performance	68.0%	↓ -7.1%	↓ -6.2%
Fixed-Route Financial Summary			
Cost per Passenger	\$6.29	▶ 18.7%	▶ -6.8%
Revenue	\$341,389.13	↑ 15.6%	↓ -3.7%
Farebox Recovery	18.1%	↓ -0.5%	↓ -2.2%
Fixed-Route Safety			
Miles Between Road Calls	8,994	▶ -63.5%	▶ -2.1%
Revenue Vehicle Accidents per 100k Miles	4.9	▶ 100.9%	▶ 9.9%
Preventable Accidents per 100k Miles	2.7	▶ 119.2%	▶ 34.9%
Fixed-Route Customer Experience			
Complaints per 100k Passengers	5.7	▶ 79.1%	▶ -47.3%
Compliments per 100k Passengers	0.4	↓ -48.8%	↓ -52.9%
Routes Not Meeting Performance Standards This Month			
XP1 James Islanh- North Charleston Express	40 Mt. Pleasant		
XP2 Mt Pleasant-West Ashley Express	41 Coleman Boulevard		
XP3 Dorchester Rd- Summerville Express	42 Wando Circulator		
11 Dorchester Rd/Airport	102 North Neck/ Rutledge Ave		
13 Remount Road	104 Montague Avenue		
30 Savannah Highway	301 Glenn McConnell Circulator		



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FIXED ROUTE ANNUAL TRENDS FY2022 – FY2026 (TO DATE)





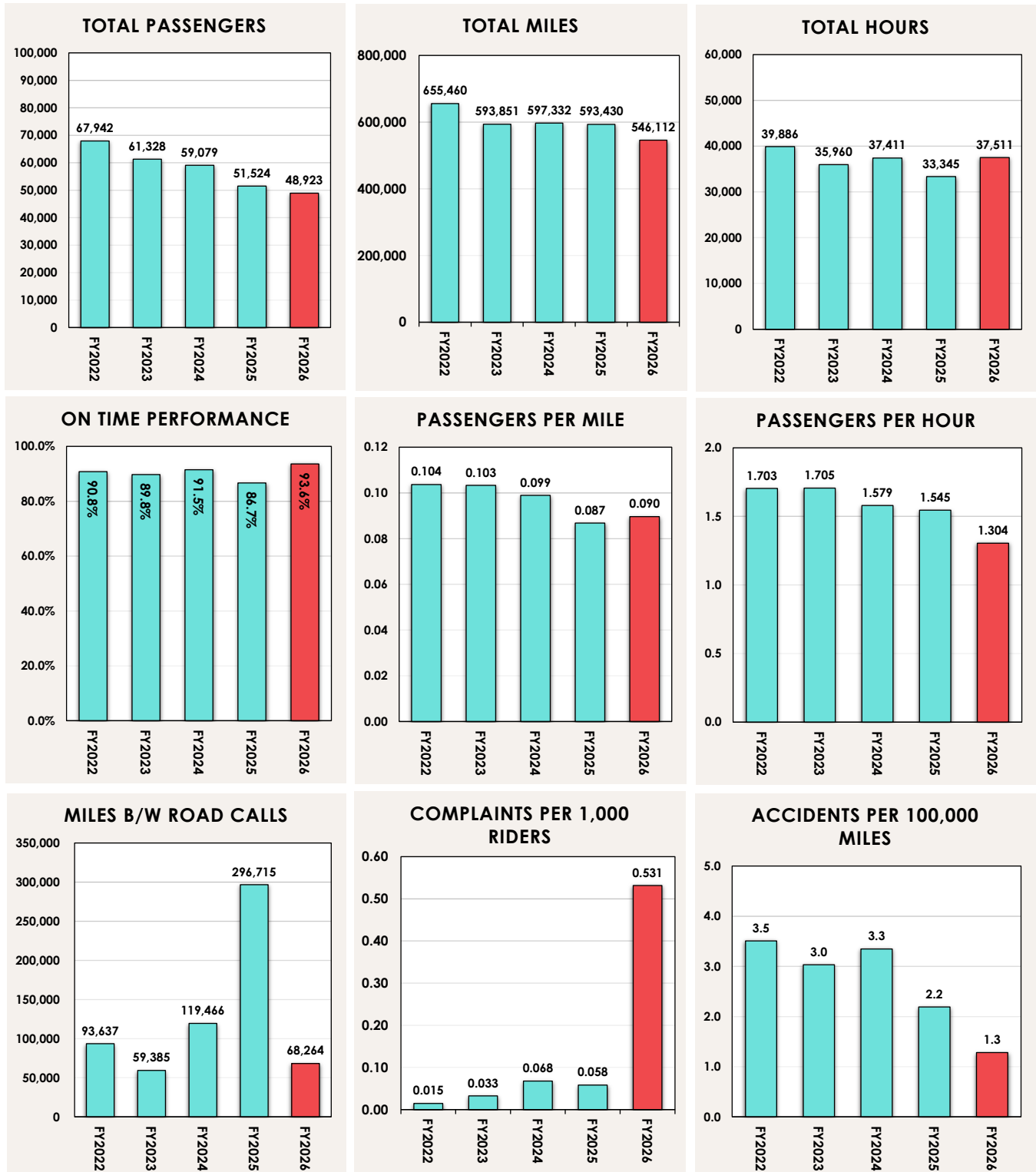
PARATRANSIT METRICS THIS MONTH – AUGUST 2026

On-Demand Metrics	This Month	Percent Change from Same Month Last Year		Percent Change from Last Month	
	Aug-26		Aug-25		Jul-26
Paratransit Ridership Overview					
Total Ridership	4,959	⬆️	17.7%	⬆️	6.6%
Total Revenue Hours	3,600	⬆️	21.0%	⬇️	-4.3%
Total Revenue Miles	53,789	⬇️	-2.9%	⬆️	3.4%
Paratransit Efficiency					
Passengers Per Hour	1.4	⬇️	-2.7%	⬆️	11.3%
No-Shows	257	▶️	3.2%	▶️	5.8%
On-Time Performance	92.1%	⬆️	7.0%	⬇️	-5.6%
Paratransit Financial Summary					
Cost per Passenger Trip	\$73.00	▶️	36.5%	▶️	-10.6%
Paratransit Safety					
Miles Between Road Calls	26,894		-	▶️	-48.3%
Revenue Vehicle Accidents per 100k Miles	3.7	▶️	105.9%	▶️	93.4%
Preventable Accidents per 100k Miles	0.0	▶️	-100.0%		-
Paratransit Customer Experience					
Complaints per 1,000 Passengers	-		-	▶️	-100.0%
Compliments per 1,000 Passengers	0.0		-		-



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PARATRANSIT ANNUAL TRENDS - FY2022 – FY2026 (TO DATE)

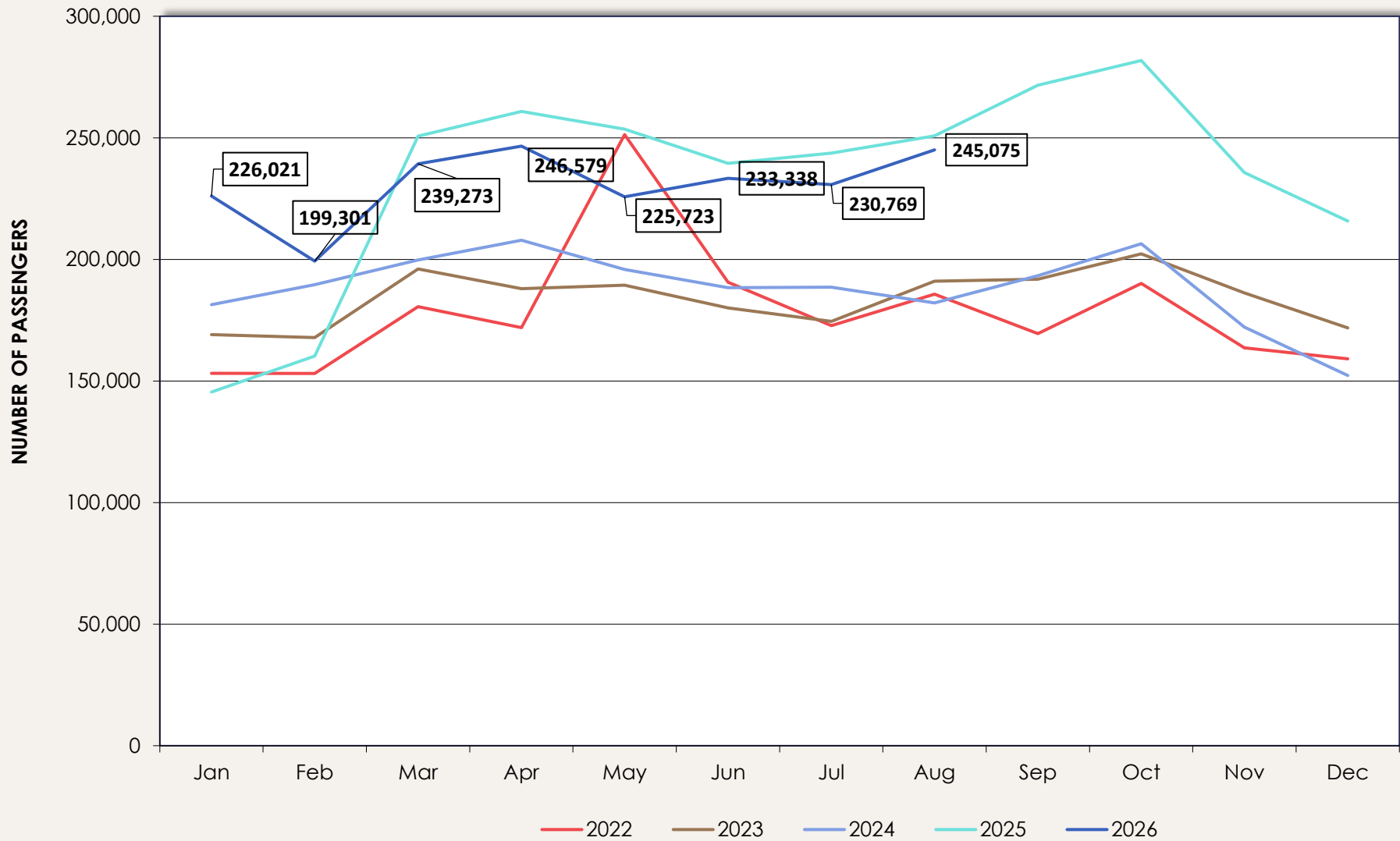


Revenue/Cost/Ridership for the Month of August 2026

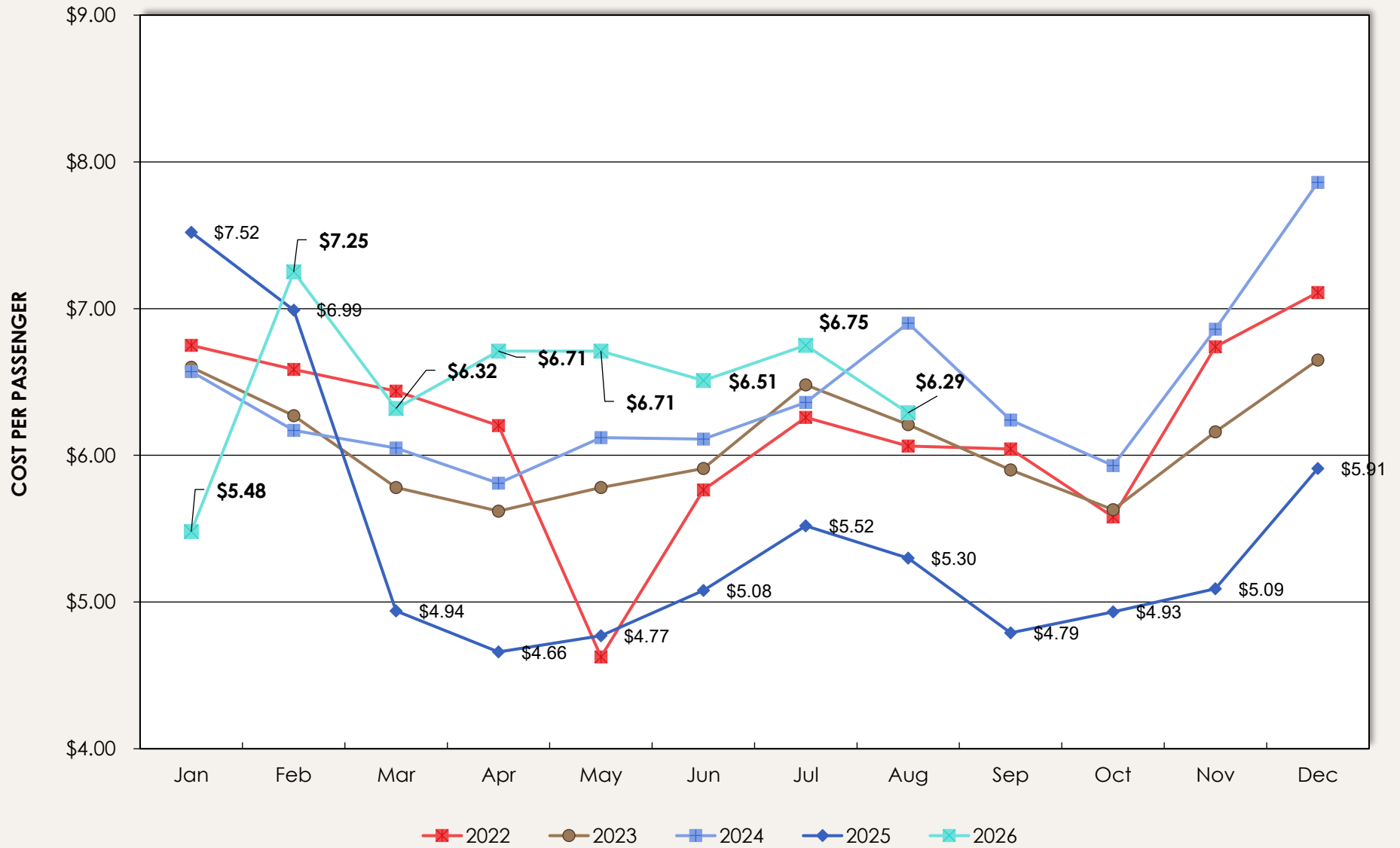
Route Name	Route Name	Farebox Revenue	Pass/Presale Revenue	2025 Revenue	2026 Revenue	Cost of Operation	Hours Operated	Farebox Recovery	Cost Per Passenger	Deviation From System Average	Allowable Deviation Under Performance Standards	2025 Passengers Per Hour	2026 Passengers Per Hour	Change from Last Year	Passenger Per Hour Target Under Performance Standards	2025 Ridership	2026 Ridership	Change from Last Year	Change from Last Year	% of Total Ridership
1 James Island-North Charleston Express	1 James Island-North Charleston Express	\$301.25	\$ 8,983.43	\$ 8,938.60	\$9,284.68	\$ 73,431.47	667.65	12.6%	\$ 9.95	-5.48%	-5%	10	10	-1%	15	6,350	6,446	96	2%	2.63%
2 Mt. Pleasant-West Ashley Express	2 Mt. Pleasant-West Ashley Express	\$ 381.18	\$ 6,503.64	\$ 7,503.67	\$ 6,884.82	\$ 70,614.75	642.04	9.7%	\$ 12.98	-8.38%	-5%	8	8	-4%	15	5,105	4,910	(195)	-4%	2.00%
3 Dorchester Rd-Summerville Express	3 Dorchester Rd-Summerville Express	\$766.30	\$ 5,770.68	\$ 6,585.01	\$6,536.98	\$ 49,837.49	453.13	13.1%	\$ 10.30	-5.01%	-5%	9	9	0%	15	4,205	4,204	(1)	0%	1.72%
4 Airport Express	4 Airport Express	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-5%	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	0.00%
7 HOP Shuttle (Hospitality on Peninsula)	7 HOP Shuttle (Hospitality on Peninsula)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-15%	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	0.00%
10 Rivers Avenue	10 Rivers Avenue	\$ 26,606.84	\$ 17,861.22	\$ 43,902.15	\$ 44,468.06	\$ 290,860.75	2,644.55	15.3%	\$ 4.74	-2.84%	-10%	19	20	4%	20	52,173	51,976	(197)	0%	21.21%
11 Dorchester Rd/Airport	11 Dorchester Rd/Airport	\$ 4,263.87	\$ 5,413.08	\$ 13,180.51	\$ 9,676.95	\$ 119,411.78	1,085.71	8.1%	\$ 6.97	-10.02%	-10%	14	15	6%	20	16,557	15,752	(805)	-5%	6.43%
12 Upper Dorch/Ashley Phosphate Rd	12 Upper Dorch/Ashley Phosphate Rd	\$ 8,316.48	\$ 6,982.50	\$ 16,708.93	\$ 15,298.98	\$ 139,789.80	1,270.99	10.9%	\$ 6.13	-7.18%	-10%	15	16	9%	20	19,001	20,319	1,318	7%	8.29%
13 Remount Road	13 Remount Road	\$ 2,396.66	\$ 2,320.28	\$ 5,876.02	\$ 4,716.94	\$ 81,464.77	740.69	5.8%	\$ 11.37	-12.34%	-10%	10	9	-7%	20	7,632	6,752	(880)	-12%	2.76%
20 King Street/Meeting St	20 King Street/Meeting St	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.50	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 66,378.13	603.52	9.0%	\$ 6.05	-9.09%	-10%	22	17	-26%	20	14,642	9,983	(4,659)	-32%	4.07%
30 Savannah Highway	30 Savannah Highway	\$ 2,202.70	\$ 2,063.92	\$ 5,205.92	\$ 4,266.62	\$ 67,648.46	615.07	6.3%	\$ 10.55	-11.82%	-10%	10	10	1%	20	6,417	6,006	(411)	-6%	2.45%
31 Folly Road	31 Folly Road	\$ 2,725.04	\$ 2,276.98	\$ 5,000.36	\$ 5,002.02	\$ 87,764.71	797.97	5.7%	\$ 12.49	-12.43%	-15%	9	8	-4%	10	7,457	6,626	(831)	-11%	2.70%
32 North Bridge	32 North Bridge	\$ 3,969.69	\$ 4,392.11	\$ 8,771.87	\$ 8,361.80	\$ 91,236.93	829.54	9.2%	\$ 6.48	-8.96%	-10%	14	15	9%	20	12,015	12,781	766	6%	5.22%
33 St. Andrews/Ashley River Rd	33 St. Andrews/Ashley River Rd	\$ 3,079.46	\$ 3,787.98	\$ 8,147.89	\$ 6,867.44	\$ 72,851.85	662.38	9.4%	\$ 5.99	-8.70%	-10%	15	17	13%	20	10,535	11,023	488	5%	4.50%
40 Mt. Pleasant	40 Mt. Pleasant	\$ 1,172.86	\$ 1,972.17	\$ 3,569.59	\$ 3,145.03	\$ 68,131.29	619.46	4.6%	\$ 11.32	-13.51%	-10%	9	9	1%	20	6,123	5,739	(384)	-6%	2.34%
41 Coleman Boulevard	41 Coleman Boulevard	\$ 636.50	\$ 609.97	\$ 1,172.30	\$ 1,246.47	\$ 40,968.30	372.49	3.0%	\$ 22.38	-15.08%	-10%	4	5	22%	20	1,512	1,775	263	17%	0.72%
42 Wando Circulator	42 Wando Circulator	\$ 490.42	\$ 631.62	\$ 858.97	\$ 1,122.04	\$ 40,328.19	366.67	2.8%	\$ 21.33	-15.35%	-15%	4	5	38%	10	1,341	1,838	497	37%	0.75%
102 North Neck/ Ruffledge Ave	102 North Neck/ Ruffledge Ave	\$ 530.21	\$ 745.36	\$ 1,946.84	\$ 1,275.57	\$ 49,729.70	452.15	2.6%	\$ 22.34	-15.56%	-15%	6	5	-22%	10	2,964	2,169	(795)	-27%	0.89%
103 Leeds Avenue	103 Leeds Avenue	\$ 504.82	\$ 450.52	\$ 894.40	\$ 955.34	\$ 16,504.34	150.06	5.8%	\$ 11.86	-12.34%	-15%	8	9	5%	10	1,389	1,311	(78)	-6%	0.53%
104 Montague Avenue	104 Montague Avenue	\$ 1,041.40	\$ 1,562.35	\$ 3,054.80	\$ 2,603.95	\$ 76,810.20	698.37	3.4%	\$ 16.32	-14.74%	-10%	6	7	7%	10	4,261	4,547	286	7%	1.86%
203 Medical Shuttle	203 Medical Shuttle	\$ -	\$ 102,005.06	\$ 52,475.00	\$ 102,005.06	\$ 104,267.95	948.02	97.8%	\$ 0.07	79.70%	-10%	30	33	12%	10	27,315	31,581	4,266	16%	12.89%
210 Aquarium/ CoFC DASH	210 Aquarium/ CoFC DASH	\$ -	\$ 47,248.67	\$ 46,218.89	\$ 47,248.67	\$ 58,610.99	532.90	80.6%	\$ 1.14	62.49%	-15%	15	19	26%	10	8,596	9,962	1,366	16%	4.06%
211 Meeting/King DASH	211 Meeting/King DASH	\$ -	\$ 29,625.67	\$ 28,595.89	\$ 29,625.67	\$ 120,543.53	1,096.00	24.6%	\$ 4.51	6.45%	-15%	19	18	-4%	10	23,226	20,166	(3,060)	-13%	8.23%
213 Lockwood/Calthoun DASH	213 Lockwood/Calthoun DASH	\$ -	\$ 13,625.67	\$ 12,595.89	\$ 13,625.67	\$ 45,225.82	411.20	30.1%	\$ 4.41	12.00%	-15%	21	17	-15%	10	8,919	7,166	(1,753)	-20%	2.92%
301 Glenn McConnell Circulator	301 Glenn McConnell Circulator	\$ 280.78	\$ 648.80	\$ 2,041.85	\$ 929.58	\$ 36,059.00	327.83	2.6%	\$ 18.61	-15.55%	-15%	8	6	-26%	10	2,928	1,888	(1,040)	-36%	0.77%
Beach Shuttle	Beach Shuttle	\$ -	\$ 10,240.80	\$ 6,022.43	\$ 10,240.80	\$ 14,802.85	134.58	69.2%	\$ 29.43	51.05%	-15%	2	1	-35%	10	171	155	(16)	-9%	0.06%
TOTAL	System Average	\$59,666.46	\$281,722.67	\$ 295,270.27	\$341,389.13	\$ 1,883,273.06	17,122.97	18.1%	\$ 6.29			14.0	14.3	2%		250,834	245,075	(5,759)	-2.3%	100.0%

Meeting Passenger Per Hour Standards
 NOT Meeting Passenger Per Hour Standards

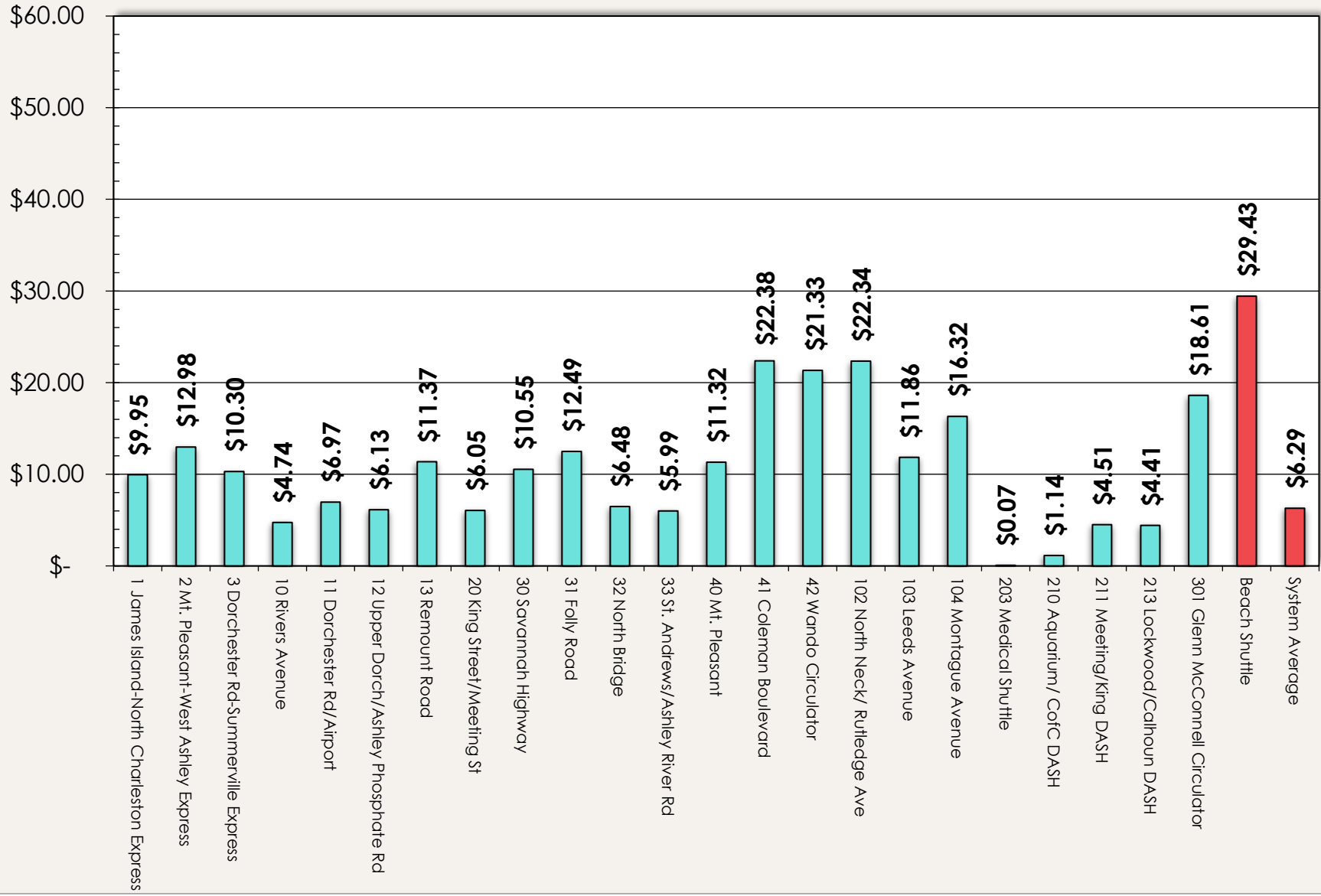
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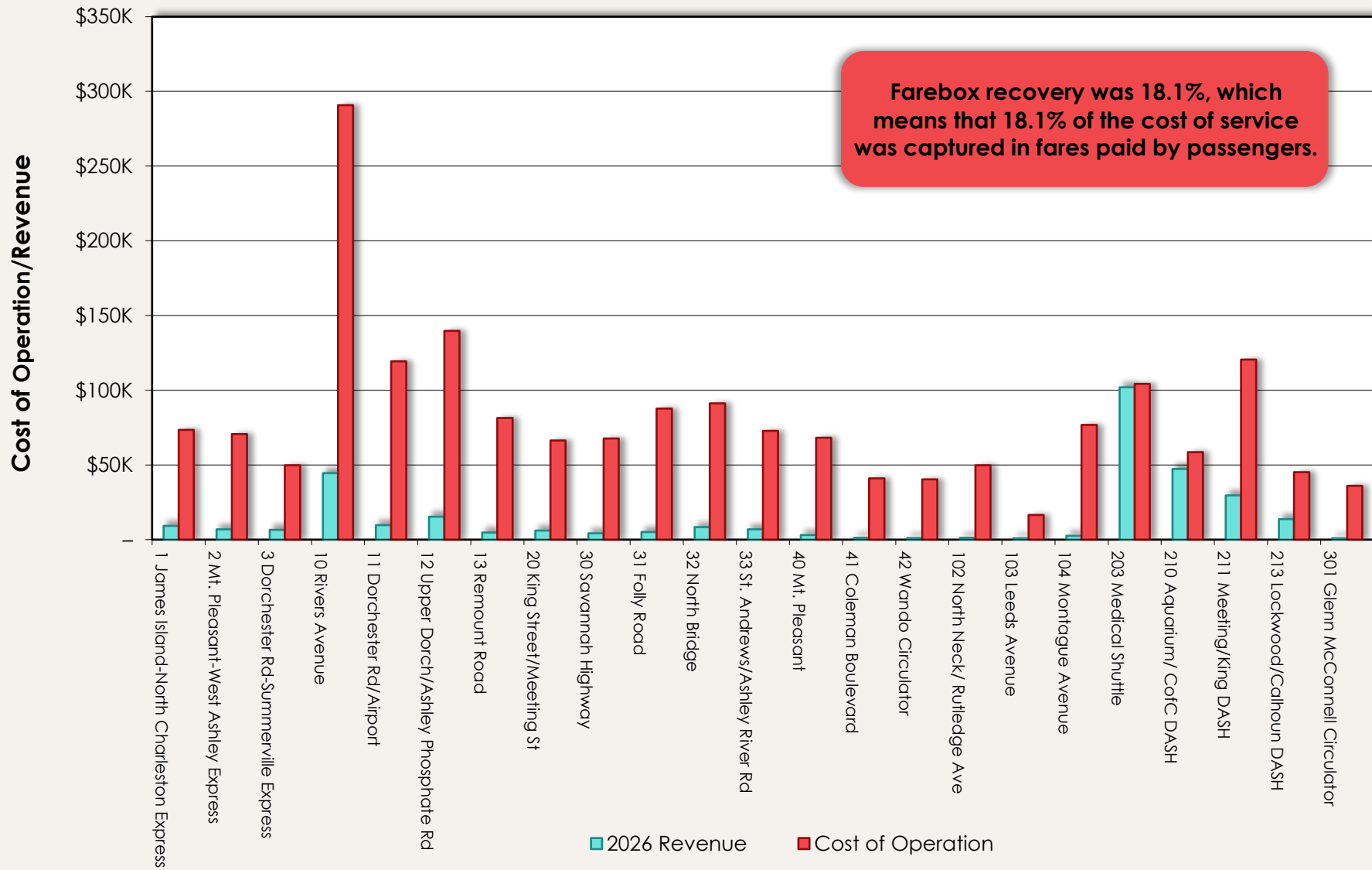
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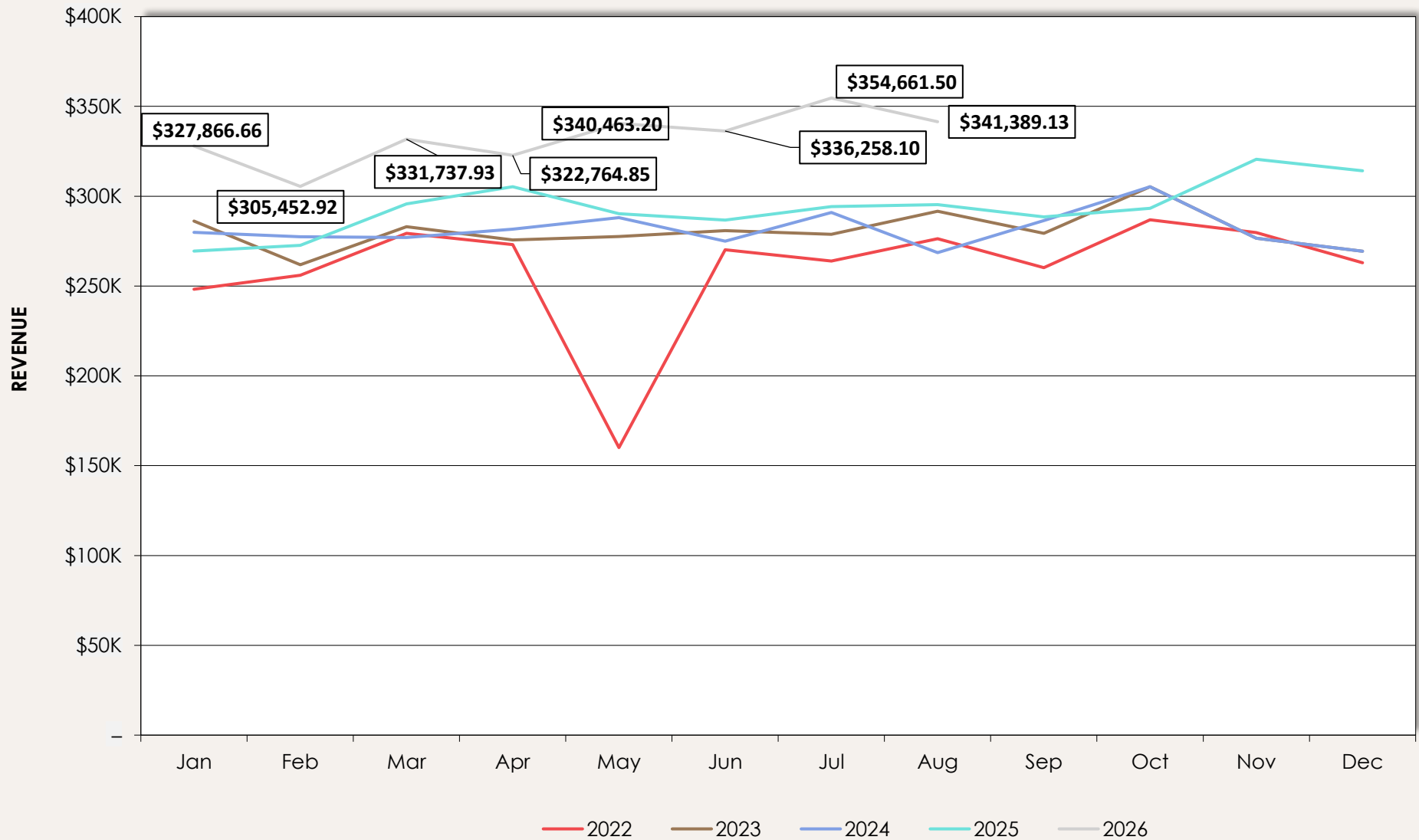
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Revenue & Cost by Route August 2026

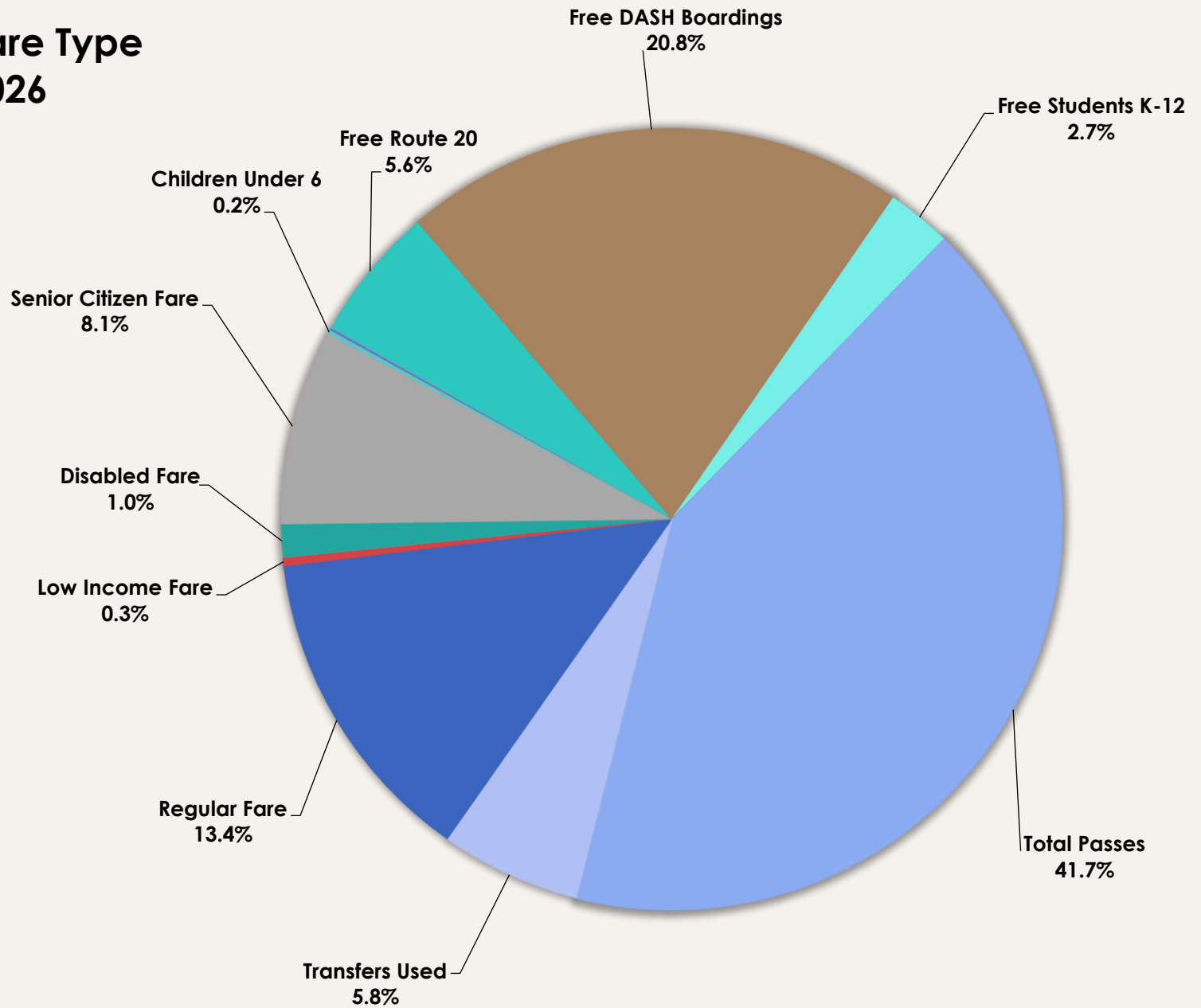


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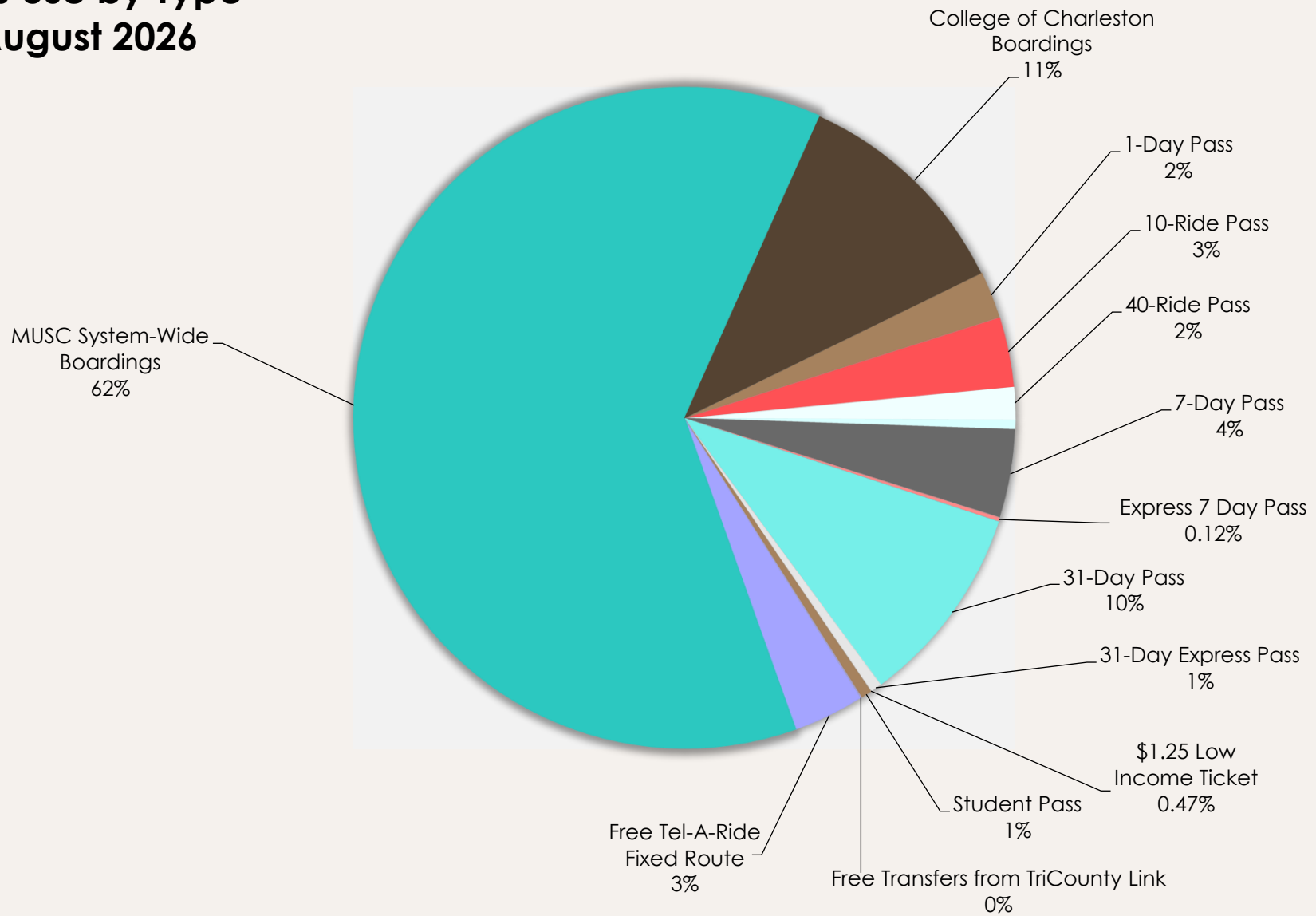


Ridership by Fare Type August 2026

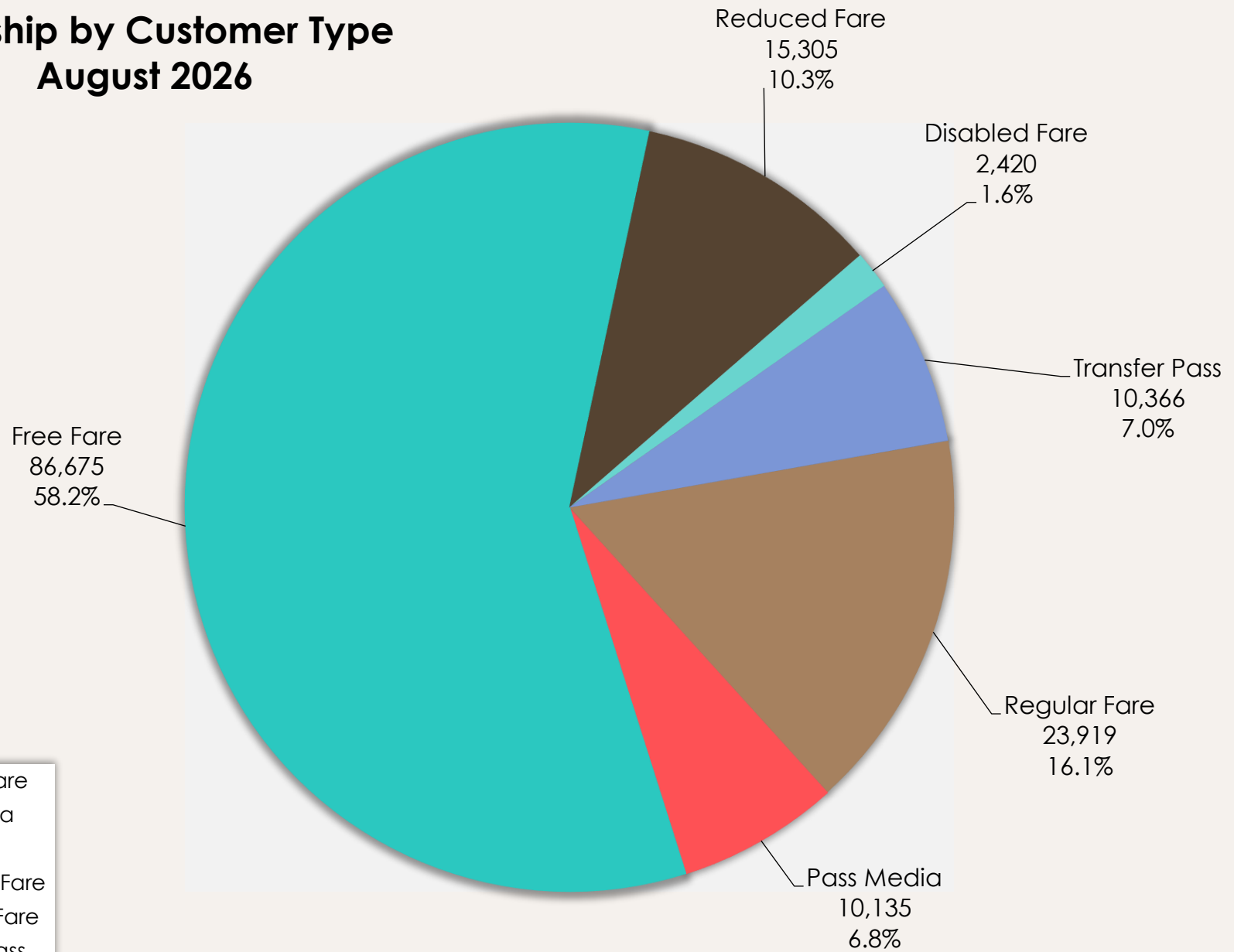
- Regular Fare
- Low Income Fare
- Disabled Fare
- Senior Citizen Fare
- Children Under 6
- HOP Shuttle
- Beach Shuttle
- Free School Guard
- Free Route 20
- Free DASH Boardings
- Free Students K-12
- Total Passes
- Transfers Used



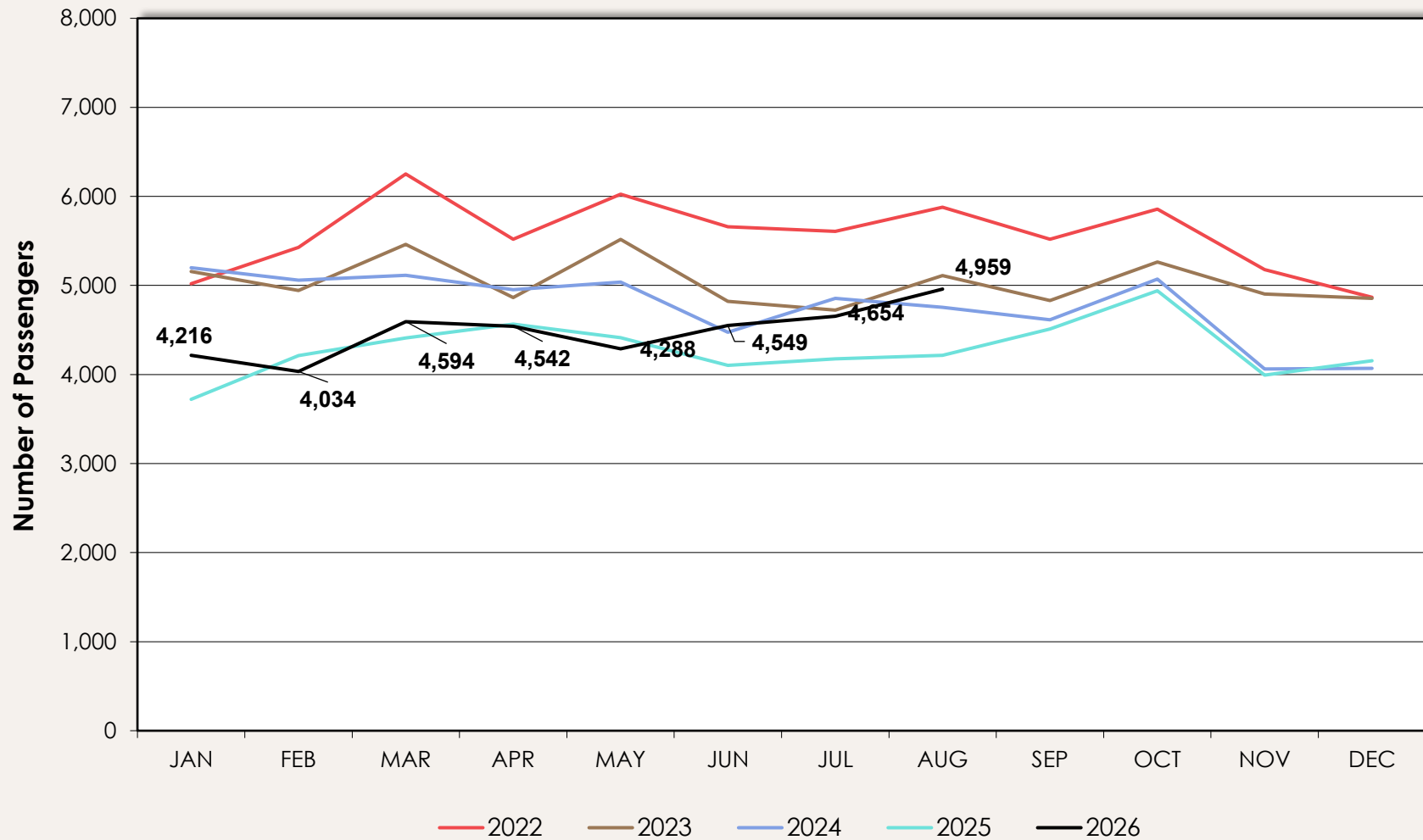
Pass Use by Type August 2026



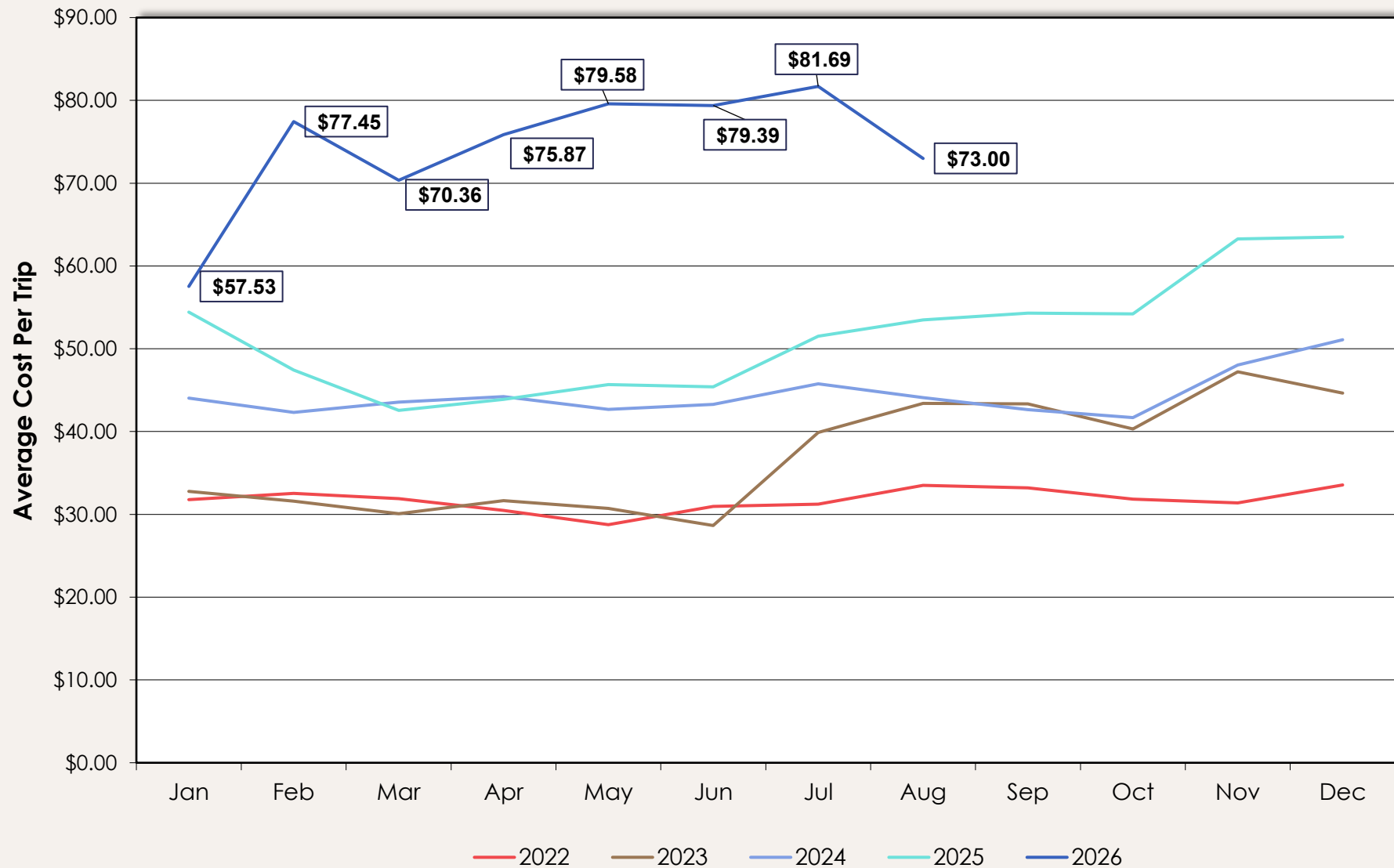
Ridership by Customer Type August 2026



Ridership – Tel-A-Ride

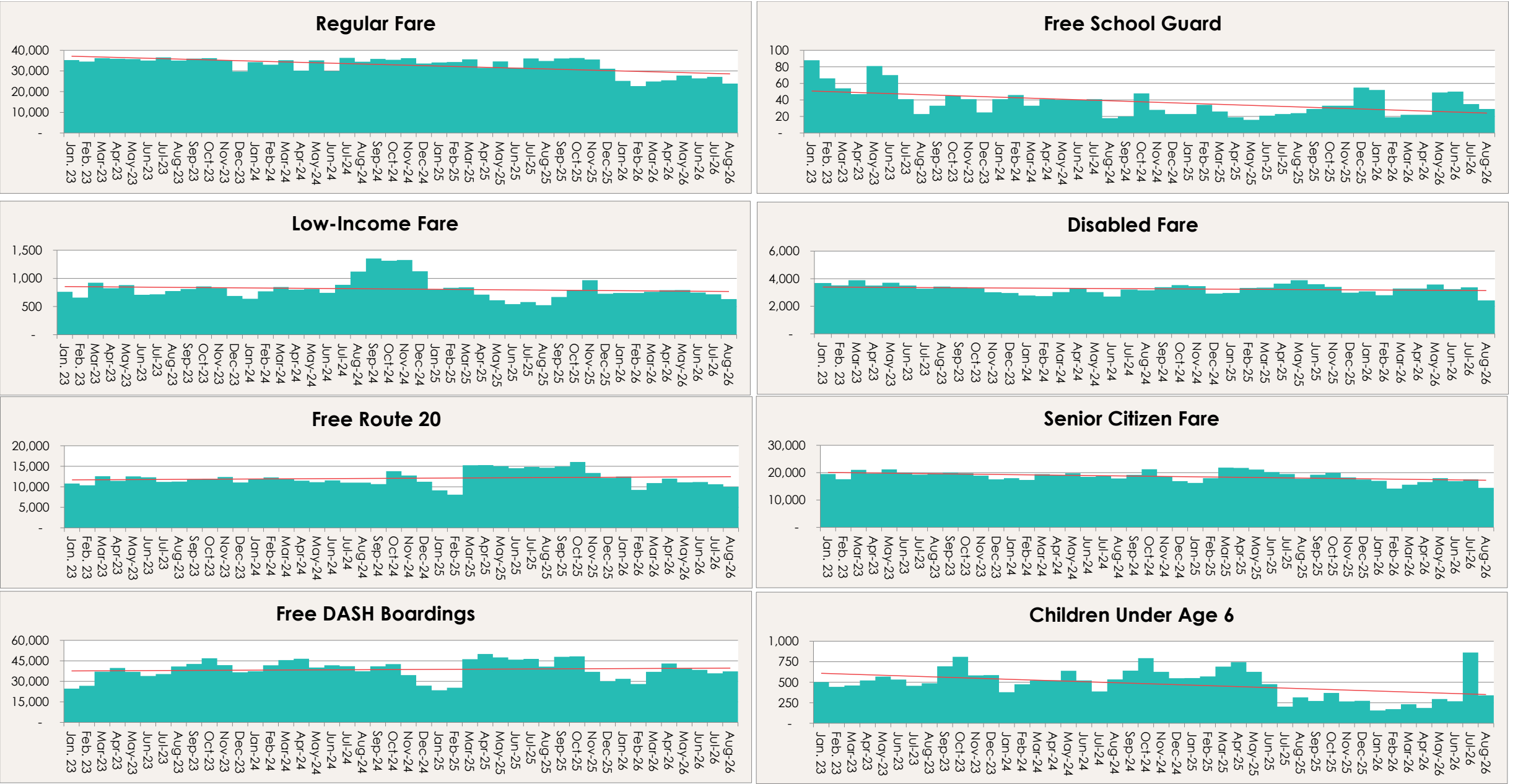


Average Cost Per One-Way Paratransit Trip

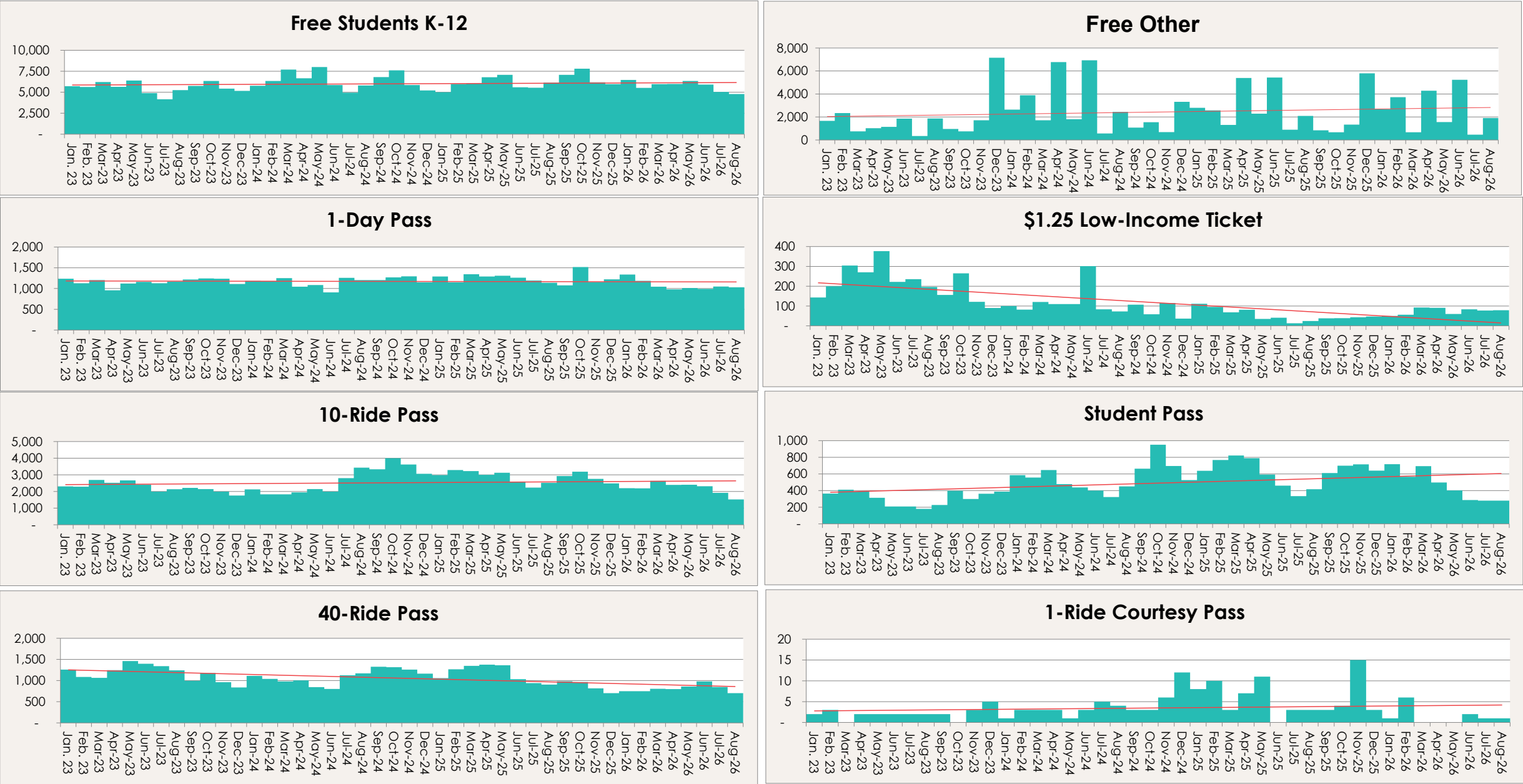


Ridership Classification for August 2026		
Type of Fare		
Regular Fare	23,919	9.76%
Low Income Fare	632	0.26%
Disabled Fare	2,420	0.99%
Senior Citizen Fare	14,429	5.89%
Children Under 6	341	0.14%
HOP Shuttle	0	0.00%
Beach Shuttle	155	0.00%
Free School Guard	29	0.01%
Free Route 20	9,983	4.07%
Free DASH Boardings	37,294	15.22%
Free Students K-12	4,784	1.95%
Free Other	1,905	0.78%
Subtotal	160,176	65.36%
Type of Pass		
1-Day Pass	1,031	0.42%
10-Ride Pass	1,522	0.62%
40-Ride Pass	704	0.29%
3-Day Pass	207	0.08%
7-Day Pass	1,929	0.79%
7-Day Express Pass	86	0.04%
31-Day Pass	4,391	1.79%
31-Day Express Pass	251	0.10%
\$1.25 Low Income Ticket	0	0.00%
Student Pass	244	0.10%
1-Ride Courtesy Pass	1	0.00%
1-Ride Pass	14	0.01%
Free Transfers from TriCounty Link	0	0.00%
Free Tel-A-Ride Fixed Route	1,559	0.64%
MUSC System-Wide Boardings	27,743	11.32%
College of Charleston Boardings	4,941	2.02%
Total Passes	74,533	30.41%
Transfers		
Issued	17,111	
Transfers Used	10,366	4.23%
Wheelchair Count	328	
Total Ridership	245,075	100.00%

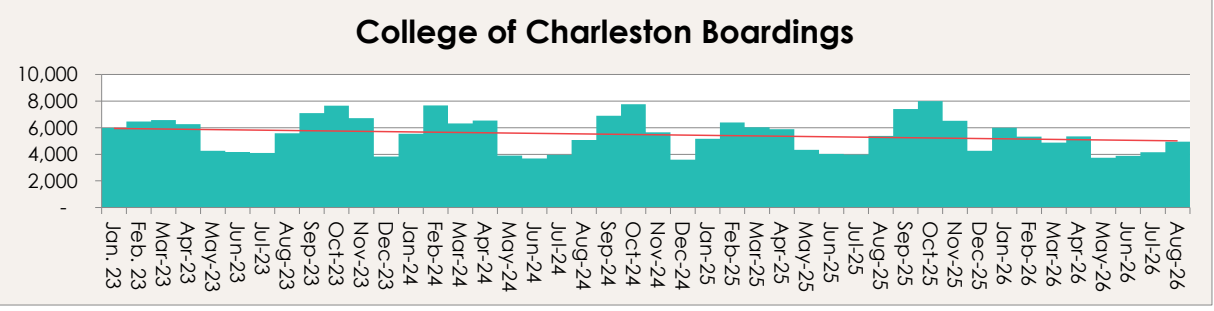
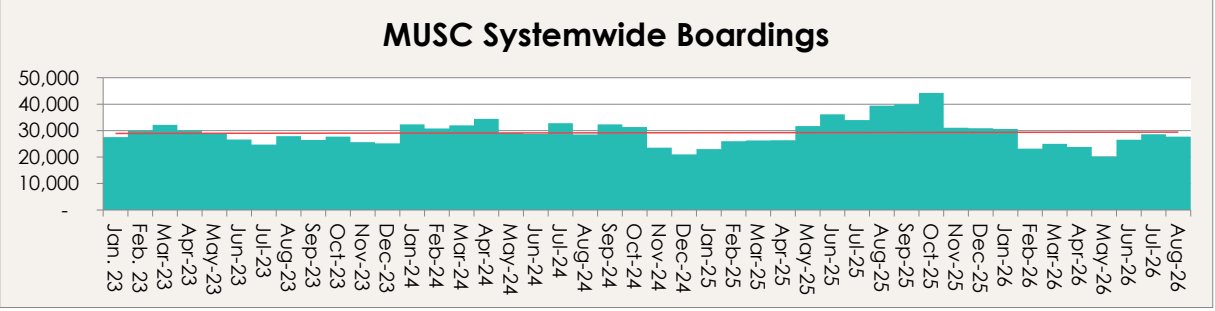
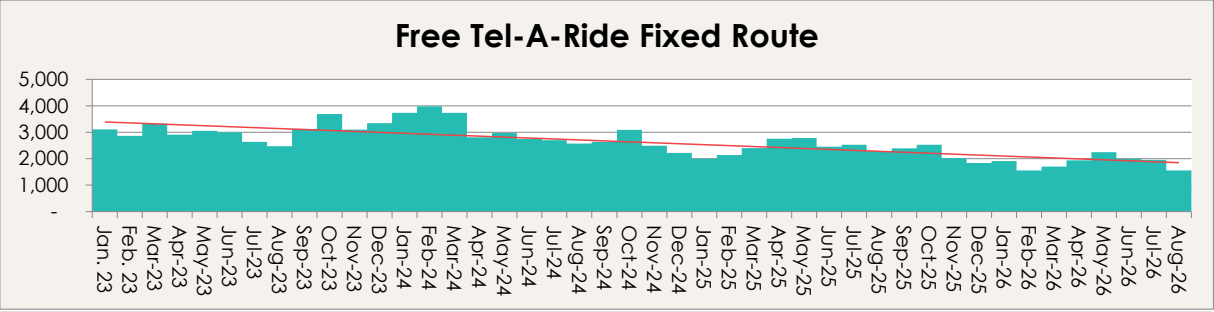
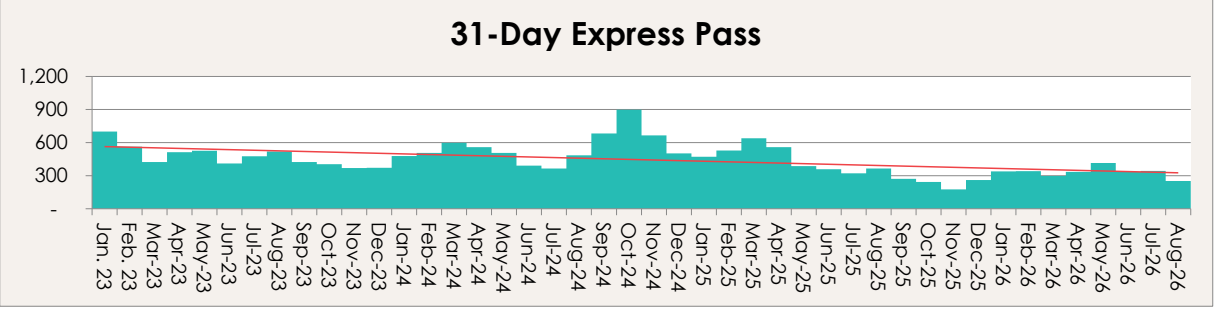
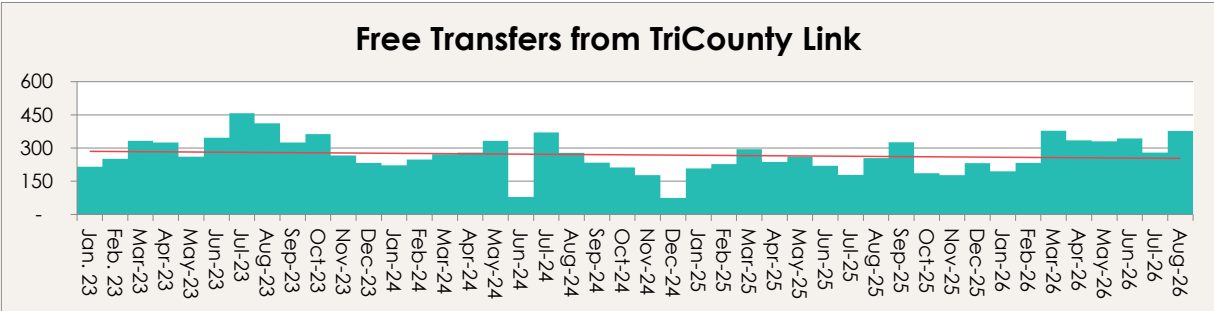
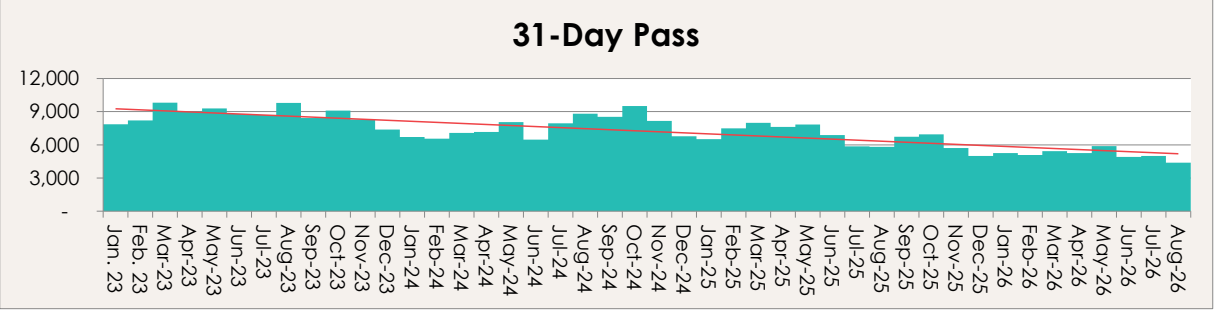
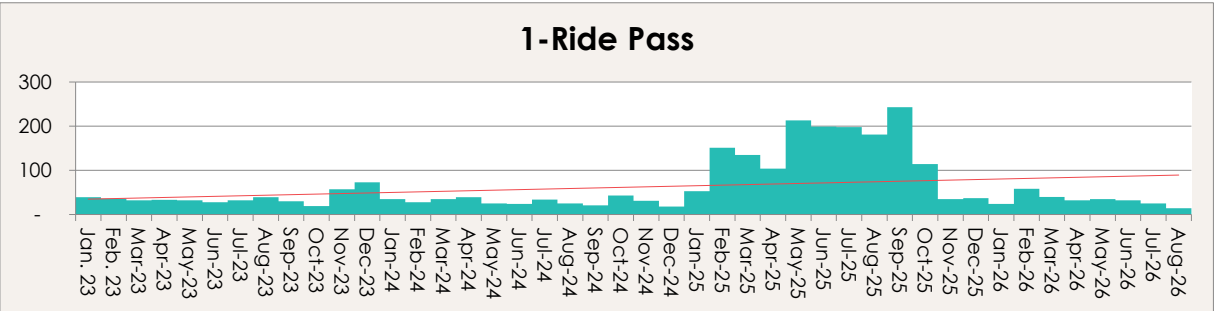
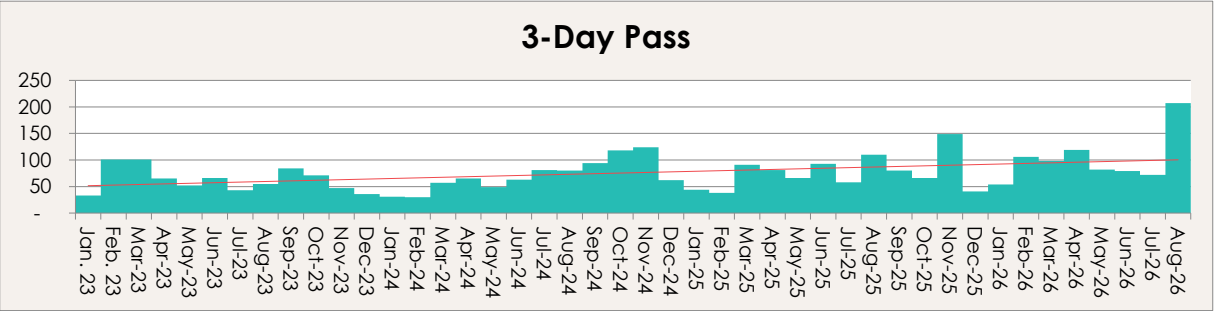
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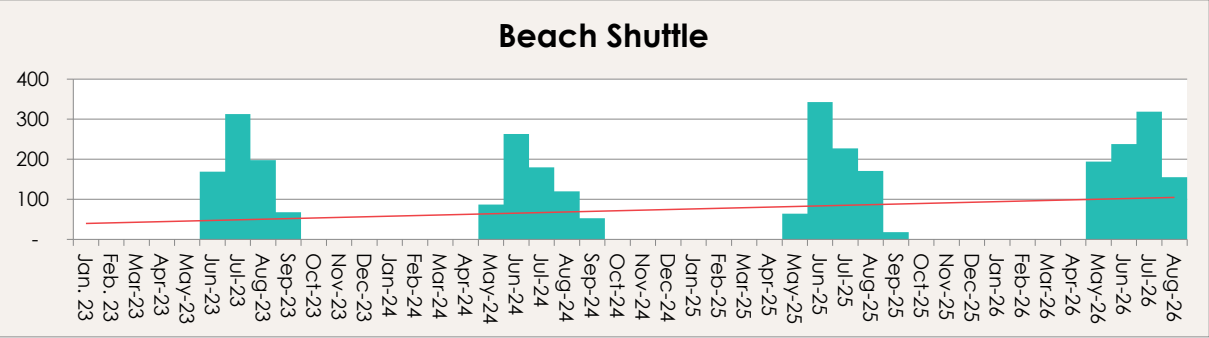
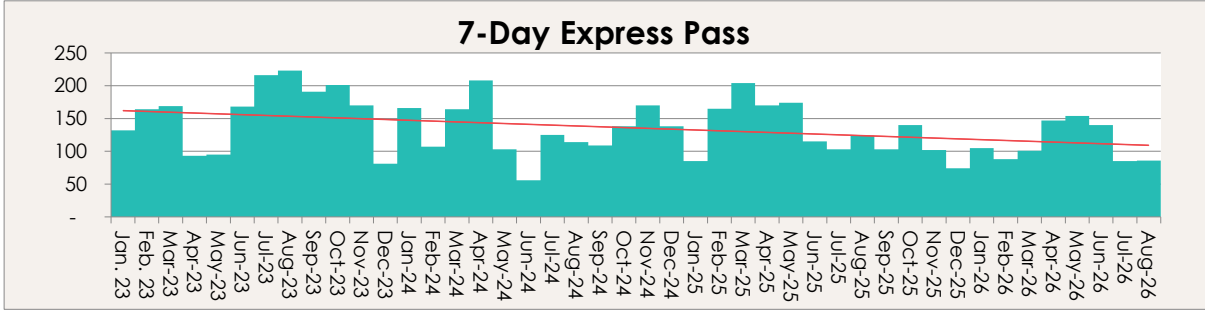
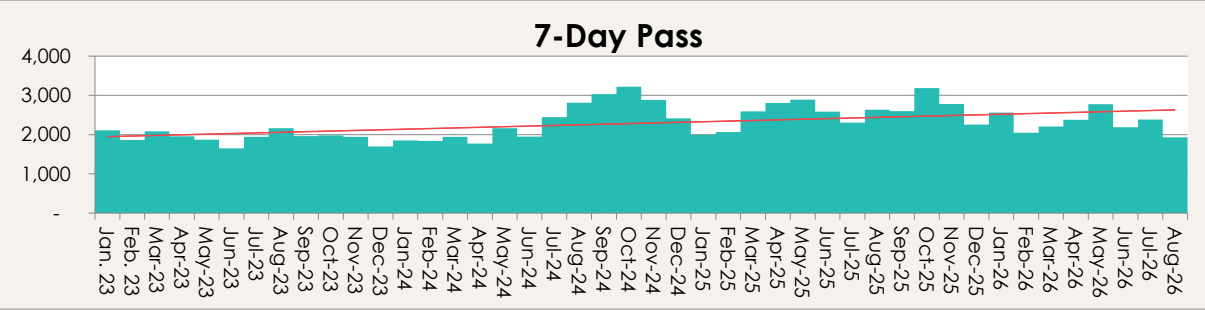
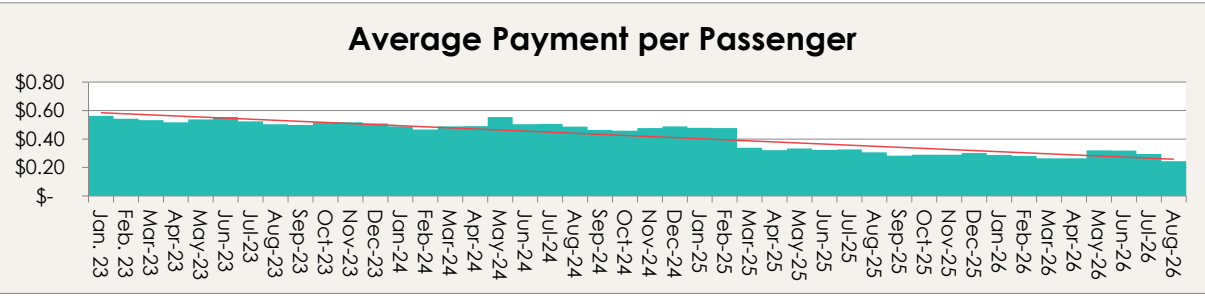
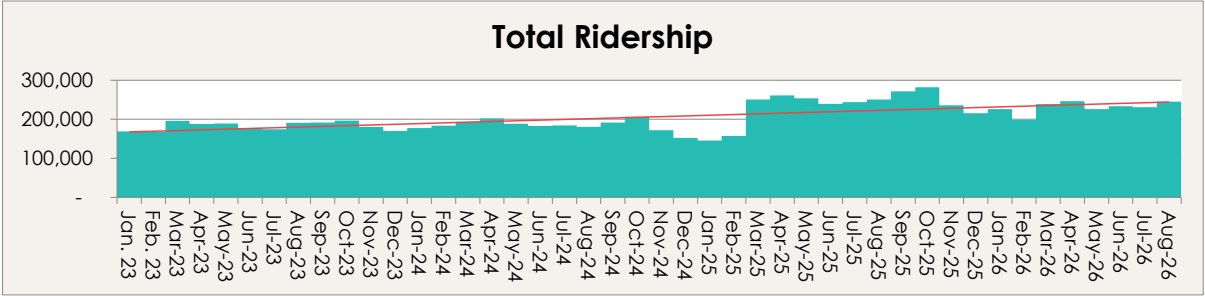
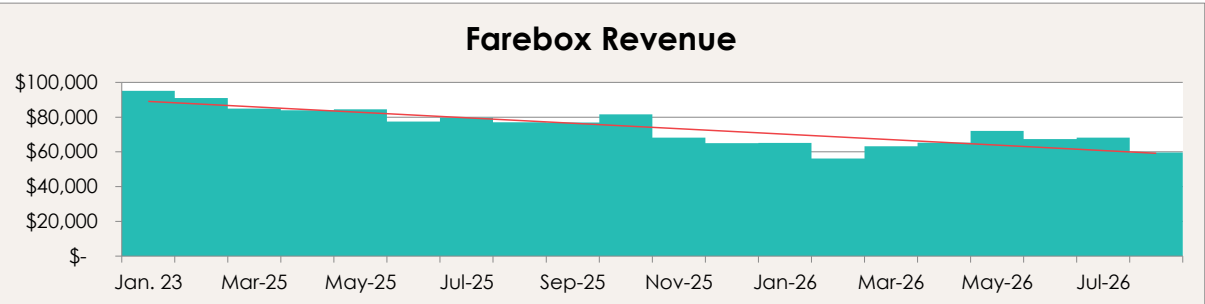
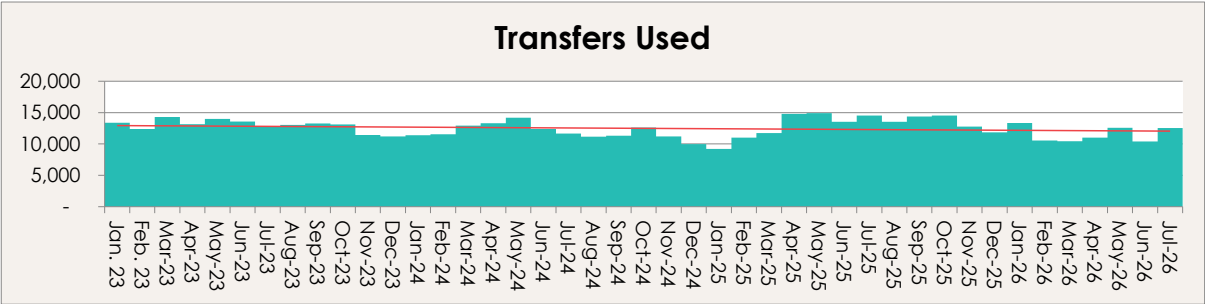
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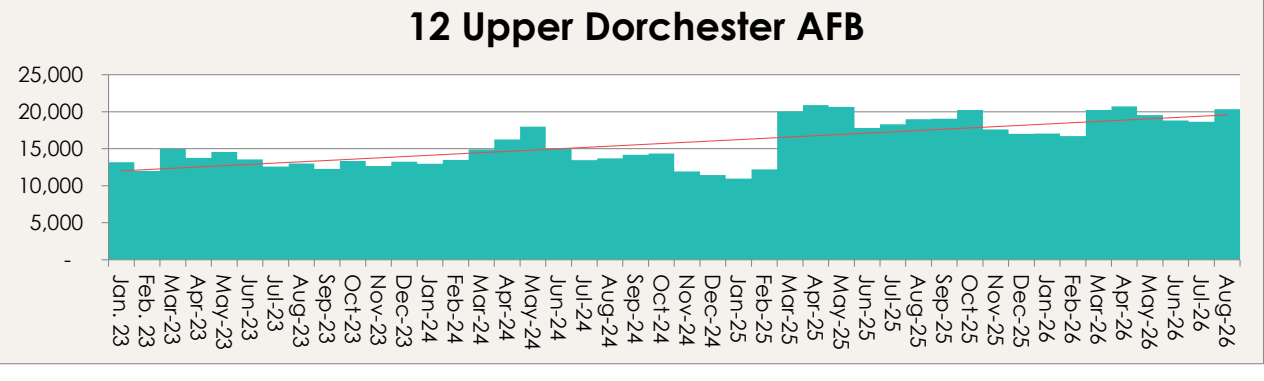
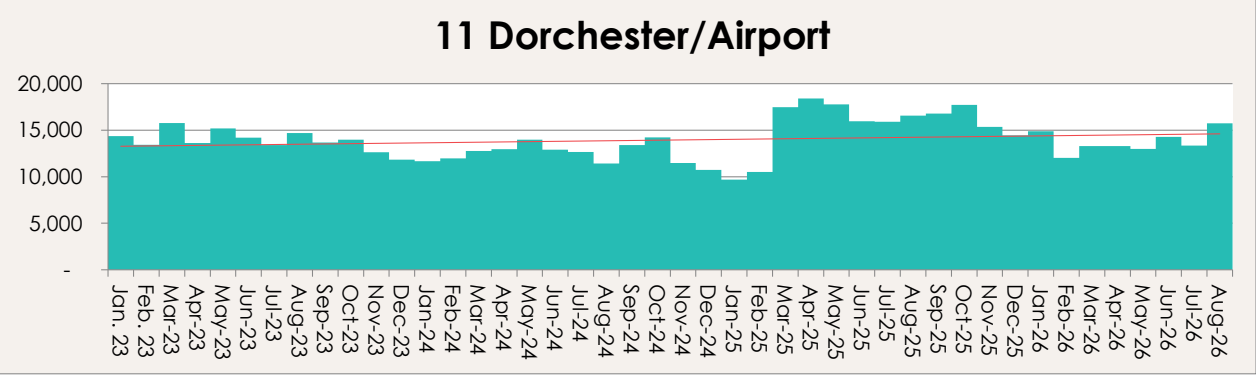
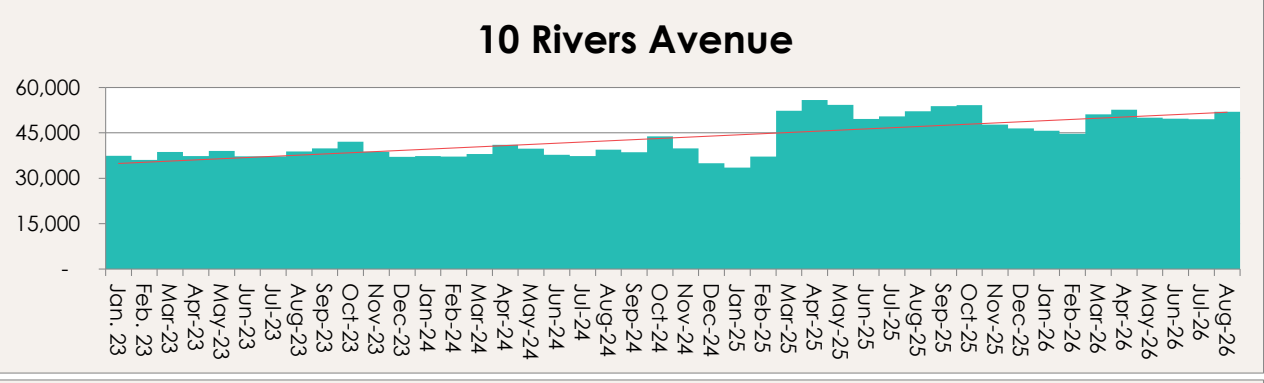
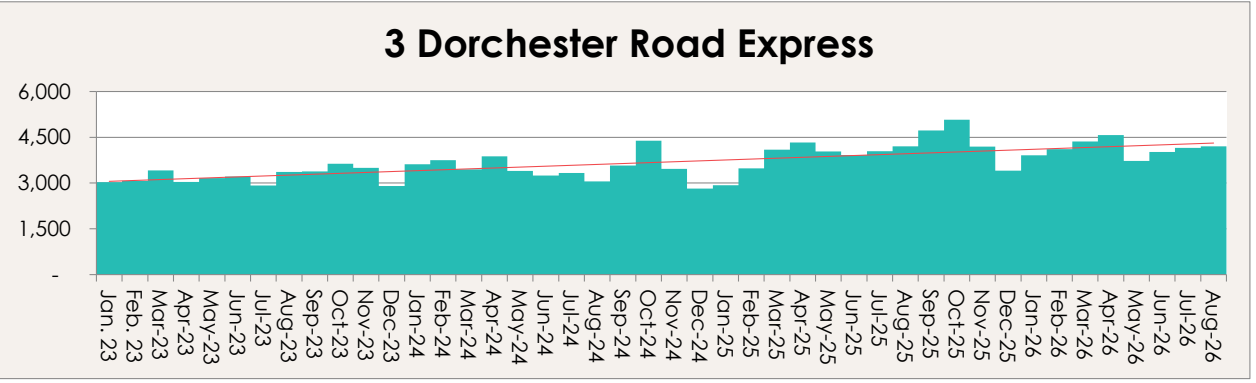
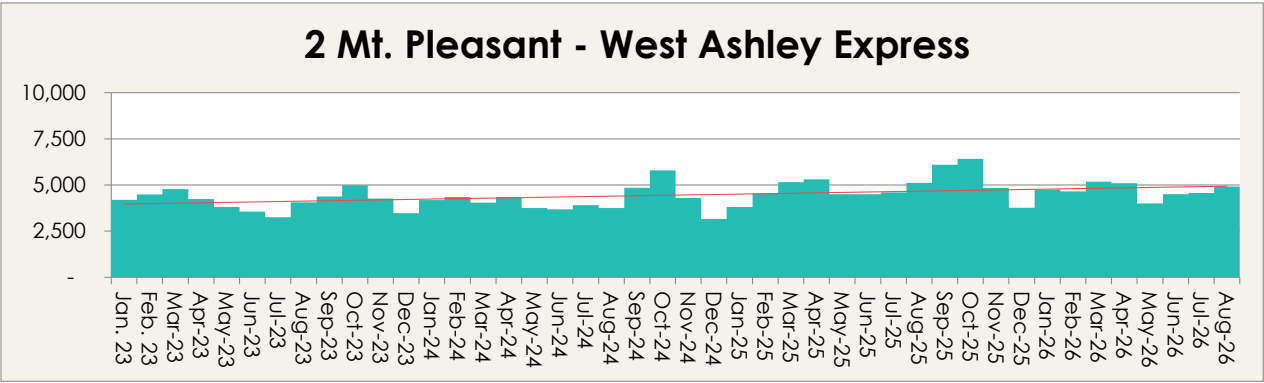
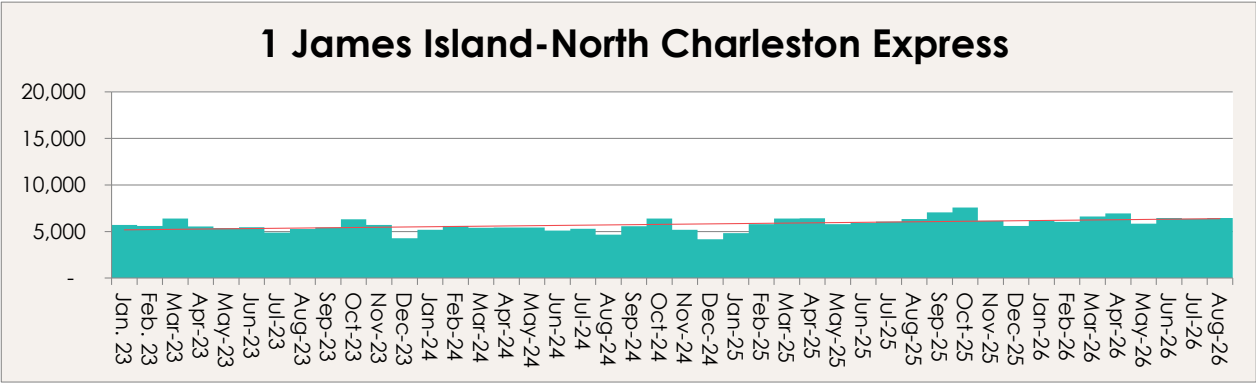
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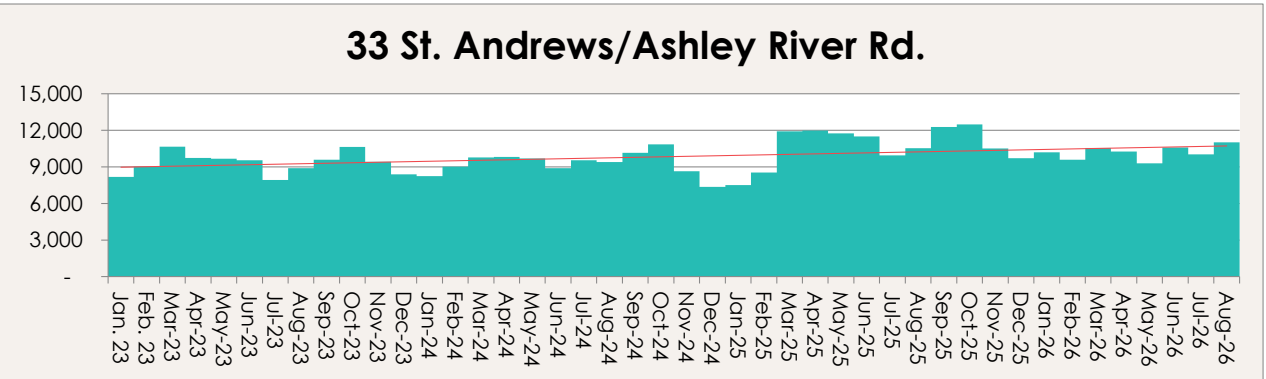
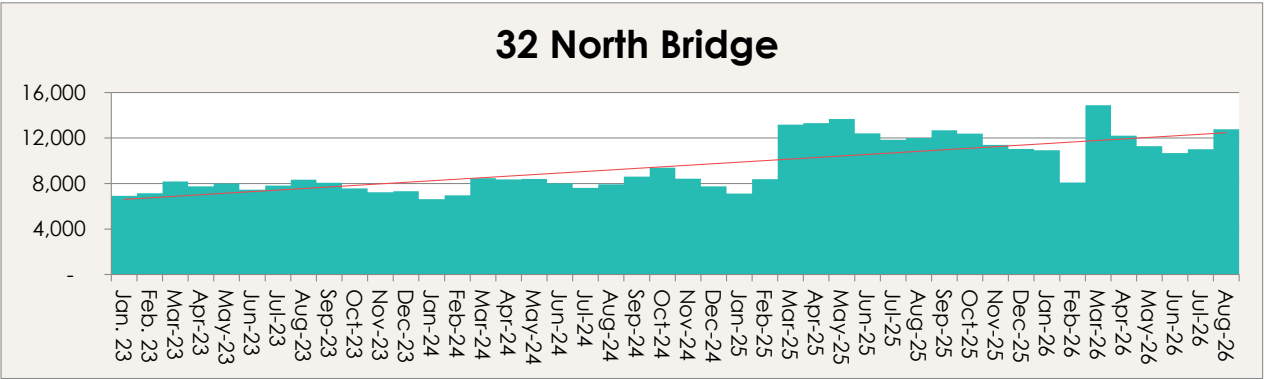
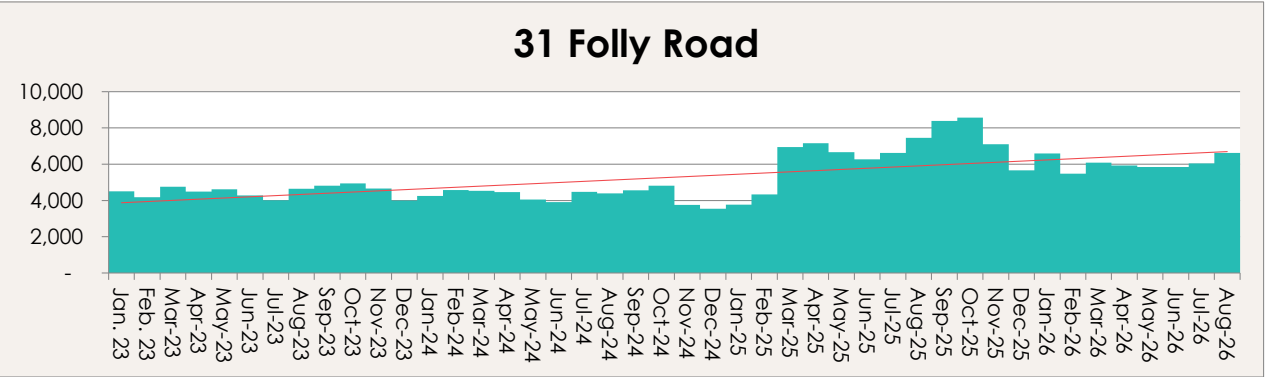
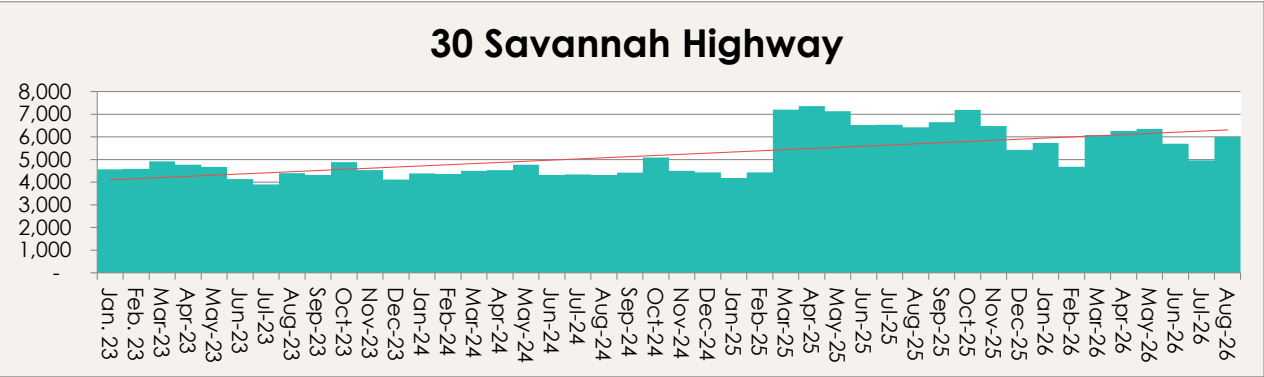
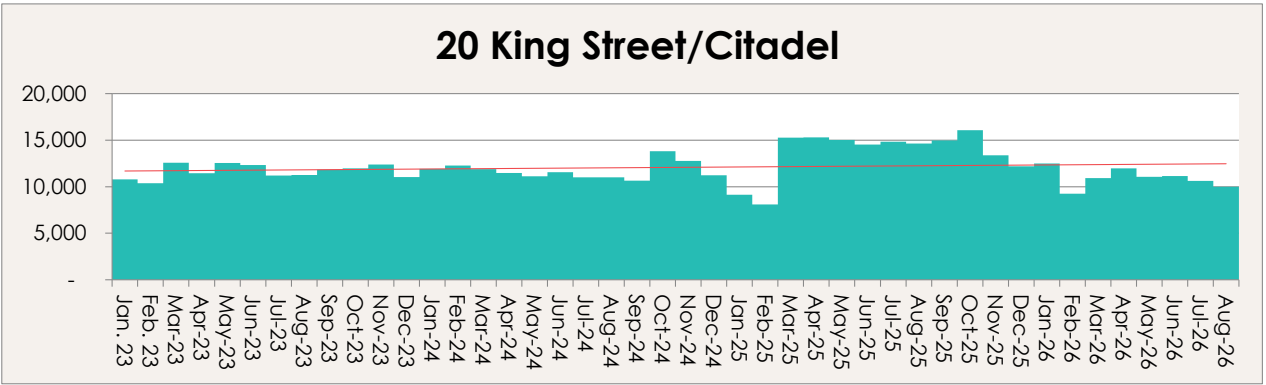
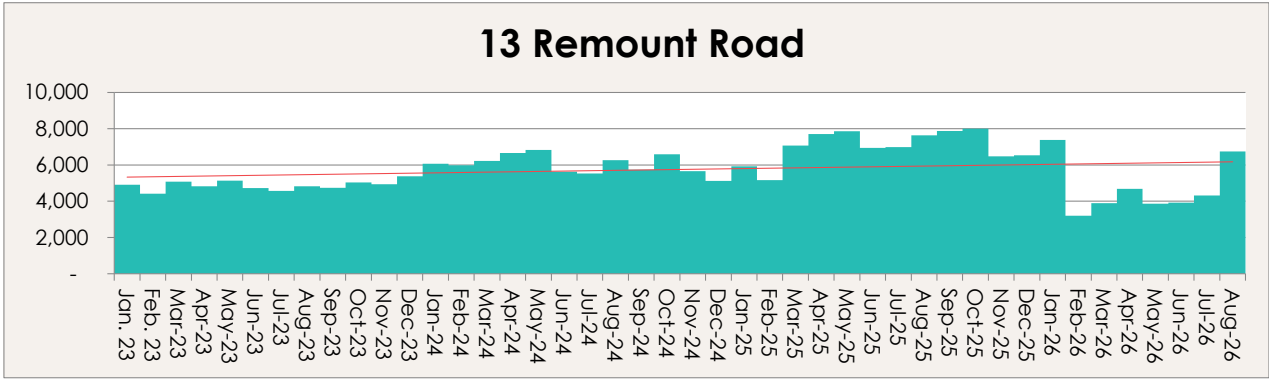
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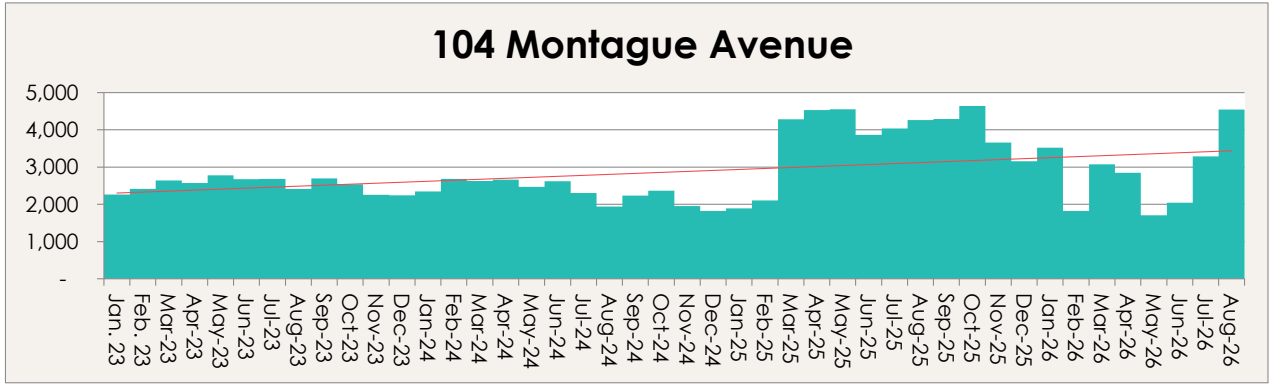
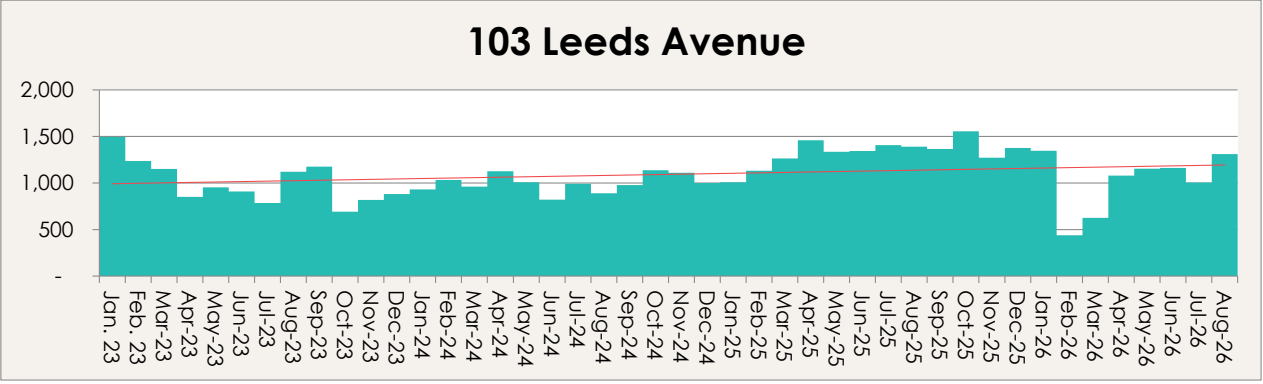
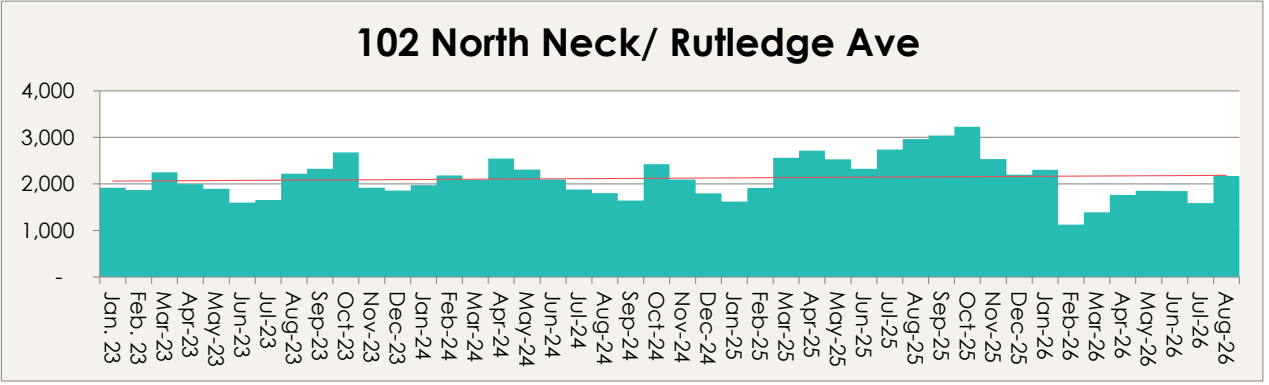
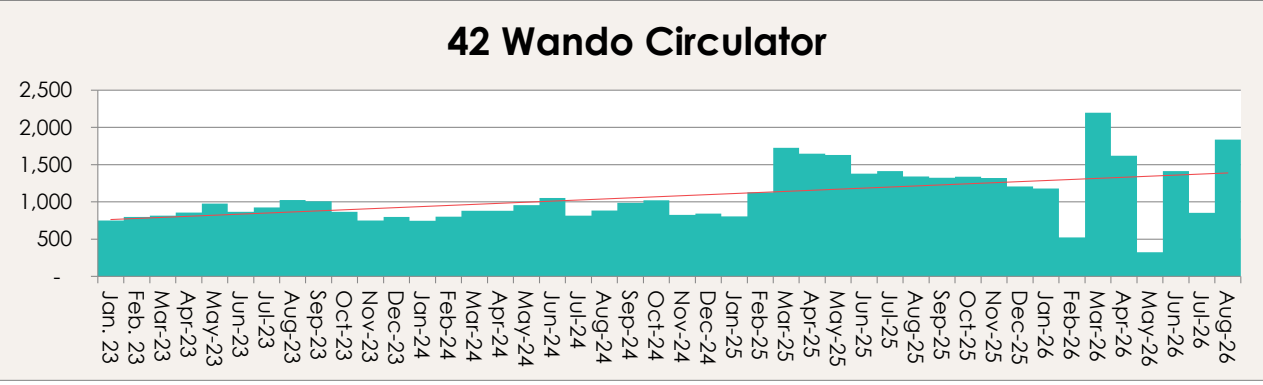
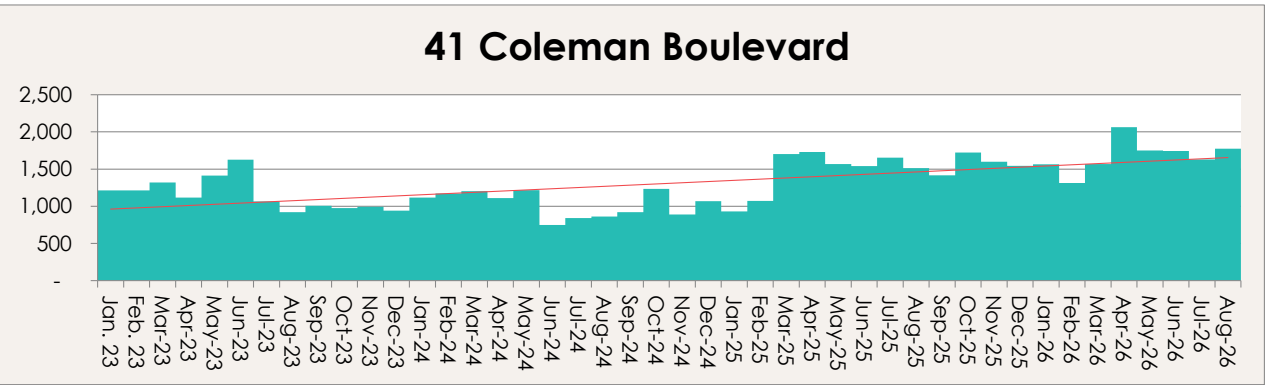
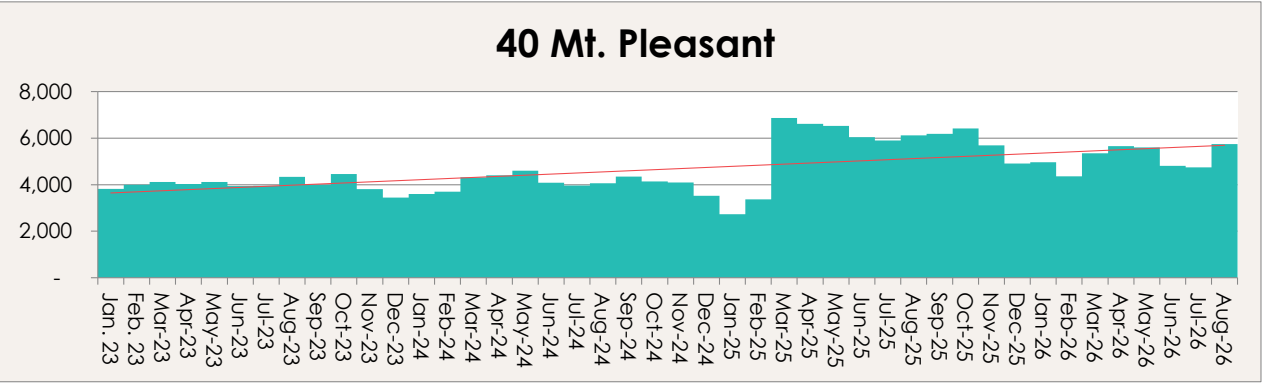
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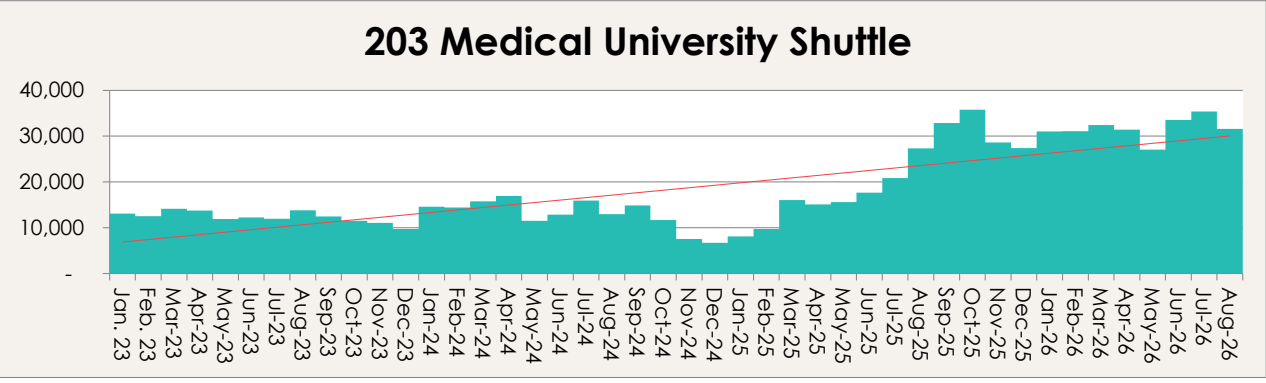


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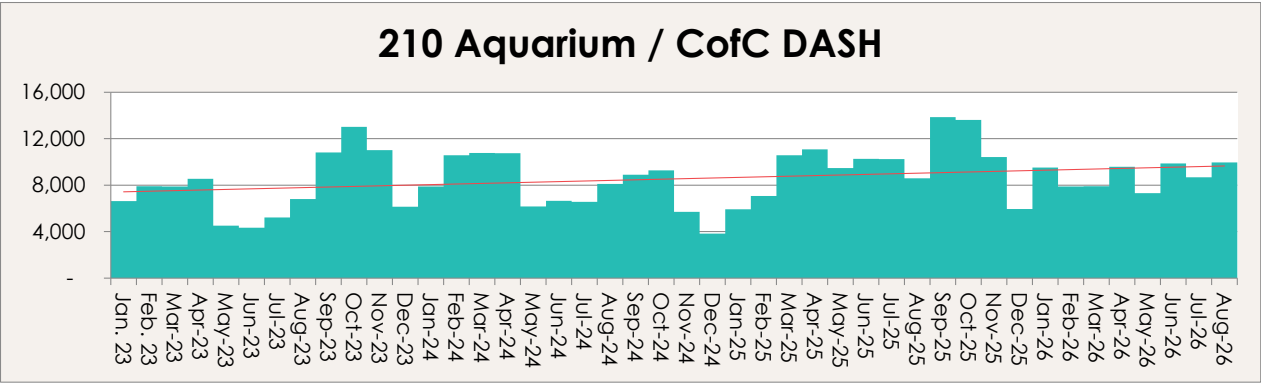


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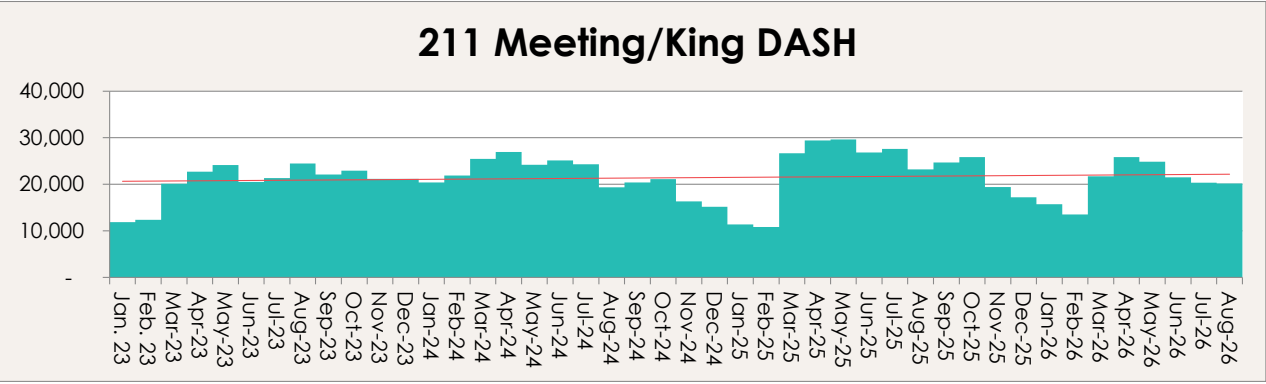
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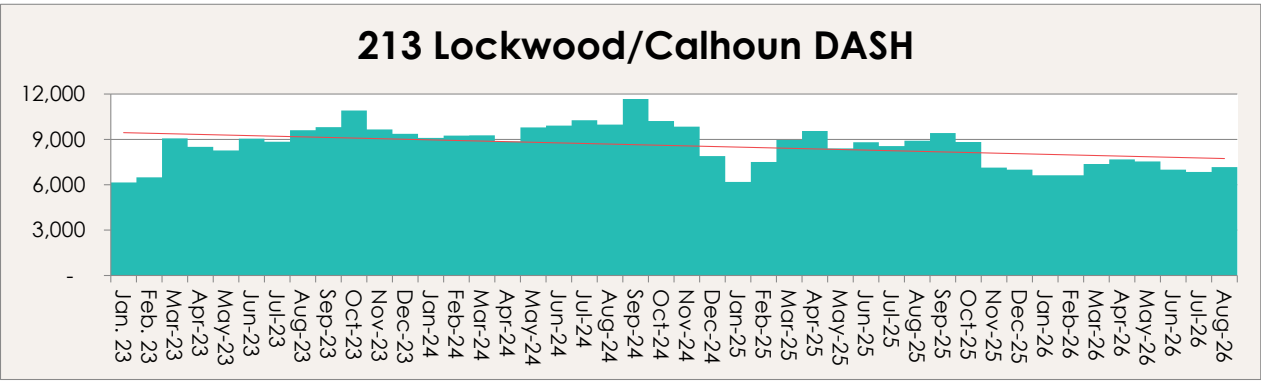
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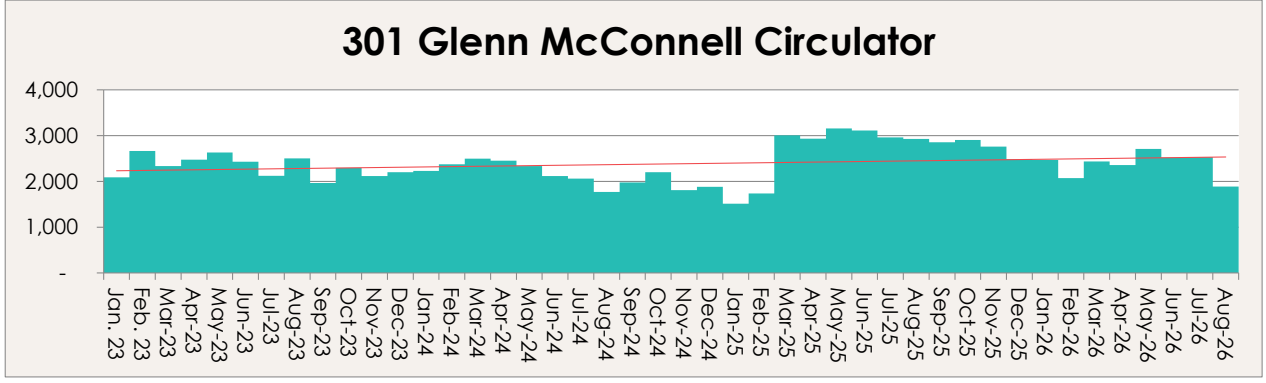
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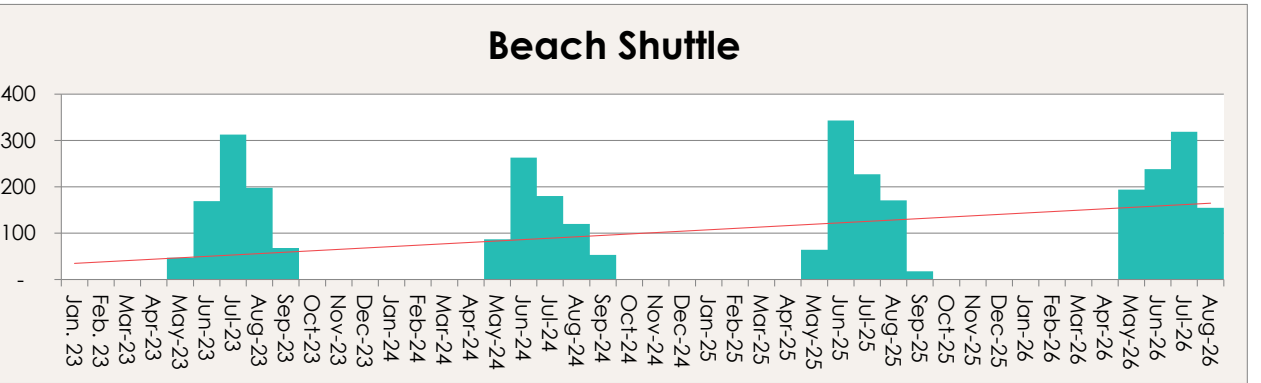
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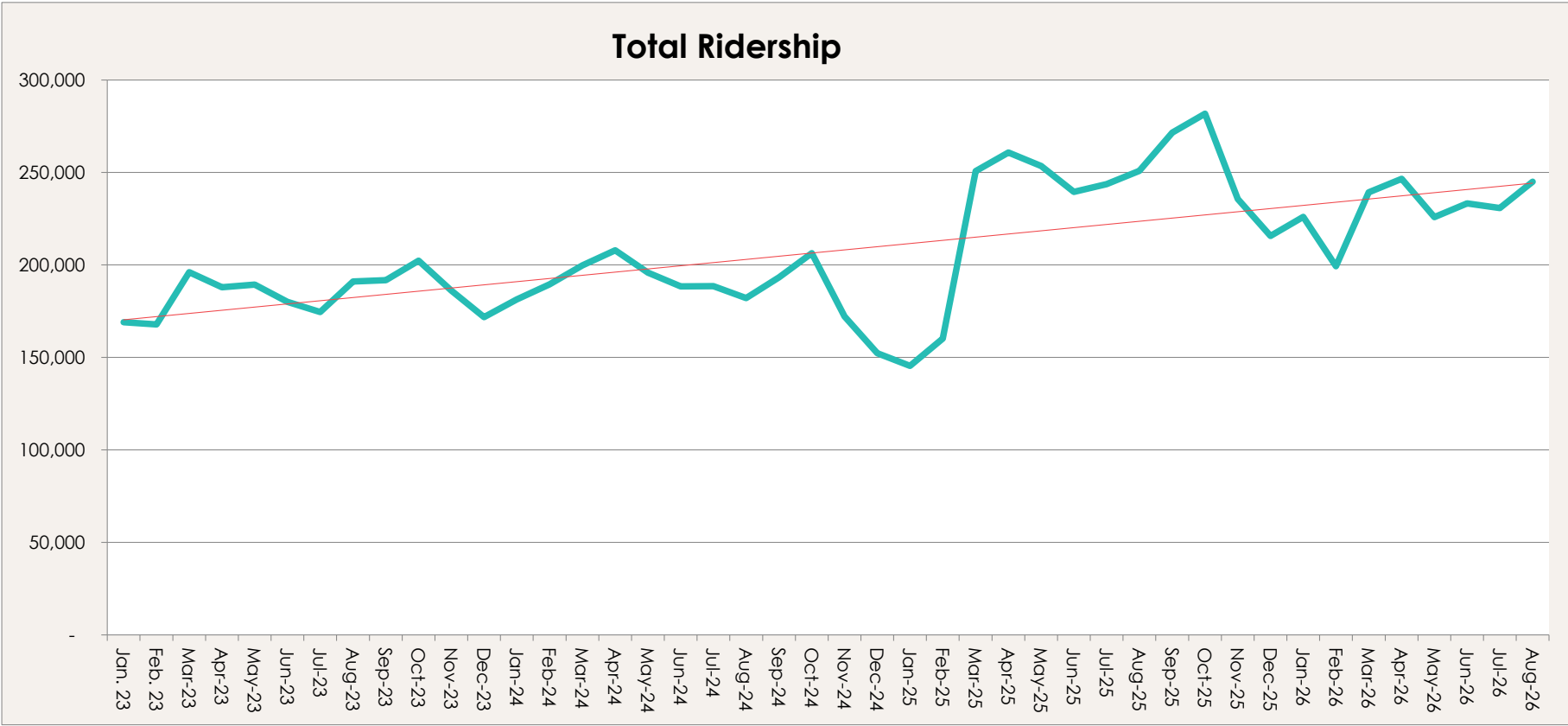
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Ridership Trends by Route



Farebox and Pass Revenue History

