

# EARTH DAY SMART

SOUTH METRO AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT

## 2024 April Report Transit/Fleet

After several years of a public transit nomadic existence; a sojourn from one large transit agency to an even larger organization, I found myself in a small city unfamiliar to me, and possibly, unknown to the industry I had dedicated over three decades to serving. But here I was, knowing no one, feeling hopeful, and believing that things happen for a reason, sometimes, for reasons that defy explanation.

Few words are fit to describe my being selected to serve as the City of Wilsonville's transit director. However, having desperately searched my semi-expansive vocabulary for the perfect descriptor, I was ushered to the adjective, "serendipitous."

Vocabulary.com describes serendipitous as "accidentally being in the right place at the right time, like bumping into a good friend in some unusual location, or finding a hundred dollar bill on the ground." Well, serving as transit director has been exactly all that. Definitely the right place at the right time. In the words of singer-songwriter Michael Buble', "It's like I just stepped outside when everything was going right." Is it like bumping into a friend? Absolutely! I have made friends enough to last the rest of my life. I am confident they know who they are and how I feel about our friendship... "if tomorrow never comes." Finally, is it like finding a hundred dollar bill on the ground? I would argue, no. It's more like finding the winning Powerball Jackpot ticket; a jackpot that was recently hovering at \$1.3 billion.

Serendipitous?  
Yes, indeed.

Dwight Brashear  
Transit Director

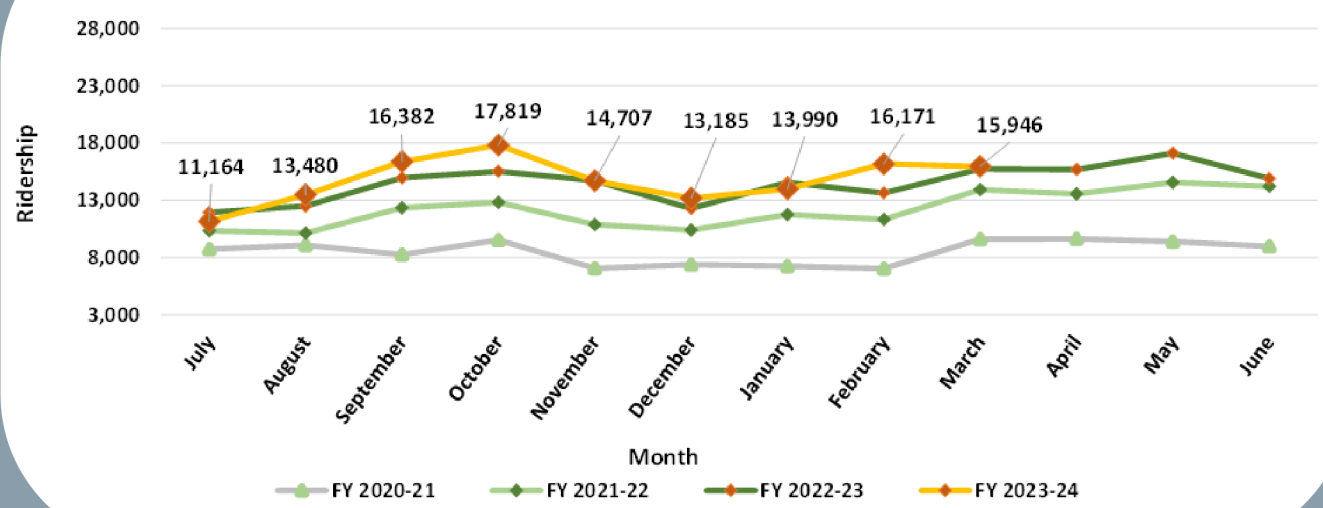




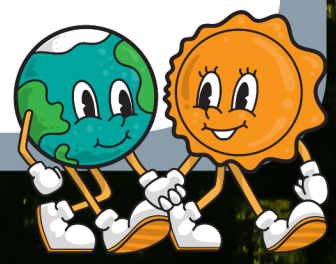
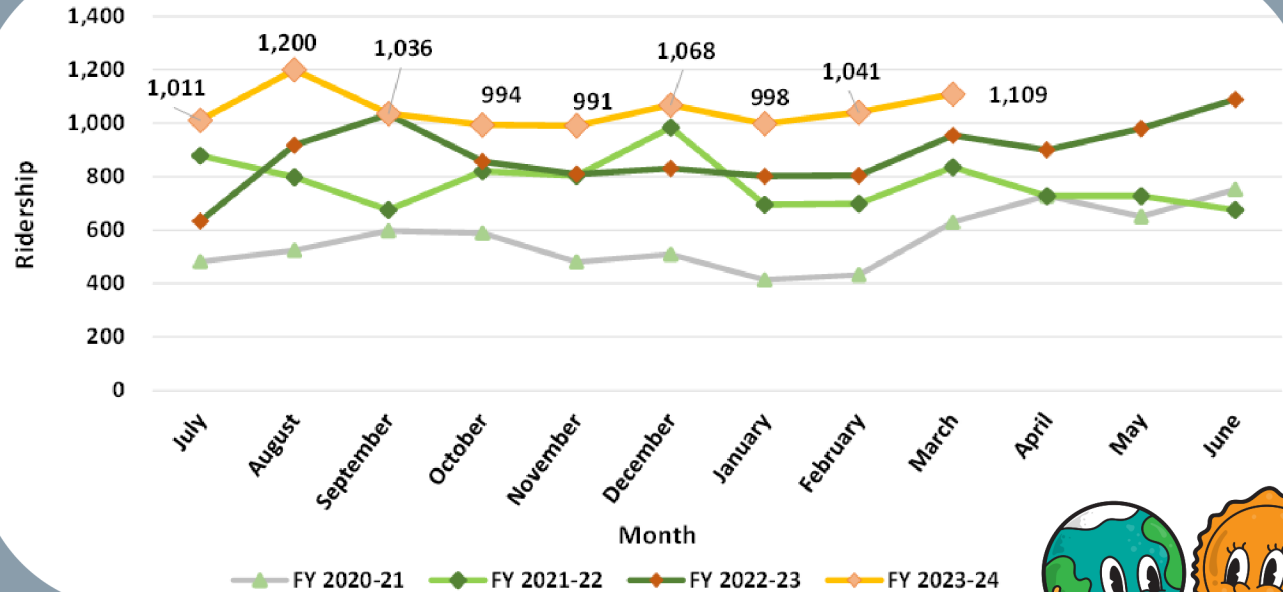
# RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Anne MacCracken

### Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month



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# FLEET SERVICES

*Scott Simonton*

Fleet recently assisted Public Works with a project at their new facility. The facility includes a decant bay, in which debris collected in the cleaning of underground utilities is dumped for drying. Metal panels were added to protect the concrete during the removal of the dried debris. Public Works staff installed metal concrete anchors, Fleet staff welded the metal panels to those anchors, providing protection to the concrete structure.



*Fleet Mechanic Scott Wright, preparing a panel for welding in Public Works' decant facility.*

## OPERATIONS

*Brad Dillingham*

April saw more driver interviews, which turned into the addition of two more drivers. This will certainly help towards future service expansions and reliability of service.

We have been working with other departments and staff in the City to figure out where future bus stops are going to go in, and we are also coordinating with other organizations on ways that we can make seamless transit connections throughout Clackamas County and with TriMet.

Here's to warmer weather and improved service!





# COMMUTE OPTIONS



*Michelle Marston*

A new site specific Spring Commute Challenge launched April 15 and will run through May 15. Northwest Housing Alternatives (NHA) agreed to be our first pilot residential commute challenge participant. With over 140 residential units this site was selected to reach low income families and folks who speak English as their second language. We will be partnering with NHA to host informational bilingual workshops to show folks the get there website and how to earn a reward for alternative commute choices.

The goal of this challenge is to encourage those who drive alone to explore alternate commute methods. As folks sign up to participate this creates a list of contacts who may be interested in forming a carpool or vanpool to work.

**APRIL**  
**COMMUTE CHALLENGE**

• HOW TO GET STARTED •

 [GETTHEREOREGON.ORG/AP](https://getthereoregon.org/ap)

- 1** REGISTER TO JOIN & create account or LOGIN TO JOIN if you have an existing account with Get There Oregon.
- 2** Log transit, bike, walk, carpool or vanpool trips by filling in the details.
- 3** When you reach 30 points redeem for electronic gift card. 





# GRANTS & PROGRAMS

*Kelsey Lewis*

We hosted three reviewers in person for our Triennial Review site visit on April 17 and 18. Many City staff members participated in meeting with them and explaining different programs and service areas. The reviewers were impressed with our level of preparedness for the review and the cleanliness of the Fleet shop, and in summary, the review went very well.

The mayor will receive a final report from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in a few months summarizing the review process.



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

*Patty Tiburcio*

After Wilsonville schools returned from Spring Break, SMART and Boeckman Creek Primary's parent leads resumed the Walking School Bus (WSB) to Boeckman Creek Primary. With Boones Ferry Primary and Lowrie Primary, SMART helped launch their respective Walking School Buses after spring break.

Each school is sponsoring a WSB one day each week for the remainder of the school year. Each WSB has two parent leads. A SMART representative is present at each walk to provide support as each school gets their WSB up and running.

In April, SMART and Ride Connection staff held a travel training series. This included classroom training and practice trips. Participants learned about TriMet's and SMART's transit system and took group transit trips to Graham Oaks Nature Park and Washington Square Mall.



*Lowrie Primary WSB.*



*Travel Training classroom participants.*



*Boones Ferry Primary parent leads: Christy F & Hilary L.*