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SOUTH METRO AREA



REGIONAL TRANSIT

BLACK
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NEW YEAR



2024

February Report

Transit/Fleet

February is Black History Month. In my humble opinion, Black history is U.S. history. I see the two histories as being inextricably bound. When we insist the two be separated, we unwittingly diminish the contributions of a number of great individuals, a number of my ancestors. We diminish the contributions of my great-grandfather...born into slavery, one of the first Blacks to be mustered into the Union Army. We diminish my cousin's service to this nation...a Montford Point Marine, assigned to the 51st Defense Battalion; the first all-Black Marine Corps combat unit. We diminish my great-uncle's selfless ministrations...the first Black deep sea diver. We diminish my cousin's musical talents... known by many as one of the greatest trumpet players in the world. Whether Black History or U.S. History, as for me and my family, we will honor these great Americans without restrictions.

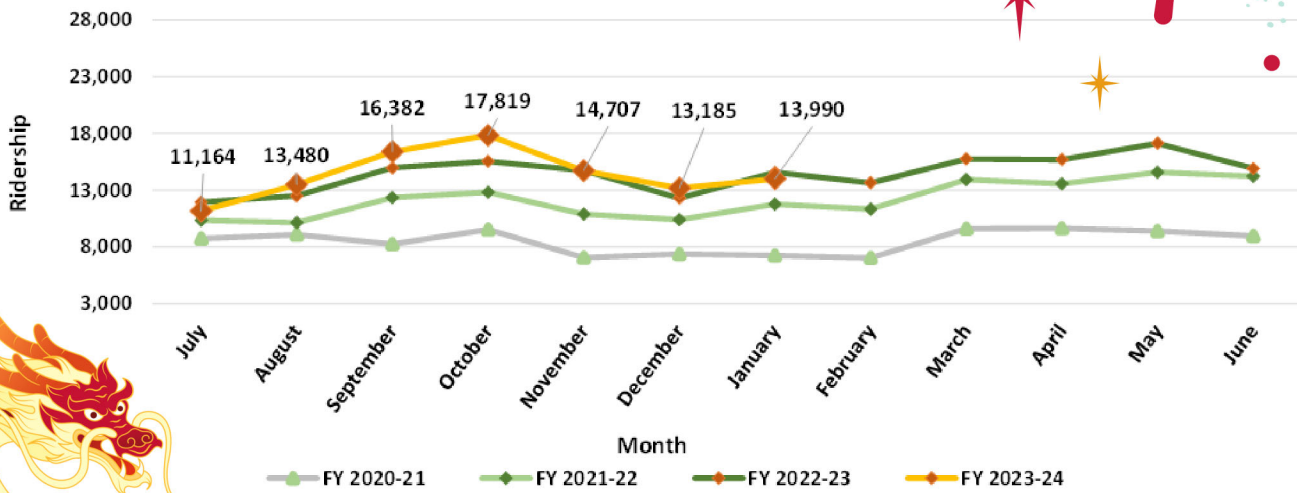
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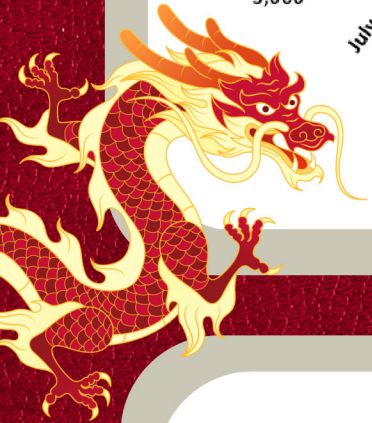
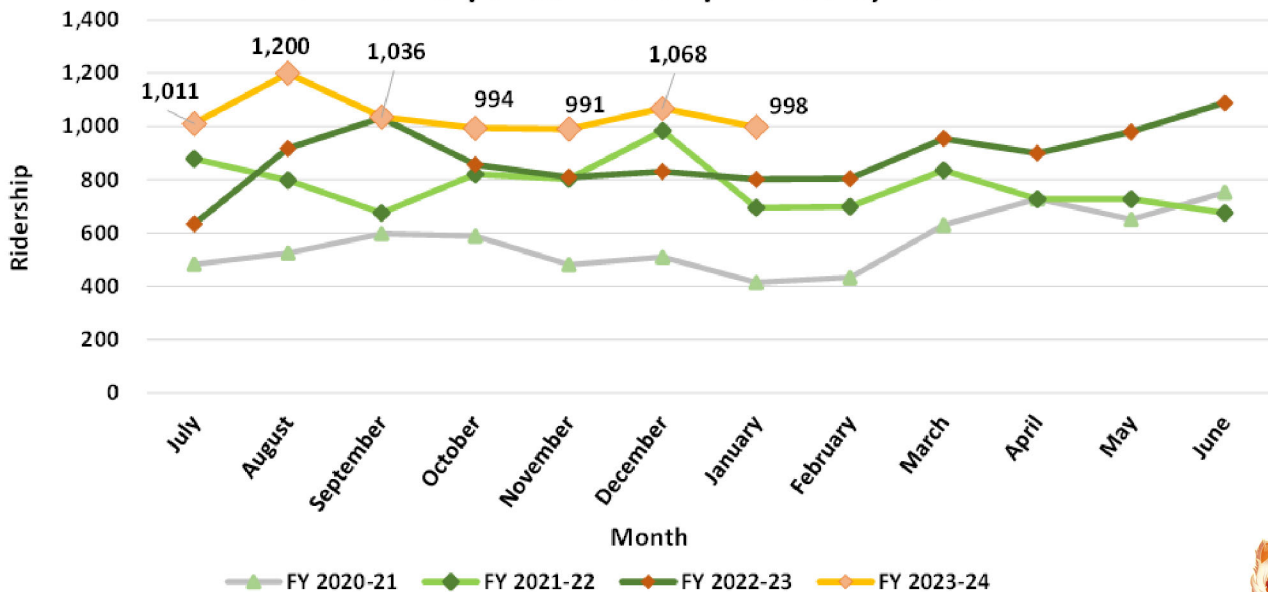
RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Anne MacCracken

Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month



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COMMUTE OPTIONS

Michelle Marston

February is a planning month for the commute options program. We are wrapping up the programming for the Walk at Lunch season, soon schedules will be on the website. Outreach continues to large employers to encourage carpool/vanpool opportunities for those who commute into and out of Wilsonville.

SMART staff is creating a Spring Commute Challenge which is a worksite reward program to encourage Wilsonville business employees to drive alone less and explore alternate commute choices. This is a pilot program at one Wilsonville business.



Kelsey Lewis

Every three years, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducts a triennial review of SMART/Fleet- all of our service, programs, procedures, and policy are reviewed to be in keeping with the current standards for those receiving federal transit funding. There are 23 topical areas for review for this year. For much of the month of February we have been gathering documents and narratives to submit to our reviewers and preparing for a site visit in April. While this is a lot of work, it is also a great opportunity to breathe new life into our policies and document the good work we do to provide transit service and transportation programs for the Wilsonville community. A huge shout out goes to staff in Finance, Legal and Human Resources for their assistance in preparing for the triennial review!





Scott Simonton

In February, NW Natural Gas provided us with our annual gas usage report. The report details our gas usage and associated cost. Because our new, larger capacity Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station went online roughly one year ago, it was no surprise that our usage had increased significantly.

During our account manager's analysis, it was determined that due to our usage patterns, we now qualify for a different, more advantageous rate schedule. The change to rate schedule 31 will result in a 19% savings on the cost of gas.

OPERATIONS



Brad Dillingham

"I didn't get to experience the pandemic here in Wilsonville. Nonetheless, it was a dark time for a lot of us and it was an especially depressing period for transit, with most agencies across the country feeling some form of adversity---However, coming to SMART, I can feel a sense of optimism as we ride down the pandemic's tail-end. We have many projects on the horizon and things to look forward to: "Bus on Shoulder," a new route to Clackamas Town Center, Service upgrades, tweaks, and expansions, you name it. All in time!

However, our success is dependent on those people who make it happen---Drivers. The main driver (pun intended) of the optimism that I feel is that we are starting to see more and more drivers being trained and joining the SMART team. Two drivers are making their way through training this month. Our goal is to hire on enough drivers so that we can gradually bring ourselves back up to full service. From there, we can add routes, increase frequency, and make our service to the community more reliable.

After that, who knows? The moon?"



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Patty Tiburcio

In February, SMART supported Wilsonville schools with Winter Walk+Roll to School Day. This event is a great way for families to continue being active while practicing pedestrian safety during Oregon's winter months.

All participating schools hosted a Walking School Bus (WSB) during their Winter Walk+Roll event.

- Boeckman Creek Primary hosted a WSB that started at Hathaway Park. Boeckman's WSB will continue to run every Wednesday for the remainder of the school year.
- Boones Ferry Primary hosted two WSBs: one that started at Walt Morey Park and another at Wood Middle School.
- Meridian Creek Middle School hosted a WSB that started at Boeckman Primary.



Boeckman Creek Primary's WSB



Meridian Creek Middle School's WSB



Boones Ferry Primary's WSB