2019 First Quarter Metropolitan Council Ridership Report

Transportation Committee
June 10, 2019
Council Ridership – Q1 2019

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<tr>
<th>Mode</th>
<th>2018 YTD Q1</th>
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<th>Nominal Change</th>
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<tr>
<td>Local</td>
<td>11,452,847</td>
<td>10,422,329</td>
<td>-1,030,518</td>
<td>-9%</td>
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<td>Bus Rapid Transit</td>
<td>434,650</td>
<td>411,706</td>
<td>-22,944</td>
<td>-5%</td>
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<td>Commuter &amp; Express</td>
<td>2,024,561</td>
<td>1,868,570</td>
<td>-155,991</td>
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<td>Light Rail</td>
<td>5,723,249</td>
<td>5,512,582</td>
<td>-210,667</td>
<td>-4%</td>
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<td>Northstar</td>
<td>190,607</td>
<td>174,694</td>
<td>-15,913</td>
<td>-8%</td>
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<td>Metro Mobility</td>
<td>586,380</td>
<td>598,265</td>
<td>11,885</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Transit Link</td>
<td>65,878</td>
<td>59,756</td>
<td>-6,122</td>
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<td>Vanpool</td>
<td>31,895</td>
<td>26,338</td>
<td>-5,557</td>
<td>-17%</td>
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<td><strong>Council Total</strong></td>
<td>20,510,067</td>
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<td>-1,435,827</td>
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Observations

• Local Bus and BRT ridership changes
  – Challenges: Bad weather days, low car travel costs, fare increase
  – Opportunities: positive ridership response to fast, frequent service

• Express Bus
  – Challenges: Bad weather days, low car travel costs, fare increase, freeway improvements
  – Opportunities: construction & congestion mitigation

• Rail modes
  – Light rail ridership continues notable growth
  – Northstar ridership down only slightly from 2017 historic high
Observations

• **Metro Mobility**
  – Average annual growth of approximately 6 percent over the past five years
  – Increase matches the area’s changing demographics

• **Transit Link**
  – Decrease reflects impact of fare increase
* 1+ inches snow
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Extra holiday

Extra Sunday
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Questions