



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Connect Transit Trustees may remotely participate in this meeting. Written comments may be submitted via regular mail, email, or in-person. Comments sent via email should be sent to: trustees@connect-transit.com. Connect Transit will read public comments received in writing which were received at least two (2) hours prior to the meeting. Those attending in-person will be given an opportunity to offer public comment. If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not attend the meeting. Persons attending in person are required to wear a face covering.

AGENDA

**Meeting of the Connect Transit Board of Trustees
October 26, 2021 – 4:30 P.M.
351 Wylie Drive – Board Room
Normal, IL 61761**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Public Comments
- E. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of September 28, 2021; Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Information for the month of September 2021
 - c. Monthly Statistical Report for September 2021
 - d. Cardinal Infrastructure Federal Report
 - e. Cornerstone – Illinois Weekly Update
- F. New Business
 - a. Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to approve the Illinois State University Universal Access Contract for a six-month extension from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022. (Roll Call Vote)
- G. Chairman’s Report
- H. General Manager’s Report
 - a. Procurement Director Position
 - b. Board Retreat Dates - Reminder
 - c. Boys and Girls Club Bus Transfer
 - d. Stuff-the-Bus Activities
 - e. Recruiting and Training Update
 - f. Vaccination Record Update
 - g. NEPA Study Update
 - h. Electric Bus Update
 - i. Key Performance Indicator Report
- I. Trustee Comments
- J. Executive Session (cite)
- K. Adjournment



September 2021

Financial and Statistical Reports



Connect Transit Cash Disbursement Report September 2021

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
1st Ayd Corporation	00054300	10-Sep-21	\$361.46	Cleaning Supplies
A.T.U. - C.O.P.E.	00054301	10-Sep-21	\$127.36	Payroll Deduction
A-1 Haney Plumbing	00054302	10-Sep-21	\$90.00	Plumbing
A-1 Haney Plumbing	00054353	17-Sep-21	\$1,031.90	Plumbing
ABC Bus Companies	00054303	10-Sep-21	\$3,517.01	Bus Parts
ABC Bus Companies	00054354	17-Sep-21	\$1,399.07	Bus Parts
Ace-Hi Glass Co.	00054304	10-Sep-21	\$100.00	Glass
Advance Auto Parts	00054305	10-Sep-21	\$302.97	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00054355	17-Sep-21	\$508.90	Maintenance Supplies
Advance Auto Parts	00054392	24-Sep-21	\$103.10	Maintenance Supplies
Airgas USA, LLC	00054356	17-Sep-21	\$298.91	Welding Supplies
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00054306	10-Sep-21	\$6,375.20	Payroll Deduction
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 752	00054432	27-Sep-21	\$50.00	Payroll Deduction
Amazon Capital Service	00054307	10-Sep-21	\$791.99	Materials & Supplies, Maps & Schedules, Office Supplies & Equipment
Amazon Capital Service	00054357	17-Sep-21	\$444.53	Computer Hardware, Materials & Supplies & Office Supplies
Amazon Capital Service	00054393	24-Sep-21	\$171.69	Computer Hardware & Office Supplies
AnceI, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni &	00054394	24-Sep-21	\$503.22	Legal Service
Aramark Uniform Services	00054308	10-Sep-21	\$695.83	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00054358	17-Sep-21	\$348.44	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Aramark Uniform Services	00054395	24-Sep-21	\$346.13	Cleaning Uniforms & Rugs
Assurance Agency, Ltd.	00054309	10-Sep-21	\$114,883.00	Insurance
Assurance Agency, Ltd.	00054396	24-Sep-21	\$100.00	Insurance
B & B Awards and Recognition, Inc	00054397	24-Sep-21	\$16.45	Printed Materials
Birkey's Farm Store, Inc	00054310	10-Sep-21	\$117.60	Bus Parts
Blue Springs, Inc	00054311	10-Sep-21	\$375.00	Portable Restrooms
Blue Springs, Inc	00054398	24-Sep-21	\$325.00	Portable Restrooms
Brink's Incorporated	00054359	17-Sep-21	\$207.89	Armored Services
Cardinal Infrastructure	00054399	24-Sep-21	\$6,201.87	Consulting
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00054312	10-Sep-21	\$967.10	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00054360	17-Sep-21	\$141.44	Bus Parts
Central Illinois Trucks Inc.	00054400	24-Sep-21	\$6,162.95	Bus Parts
Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District	00054401	24-Sep-21	\$629.14	Bus Parts
CHARLIE BUSSE	00054402	24-Sep-21	\$672.87	Travel Reimbursement
Cintas	00054361	17-Sep-21	\$447.60	Building Maintenance
CIRBN, LLC	00054403	24-Sep-21	\$147.13	Internet
City of Bloomington	00054313	10-Sep-21	\$1,762.88	Utilities
City of Bloomington	00054404	24-Sep-21	\$2,268.86	Utilities
City of Bloomington	00054314	10-Sep-21	\$130.41	Utilities
Clark Baird Smith, LLP	00054362	17-Sep-21	\$2,210.00	Legal Service
Clean Exhaust Specialist	00054405	24-Sep-21	\$1,321.90	Outside Repair
Clement Communications	00054315	10-Sep-21	\$484.74	Printed Materials
CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	00054316	10-Sep-21	\$3,500.00	Audit Services
Commerce Bank	ACH	10-Sep-21	\$293.51	Bank Fees
Corn Belt Energy Corp.	00054363	17-Sep-21	\$4,806.67	Utilities
Cornerstone Government Affairs	00054406	24-Sep-21	\$8,541.66	Consulting
Crown Lift Trucks-735	00054364	17-Sep-21	\$2,302.57	Building Maintenance
Cummins Crosspoint	00054317	10-Sep-21	\$3.15	Bus Parts
Cummins Crosspoint	00054365	17-Sep-21	\$1,107.46	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00054318	10-Sep-21	\$96.88	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00054366	17-Sep-21	\$1,573.85	Bus Parts
Don Owen Tire Service, Inc.	00054407	24-Sep-21	\$260.00	Bus Parts
Donna Skowronski	00054367	17-Sep-21	\$695.52	Advertising Employment
Donna Skowronski	00054408	24-Sep-21	\$171.36	Consulting Fees
Duane Schoolman	00054409	24-Sep-21	\$51.20	Uniform Reimbursement
Eagle Automotive	00054319	10-Sep-21	\$149.63	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00054368	17-Sep-21	\$442.53	Bus Parts
Eagle Automotive	00054410	24-Sep-21	\$23.14	Bus Parts
ETC Institute	00054320	10-Sep-21	\$9,380.00	Consulting Fees
Evergreen FS	00054411	24-Sep-21	\$469.92	Fuel
Express Services, Inc.	00054321	10-Sep-21	\$709.51	Temp Service
Fasteners Etc.	00054322	10-Sep-21	\$975.71	Maintenance Supplies
Fasteners Etc.	00054369	17-Sep-21	\$71.69	Maintenance Supplies
Frontier	00054412	24-Sep-21	\$47.03	Telephone



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Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
Geiger	00054370	17-Sep-21	\$130.12	Admin Uniforms
Genfare	00054323	10-Sep-21	\$1,420.79	Software and Hardware
Genfare	00054371	17-Sep-21	\$690.00	Software and Hardware
Genfare	00054413	24-Sep-21	\$672.75	Software and Hardware
Gillig LLC	00054324	10-Sep-21	\$994.77	Bus Parts
Great Plains Media	00054325	10-Sep-21	\$1,600.00	Radio Advertising
Grosso's Garage	00054372	17-Sep-21	\$448.89	Outside Repair
Grosso's Garage	00054414	24-Sep-21	\$448.89	Outside Repair
Hanson Industrial, Inc.	00054326	10-Sep-21	\$394.53	Bus Washer
ICMA	ACH	09-Sep-21	\$34,457.95	457 Retirement Trust
ICMA	ACH	23-Sep-21	\$33,142.75	457 Retirement Trust
Illinois Department of Revenue	00054327	10-Sep-21	\$13,958.11	Payroll Deduction
Illinois Department of Revenue	00054433	27-Sep-21	\$14,075.07	Payroll Deduction
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	00054328	10-Sep-21	\$159.52	Payroll Deduction
Illinois State Disbursement Unit	00054434	27-Sep-21	\$159.52	Payroll Deduction
Indiana State Collection Unit (INSCCU)	00054329	10-Sep-21	\$70.00	Payroll Deduction
Indiana State Collection Unit (INSCCU)	00054435	27-Sep-21	\$70.00	Payroll Deduction
Janice Crago	00054415	24-Sep-21	\$36.56	Employee Recognition
Jason Garmon	00054373	17-Sep-21	\$17.72	Materials & Supplies
Judd Fink	00054416	24-Sep-21	\$168.61	Travel & Meetings
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00054330	10-Sep-21	\$27,004.63	Bus Parts, Fuel & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00054374	17-Sep-21	\$22,686.84	Bus Parts, Fuel, Garage Equipment & Lubricants
Ken's Oil Service, Inc	00054417	24-Sep-21	\$21,264.53	Building Maintenance, Bus Parts, Cleaning Supplies & Fuel
Maas Radiator Shop Inc.	00054418	24-Sep-21	\$66.70	Outside Repair
Marsha L Combs-Skinner	00054331	10-Sep-21	\$600.00	Payroll Deduction
Marsha L Combs-Skinner	00054436	27-Sep-21	\$600.00	Payroll Deduction
McLean County Recorder	00054375	17-Sep-21	\$38.00	Bus Shelters
McLean County Recorder	00054376	17-Sep-21	\$38.00	Bus Shelters
Menards	00054332	10-Sep-21	\$144.78	Cleaning Supplies & Shop Tools
Michelin North America, Inc	00054333	10-Sep-21	\$4,378.58	Tires
Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.	00054419	24-Sep-21	\$288.37	Bus Parts
Miller Janitor Supply	00054334	10-Sep-21	\$315.35	Maintenance Supplies
Miller Janitor Supply	00054420	24-Sep-21	\$451.36	Maintenance Supplies
Minerva Promotions	00054377	17-Sep-21	\$260.25	Uniforms
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00054335	10-Sep-21	\$109.84	Bus Parts
Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co.	00054378	17-Sep-21	\$661.80	Bus Parts
Morris Avenue Garage	00054336	10-Sep-21	\$35.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00054379	17-Sep-21	\$70.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morris Avenue Garage	00054421	24-Sep-21	\$35.00	Vehicle Inspection
Morton Community Bank	00054337	10-Sep-21	\$4,175.00	Health Savings Accounts
Motion Industries, Inc.	00054338	10-Sep-21	\$31.57	Bus Parts
Mutual of Omaha	00054390	20-Sep-21	\$31,349.07	Life, AD&D, STD & LTD
Napa Auto Parts	00054339	10-Sep-21	\$337.17	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00054380	17-Sep-21	\$372.27	Bus Parts
Napa Auto Parts	00054422	24-Sep-21	\$656.70	Bus Parts
Neuhoff Media	00054340	10-Sep-21	\$990.00	Advertising
Nicor Gas	00054381	17-Sep-21	\$198.41	Utilities
Paulette Mincey	00054423	24-Sep-21	\$48.74	Uniform Reimbursement
Payroll	ACH	09-Sep-21	\$214,965.35	
Payroll	ACH	23-Sep-21	\$220,827.46	
Piercy Auto Body	00054382	17-Sep-21	\$6,645.86	Outside Repair
Pinnacle Door	00054341	10-Sep-21	\$2,628.15	Door Repair
Prairie Signs	00054383	17-Sep-21	\$721.87	Advertising-Promotions
Rogers HR Consulting	00054342	10-Sep-21	\$17,458.34	Consulting
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	00054384	17-Sep-21	\$2,602.90	Building Maintenance
Sam Leman	00054343	10-Sep-21	\$30.94	Outside Repair
Sam Leman	00054385	17-Sep-21	\$826.44	Outside Repair
Sam Leman	00054424	24-Sep-21	\$182.37	Outside Repair
Sophos Marketing	00054425	24-Sep-21	\$299.00	Advertising
Stratus Networks	00054344	10-Sep-21	\$2,512.04	Internet
Team Torque	00054345	10-Sep-21	\$40.00	Shop Tools
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00054346	10-Sep-21	\$3,657.92	Bus Parts
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00054386	17-Sep-21	\$1,659.04	Bus Parts



**Connect Transit
Cash Disbursement Report
September 2021**

Name	Check Number	Date	Amount	Description
The Aftermarket Parts Company LLC	00054426	24-Sep-21	\$474.26	Bus Parts
The Pantagraph	00054347	10-Sep-21	\$609.04	Public Notices
Town of Normal	00054348	10-Sep-21	\$381.80	Utilities
TRAVELERS	00054349	10-Sep-21	\$571.00	Property Damage Expense
Trent Davis	00054387	17-Sep-21	\$59.81	Uniform Reimbursement
Uline	00054388	17-Sep-21	\$262.81	Office Supplies
United Parcel Service	00054427	24-Sep-21	\$15.05	Shipping
United States Treasury	ACH	13-Sep-21	\$78,023.45	Federal Tax Payment
United States Treasury	ACH	27-Sep-21	\$78,828.11	Federal Tax Payment
UPS	00054350	10-Sep-21	\$130.58	Shipping
USSC Group	00054351	10-Sep-21	\$132.75	Bus Parts
USSC Group	00054428	24-Sep-21	\$506.78	Bus Parts
Verizon Online	00054352	10-Sep-21	\$5,785.95	Mobile Data Terminals for SS
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$197.91	Legal
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$60.49	Employee Drug Testing
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$1,000.00	Advertising- Employment
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$16.44	Bus Parts
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$53.22	Materials & Supplies
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$1,375.00	Freight
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$9,671.38	Office Equipment
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$474.09	Office Supplies
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$358.01	Software Licensing
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$153.38	Vehicle Registration
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$1,905.81	Travel & Meetings
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$1,048.14	Employee Recognition
Visa - Commerce Bank	00054299	02-Sep-21	\$410.13	Safety & Training
Watts Copy Systems, Inc	00054429	24-Sep-21	\$966.25	Lease
William Slaughter	00054389	17-Sep-21	\$32.61	Uniform Reimbursement
Wm. Masters, Inc	00054431	24-Sep-21	\$220.50	Building Maintenance
Total			\$1,071,921.47	

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Balance Sheet

Division: 99 Board Reports

As of: 9/30/2021

Fiscal Year: 2022 Period: 3 Sep-2021

Assets

Current Assets

Checking and Savings	\$5,125,610.87
Accounts Receivable	\$3,471,135.21
Inventory Asset - Fuel	\$69,646.23
Inventory Asset - Parts	\$240,760.68
Inventory Asset - Tires	\$0.00
Other Current Assets	\$466,364.78

Total Current Assets \$9,373,517.77

Fixed Assets \$19,337,549.46

Total Assets \$28,711,067.23

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$455,646.51
Payroll Liabilities	\$1,254,790.24
Contracts	\$0.00
Due to Illinois Funds Account	\$0.00
Deferred Revenue	\$142,251.64
Deficit Funding Advance	\$0.00

Total Liabilities \$1,852,688.39

EQUITY

Fixed Asset Equity	\$12,483,532.77
Unreserved Fund Equity	\$6,750,412.62
Underground Petroleum Storage	\$20,000.00

Total Equity \$19,253,945.39

Retained Earnings \$7,604,433.45

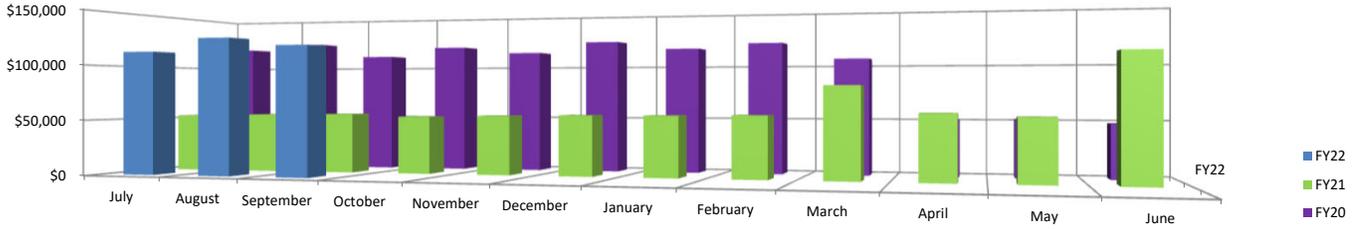
Total Liabilities & Equity \$28,711,067.23

Bloomington Normal Public Transit Income Statement With Approved Budget

From Fiscal Year: 2022	From Period 3	Division: 98 Operating Profit/Loss		As of: 9/30/2021	
Thru Fiscal Year: 2022	Thru Period 3	Sep-2021	Jul-2021 Sep-2021	Approved Budget	
Operating Revenue					
Passenger Fares	\$57,092.61	15.31%	\$166,186.41	44.55%	\$373,000.00
ISU Contract Fare	\$48,178.00	7.94%	\$144,534.00	23.81%	\$607,000.00
Other Contract Fares	\$11,769.63	7.36%	\$42,860.49	26.79%	\$160,000.00
Advertising Revenue	\$9,850.00	9.85%	\$31,390.00	31.39%	\$100,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$13,190.77	527.63%	\$19,601.13	784.05%	\$2,500.00
Total Operating Revenue	\$140,081.01	11.27%	\$404,572.03	32.56%	\$1,242,500.00
Operating Expenses					
Operators Wages	\$531,266.87	8.19%	\$1,699,107.50	26.19%	\$6,487,000.00
Maintenance Wages	\$89,955.86	6.93%	\$272,152.34	20.97%	\$1,298,000.00
Administration Wages	\$70,644.32	6.59%	\$188,582.63	17.59%	\$1,072,000.00
Employer Payroll Tax Expense	\$52,788.20	7.33%	\$165,250.09	22.95%	\$720,000.00
Retirement Plan	\$30,066.43	7.01%	\$86,807.56	20.23%	\$429,000.00
Group Insurance	\$134,531.53	7.50%	\$380,560.03	21.22%	\$1,793,000.00
Uniform Expense	\$3,165.03	8.33%	\$8,909.92	23.45%	\$38,000.00
Professional Services	\$44,396.50	14.23%	\$136,159.46	43.64%	\$312,000.00
Outside Repair-Labor	\$3,206.93	3.56%	\$6,598.17	7.33%	\$90,000.00
Contract Maintenance Services	\$15,740.56	12.69%	\$35,355.27	28.51%	\$124,000.00
Custodial Services	\$881.94	5.19%	\$3,619.86	21.29%	\$17,000.00
Employee Recruiting/Testing/Temp Help	\$2,469.60	15.44%	\$8,387.59	52.42%	\$16,000.00
Fuel	\$72,322.31	8.16%	\$192,558.44	21.73%	\$886,000.00
Lubricants	\$2,473.29	5.50%	\$7,551.64	16.78%	\$45,000.00
Tires	\$3,438.63	3.82%	\$11,562.71	12.85%	\$90,000.00
Bus Repair Parts	\$40,852.42	12.77%	\$108,032.67	33.76%	\$320,000.00
Other Materials & Supplies	\$3,724.68	4.90%	\$14,864.32	19.56%	\$76,000.00
Shelters/Signs/Shop Tools	\$222.68	0.82%	\$3,505.05	12.98%	\$27,000.00
Computer and Office Supplies	\$5,953.28	2.22%	\$54,368.02	20.29%	\$268,000.00
Utilities	\$13,393.50	9.92%	\$35,142.40	26.03%	\$135,000.00
Corporate Insurance	\$43,283.73	10.38%	\$108,407.62	26.00%	\$417,000.00
Dues/Subscriptions/Fees	\$1,168.00	2.25%	\$11,181.38	21.50%	\$52,000.00
Printing/Marketing/Training	\$15,893.90	5.52%	\$53,518.01	18.58%	\$288,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,181,840.19	7.88%	\$3,592,182.68	23.95%	\$15,000,000.00
Operating Assistance					
Operating Deficit Before Subsidies and Grants	(\$1,041,759.18)	7.57%	(\$3,187,610.65)	23.17%	(\$13,757,500.00)
City of Bloomington Operating Assistance	\$63,333.33	8.33%	\$189,999.99	25.00%	\$760,000.00
Town of Normal Operating Assistance	\$32,500.00	6.63%	\$97,500.00	19.90%	\$490,000.00
Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance	\$760,205.00	7.87%	\$2,328,957.00	24.10%	\$9,664,200.00
FTA 5307 Operating Assistance	\$172,800.00	6.37%	\$548,582.00	20.23%	\$2,711,300.00
Total Operating Assistance	\$1,028,838.33	7.55%	\$3,165,038.99	23.23%	\$13,625,500.00

Financial Reports

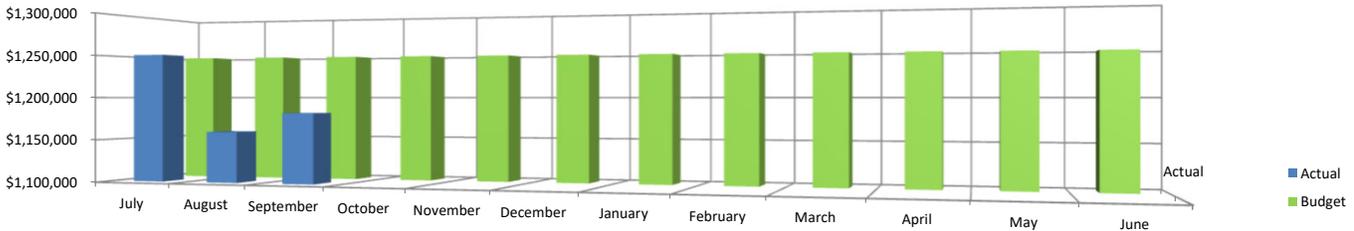
Transit Fare



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	\$112,322	\$124,218	\$117,040									
FY21	\$52,762	\$53,950	\$54,657	\$52,597	\$53,767	\$54,573	\$54,677	\$55,357	\$81,397	\$57,827	\$55,051	\$109,372
FY20	\$118,530	\$123,667	\$110,792	\$119,271	\$113,433	\$123,220	\$116,193	\$120,728	\$105,840	\$50,726	\$51,334	\$48,055

Notes: Other Contract Fares revenue increased \$5,291 in September 2021 from September 2020 due to Heartland Community College and Medicaid billing. Total Cash Fares increased \$27,505 in September 2021 from September 2020. Total Pass Fares increased \$28,470 in September 2021 from September 2020.

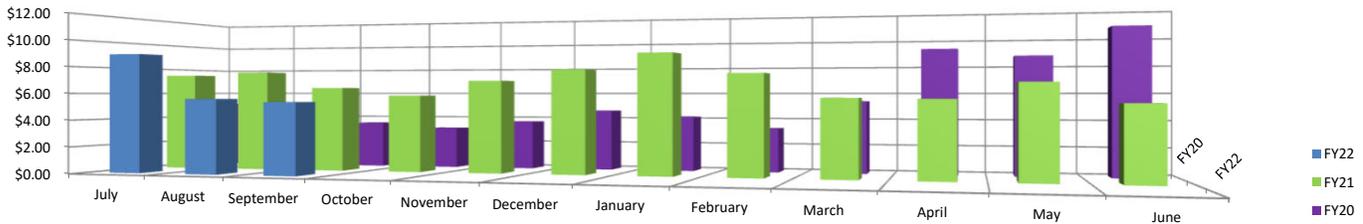
Operating Expenses



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Actual	\$1,250,904	\$1,159,439	\$1,181,840									
Budget	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000

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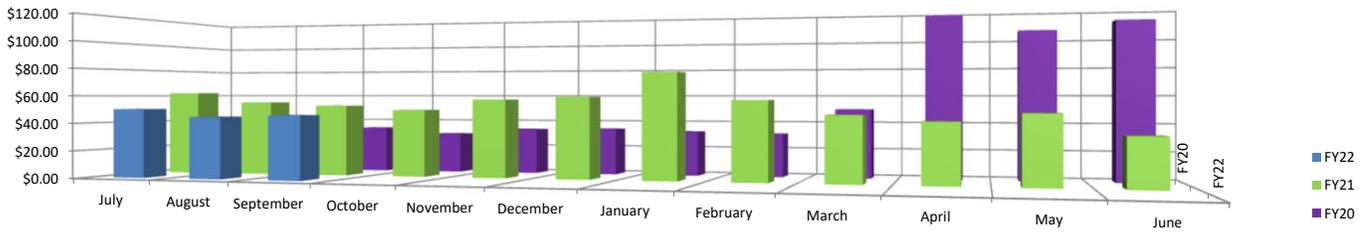
Fixed Route Cost Per Unlinked Passenger Trip



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	\$8.96	\$5.58	\$5.36									
FY21	\$7.43	\$7.65	\$6.42	\$5.82	\$6.95	\$7.76	\$8.95	\$7.45	\$5.69	\$5.63	\$6.78	\$5.35
FY20	\$5.06	\$4.01	\$3.52	\$3.13	\$3.70	\$4.61	\$4.16	\$3.30	\$5.40	\$9.26	\$8.72	\$10.77

Notes: Expenses increased \$85,423 in September 2021 from September 2020. Trips increased 41,434 in September 2021 from September 2020.

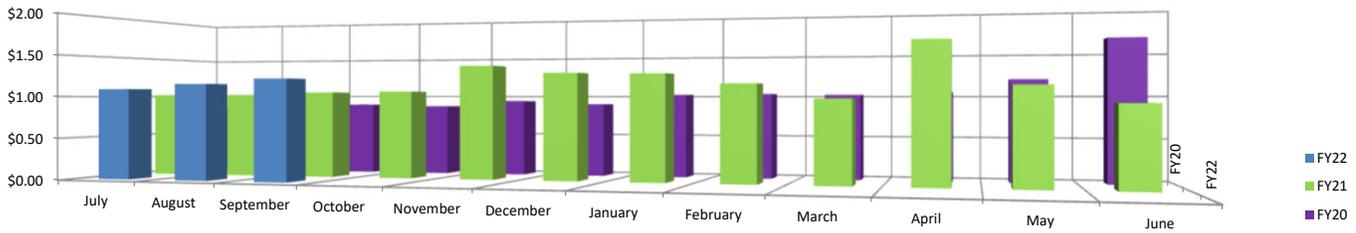
Connect Mobility Cost Per Unlinked Passenger Trip



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	\$50.12	\$44.65	\$46.06									
FY21	\$62.07	\$54.77	\$52.37	\$49.28	\$57.19	\$59.16	\$76.77	\$57.05	\$46.93	\$42.77	\$48.56	\$34.15
FY20	\$32.40	\$34.54	\$33.89	\$29.62	\$33.62	\$34.28	\$32.65	\$31.43	\$49.93	\$117.13	\$105.79	\$112.19

Notes: Expenses increased \$30,322 in September 2021 from September 2020. Trips increased by 1,281 in September 2021 from September 2020.

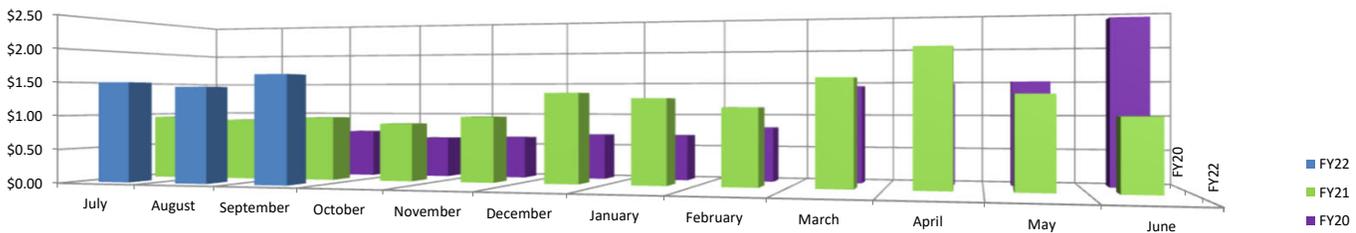
Fixed Route Cost Per Maintenance Mile (Excluding Fuel) Unaudited



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	\$1.09	\$1.15	\$1.21									
FY21	\$1.02	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.06	\$1.37	\$1.28	\$1.27	\$1.15	\$0.98	\$1.63	\$1.13	\$0.93
FY20	\$0.84	\$0.77	\$0.89	\$0.87	\$0.94	\$0.90	\$1.02	\$1.03	\$1.02	\$1.05	\$1.20	\$1.67

Notes: Fixed Route maintenance expense increased \$12,228 in September 2021 from September 2020. Fixed Route miles decreased 4,484 in September 2021 from September 2020.

Connect Mobility Cost Per Maintenance Mile (Excluding Fuel) Unaudited

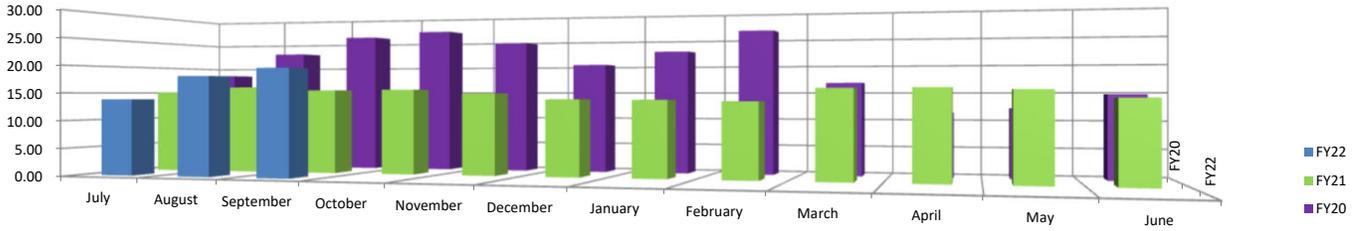


	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	\$1.50	\$1.43	\$1.61									
FY21	\$0.96	\$0.92	\$0.96	\$0.87	\$0.98	\$1.34	\$1.26	\$1.13	\$1.55	\$1.97	\$1.32	\$1.02
FY20	\$0.63	\$0.69	\$0.71	\$0.61	\$0.63	\$0.68	\$0.68	\$0.81	\$1.44	\$1.47	\$1.50	\$2.40

Notes: Connect Mobility maintenance expense increased \$8,459 in September 2021 from September 2020. Mobility miles decreased 5,274 in September 2021 from September 2020.

Operations Reports

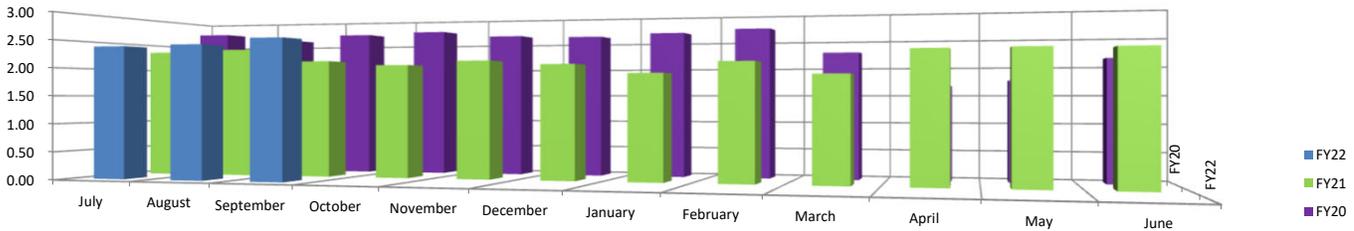
Fixed Route Passengers Per Hour



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	13.82	18.01	19.40									
FY21	15.09	16.05	15.48	15.59	14.92	13.83	13.76	13.54	15.88	15.95	15.62	14.24
FY20	18.44	22.81	26.04	27.00	24.60	20.31	22.71	26.43	16.81	11.42	12.27	14.76

Notes:

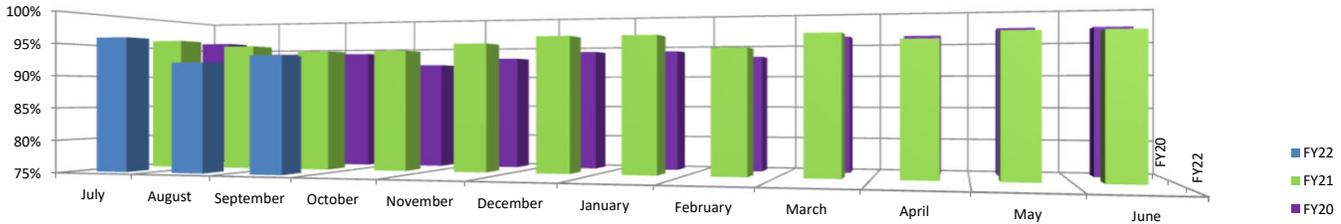
Connect Mobility Passengers Per Hour



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	2.39	2.41	2.51									
FY21	2.33	2.37	2.14	2.06	2.13	2.06	1.90	2.09	1.87	2.28	2.29	2.28
FY20	2.74	2.60	2.70	2.74	2.64	2.61	2.66	2.72	2.27	1.67	1.76	2.14

Notes:

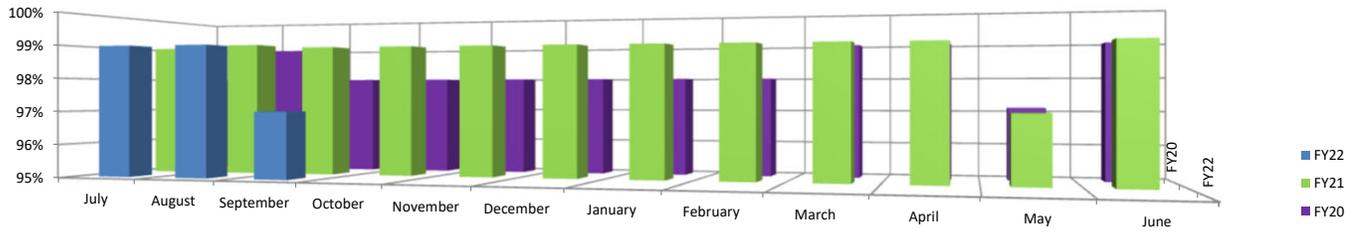
Fixed Route On Time Performance



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	96%	92%	93%									
FY21	96%	95%	94%	94%	95%	96%	96%	94%	96%	95%	96%	96%
FY20	96%	94%	94%	92%	93%	94%	94%	93%	96%	96%	97%	97%

Notes:

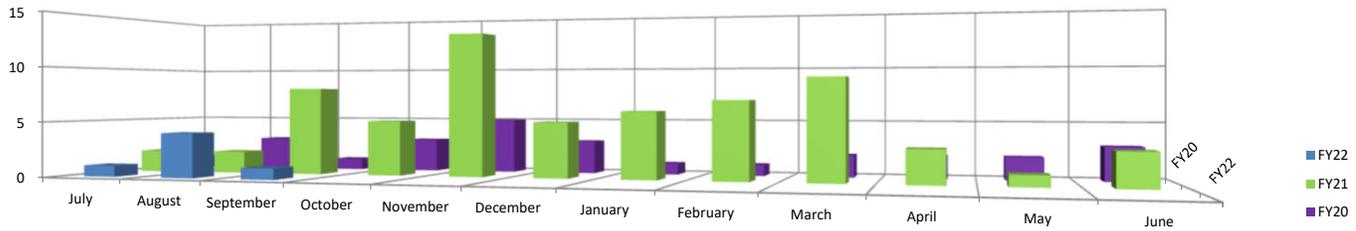
Connect Mobility On Time Performance



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	99%	99%	97%									
FY21	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	99%
FY20	98%	99%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	99%	99%	97%	99%

Notes:

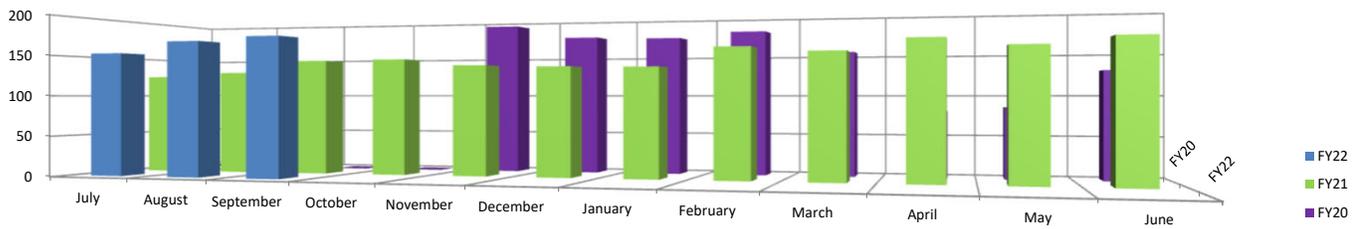
Validated Complaints Per 100,000 Miles



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	1	4	1	5	13	5	6	7	9	3	1	3
FY21	2	2	8	5	13	5	6	7	9	3	1	3
FY20	1	3	1	3	5	3	1	1	2	2	2	3

Notes:

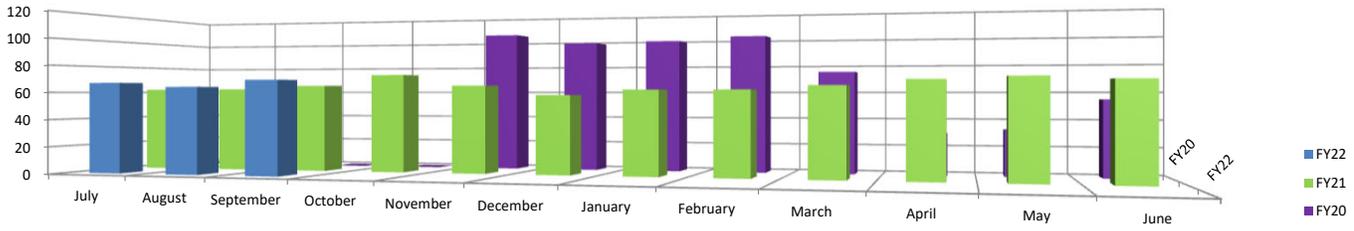
Fixed Route Average Daily Phone Calls



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	153	167	172	146	138	136	135	158	152	166	157	166
FY21	125	130	145	146	138	136	135	158	152	166	157	166
FY20	0	0	0	0	192	176	174	181	154	81	86	130

Notes:

Connect Mobility Average Daily Phone Calls

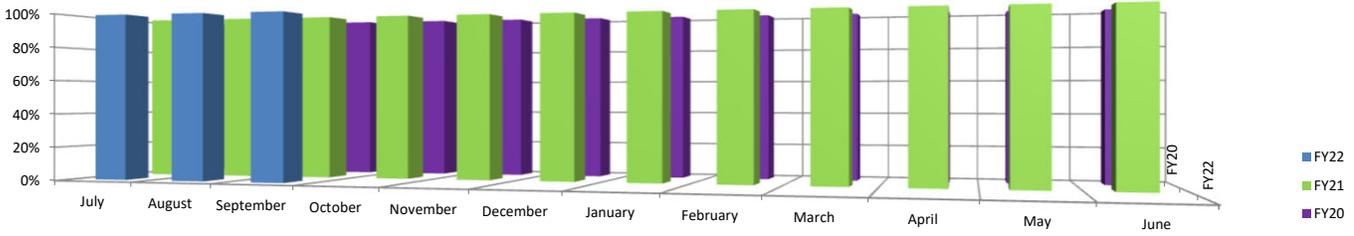


	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	67	64	69									
FY21	62	62	65	73	65	58	62	62	65	69	71	69
FY20	0	0	0	0	105	98	99	102	75	30	33	55

Notes:

Maintenance Reports

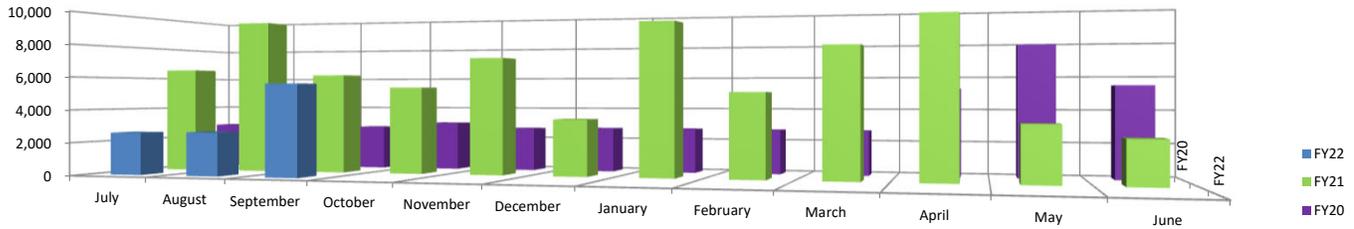
Percent Preventative Maintenance Performed On Time



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	100%	100%	100%									
FY21	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
FY20	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Notes:

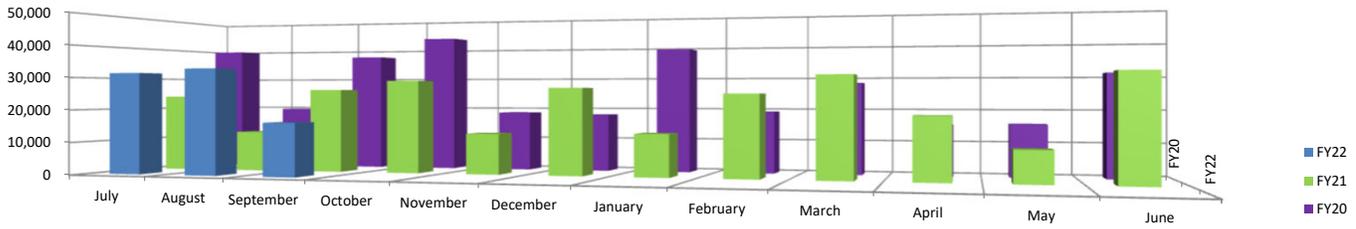
Fixed Route Vehicle Miles Between Trouble Calls



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	2,575	2,638	5,589									
FY21	6,511	9,531	6,149	5,367	7,167	3,430	9,269	5,078	7,776	9,504	3,333	2,575
FY20	2,802	2,862	2,715	3,016	2,693	2,724	2,729	2,711	2,698	5,290	7,867	5,470

Notes:

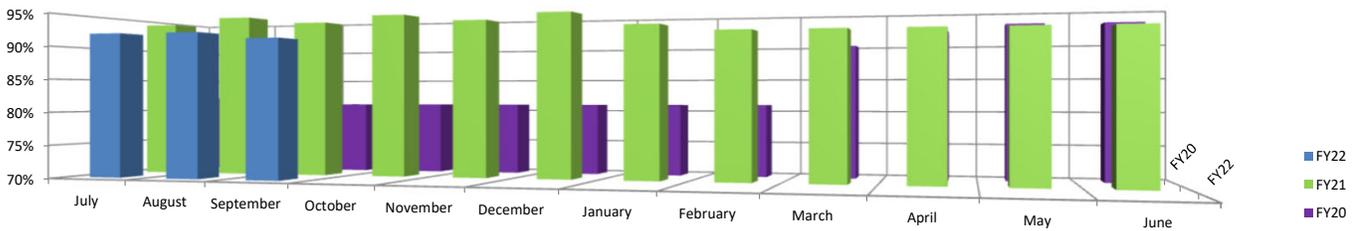
Connect Mobility Vehicle Miles Between Trouble Calls



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	31,411	32,700	16,264									
FY21	24,009	12,486	26,194	29,049	12,571	26,763	13,003	25,034	30,571	18,808	9,560	31,411
FY20	39,585	19,673	37,424	43,445	18,693	18,113	39,143	19,257	28,302	15,454	15,822	31,135

Notes:

Average Interior Cleanliness Inspection Score

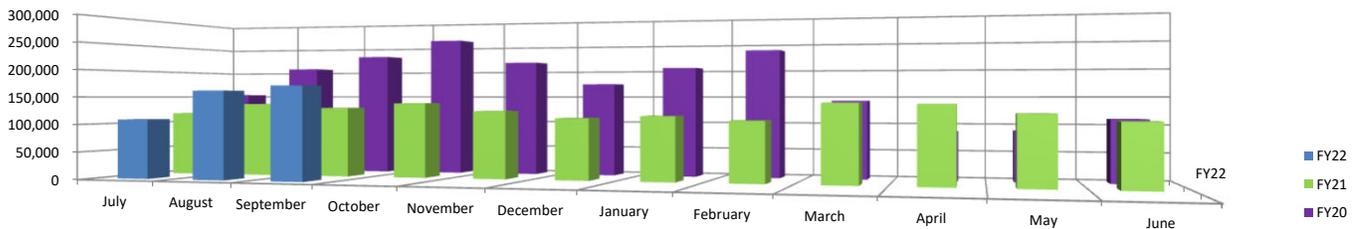


	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	92%	92%	91%									
FY21	94%	95%	94%	95%	94%	95%	93%	92%	92%	92%	92%	92%
FY20	82%	82%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%	81%	90%	92%	93%	93%

Notes:

Ridership Reports

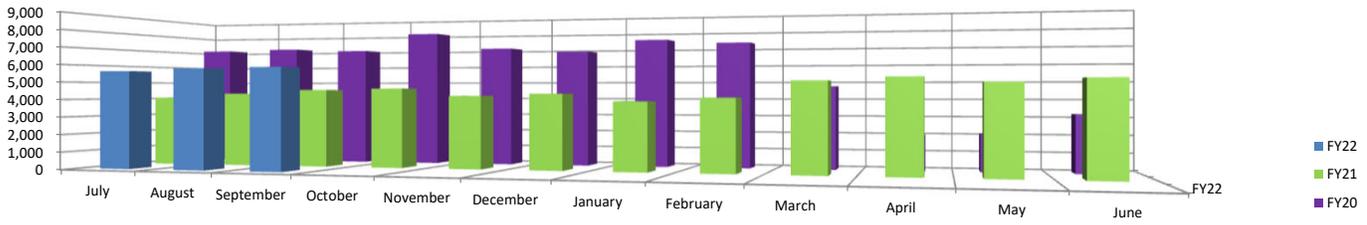
Fixed Route Monthly Ridership



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	108,167	161,517	170,387									
FY21	117,844	136,234	128,953	138,053	123,863	111,608	115,985	108,736	140,266	138,205	122,699	110,574
FY20	153,754	206,663	230,572	261,519	216,824	174,428	204,683	236,504	143,069	87,568	89,360	111,182

Notes:

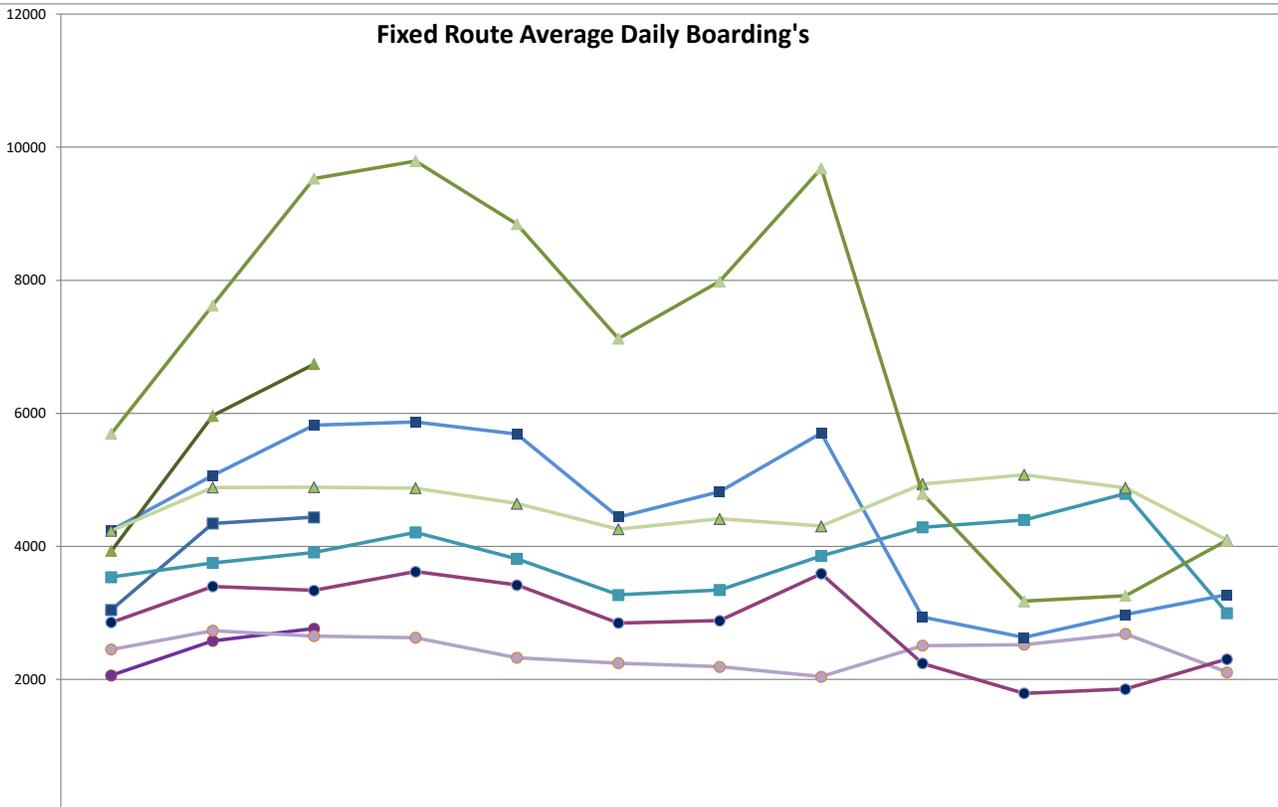
Connect Mobility Monthly Ridership



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	5,631	5,775	5,823									
FY21	4,076	4,323	4,542	4,630	4,205	4,334	3,906	4,119	5,049	5,248	4,965	5,174
FY20	7,078	7,154	7,022	8,041	7,084	6,857	7,511	7,298	4,754	1,982	2,083	3,202

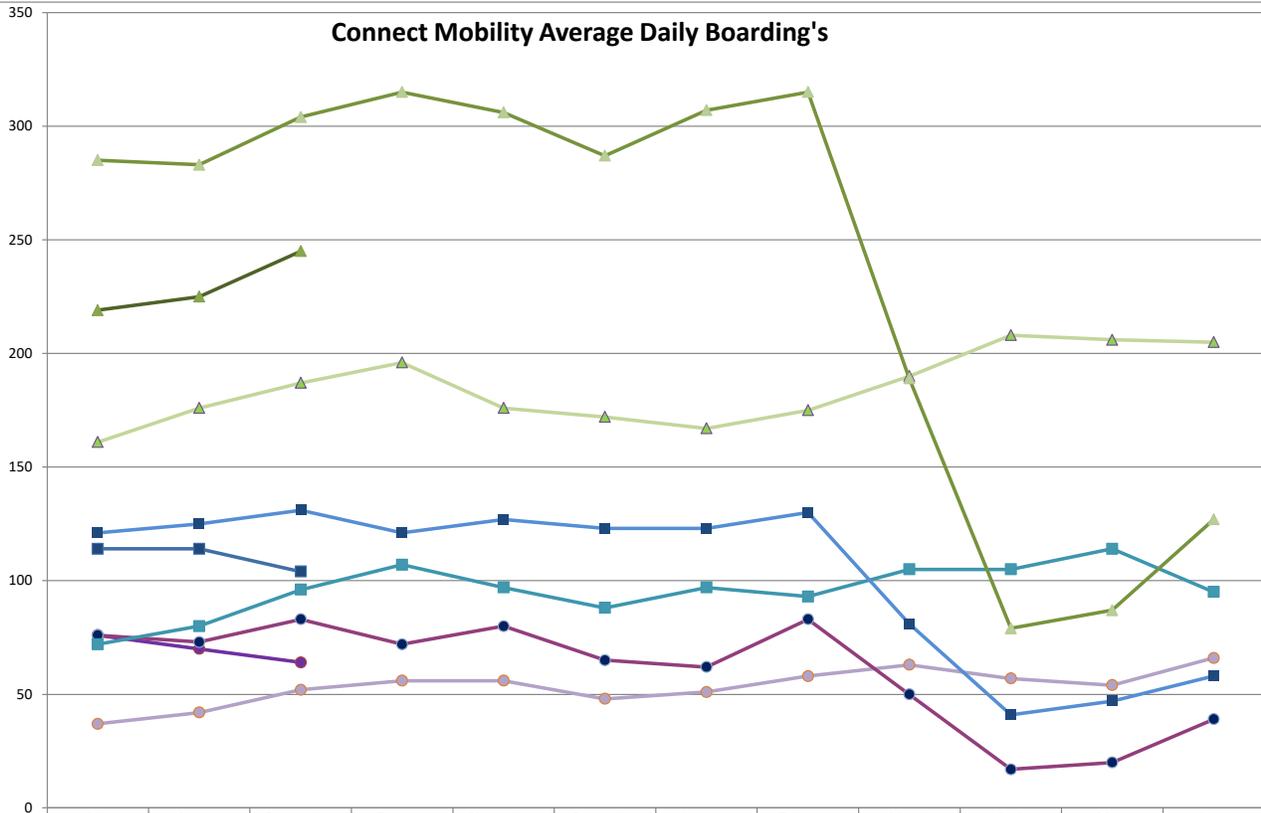
Notes:

Fixed Route Average Daily Boarding's



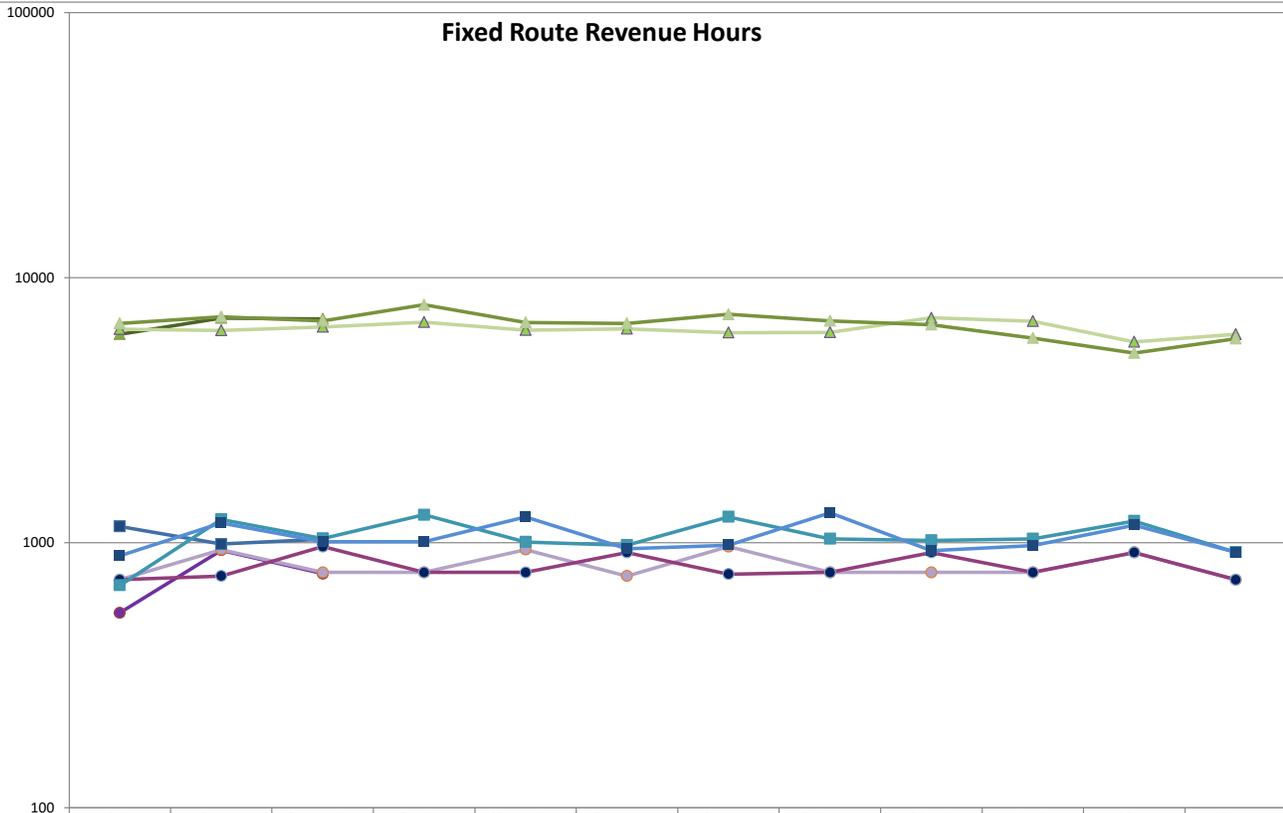
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Sunday FY22	2063	2582	2766									
Sunday FY21	2454	2734	2653	2630	2327	2248	2191	2044	2509	2524	2686	2110
Sunday FY20	2858	3399	3340	3622	3421	2851	2886	3590	2241	1792	1857	2306
Saturday FY22	3048	4347	4440									
Saturday FY21	3541	3754	3911	4211	3816	3273	3347	3858	4288	4398	4792	3000
Saturday FY20	4247	5067	5825	5870	5691	4442	4825	5704	2938	2632	2977	3272
Weekday FY22	3934	5965	6741									
Weekday FY21	4235	4886	4890	4876	4644	4262	4415	4306	4940	5077	4882	4097
Weekday FY20	5697	7624	9529	9793	8847	7124	7982	9681	4792	3176	3260	4090

Connect Mobility Average Daily Boarding's



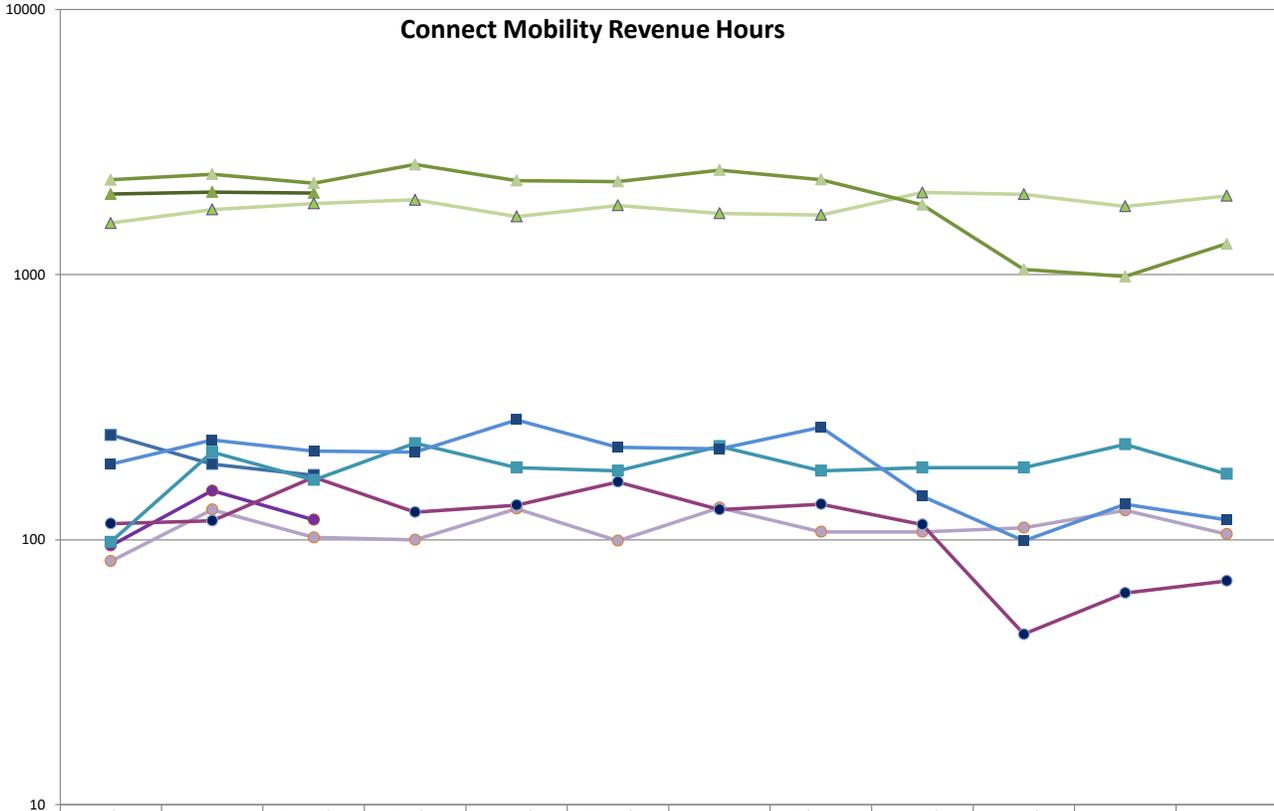
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
● Sunday FY22	76	70	64									
● Sunday FY21	37	42	52	56	56	48	51	58	63	57	54	66
● Sunday FY20	76	73	83	72	80	65	62	83	50	17	20	39
■ Saturday FY22	114	114	104									
■ Saturday FY21	72	80	96	107	97	88	97	93	105	105	114	95
■ Saturday FY20	121	125	131	121	127	123	123	130	81	41	47	58
▲ Weekday FY22	219	225	245									
▲ Weekday FY21	161	176	187	196	176	172	167	175	190	208	206	205
▲ Weekday FY20	285	283	304	315	306	287	307	315	189	79	87	127

Fixed Route Revenue Hours



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
● Sunday FY22	544	937	765									
○ Sunday FY21	726	943	774	774	943	750	967	774	774	774	919	726
● Sunday FY20	726	750	967	774	774	919	762	774	919	774	919	726
■ Saturday FY22	1152	989	1032									
■ Saturday FY21	691	1225	1039	1276	1006	980	1254	1035	1020	1035	1209	922
■ Saturday FY20	894	1190	1011	1011	1253	951	980	1298	936	978	1166	922
▲ Weekday FY22	6116	7044	6986									
▲ Weekday FY21	6394	6321	6516	6805	6350	6411	6208	6224	7053	6855	5726	6116
▲ Weekday FY20	6717	7121	6876	7902	6786	6720	7273	6876	6655	5918	5198	5886

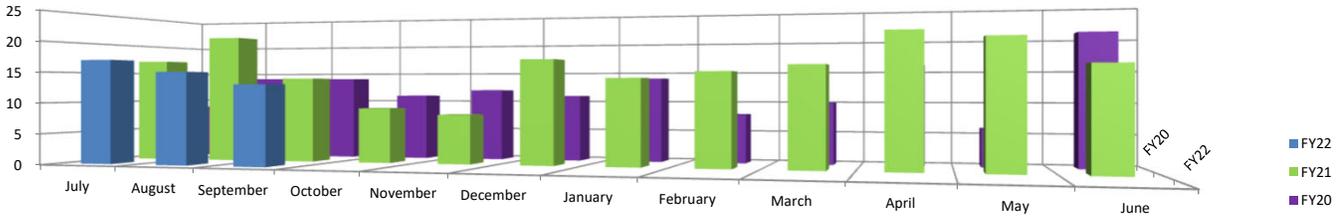
Connect Mobility Revenue Hours



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
● Sunday FY22	95	153	119									
○ Sunday FY21	83	130	102	100	131	99	132	107	107	111	129	105
● Sunday FY20	115	118	172	127	135	165	130	136	114	44	63	70
■ Saturday FY22	248	193	175									
■ Saturday FY21	98	214	168	231	187	182	225	182	187	187	229	177
■ Saturday FY20	193	238	216	214	283	223	220	266	146	99	136	119
▲ Weekday FY22	2011	2048	2030									
▲ Weekday FY21	1564	1759	1856	1914	1656	1823	1702	1679	2037	2007	1808	1983
▲ Weekday FY20	2278	2391	2213	2599	2263	2243	2478	2280	1835	1045	983	1307

Safety Reports

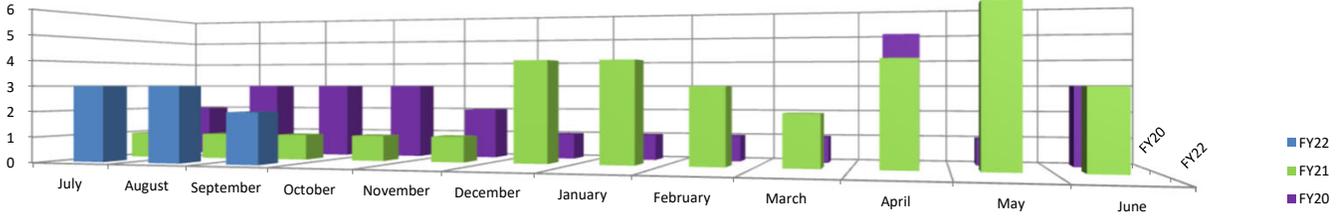
Safety Related Incidents Per 100,000 Miles



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	17	15	13									
FY21	17	21	14	9	8	17	14	15	16	21	20	16
FY20	9	14	14	11	12	11	14	8	10	16	6	21

Notes: The numbers in this category show the total number of reports received for the calendar month. This number does not indicate whether an incident or accident was determined to be "Preventable". All submitted reports are reviewed and categorized by the Safety and Training Director.

Preventable Accidents Per 100,000 Miles

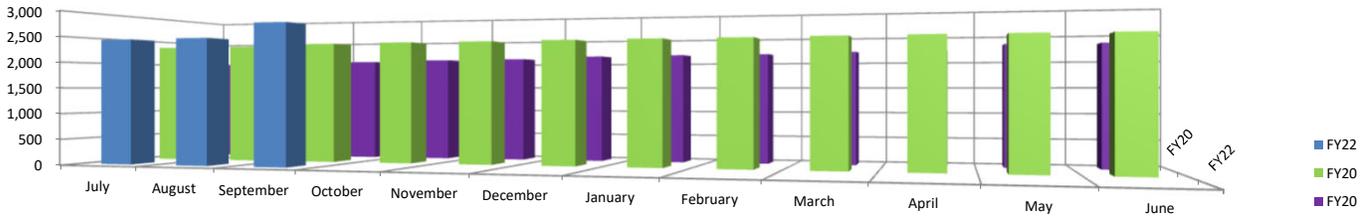


	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	3	3	2	1	1	4	4	3	2	4	6	3
FY21	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	2	4	6	3
FY20	2	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	5	1	3

Notes: **Accident:** An unplanned event that may or may not have resulted in personal injury or property damage, but in which the employee failed to exercise reasonable precautions to prevent the event. This consists of events such as a collision with another vehicle, a collision with a fixed object, closing a vehicle entry/exit door on a customer, etc.

Social Media Reports

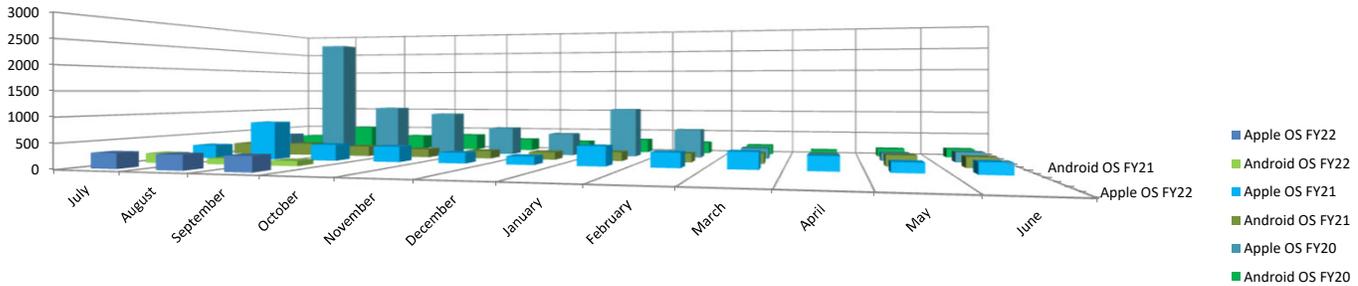
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	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	2,449	2,460	2,739	2,405	2,408	2,419	2,426	2,429	2,439	2,446	2,449	2,449
FY21	2,346	2,353	2,393	2,405	2,408	2,419	2,426	2,429	2,439	2,446	2,449	2,449
FY20	2,015	2,054	2,060	2,089	2,101	2,145	2,159	2,167	2,200	2,215	2,322	2,330

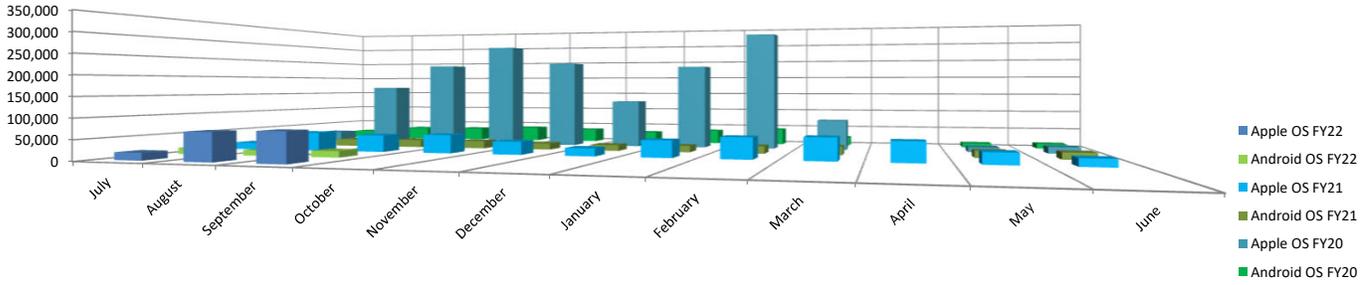
Notes:

App Downloads



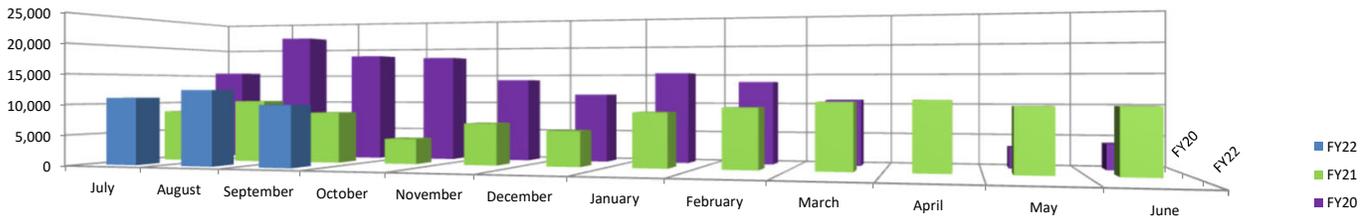
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Apple OS FY22	305	301	305									
Android OS FY22	196	119	103									
Apple OS FY21	283	806	340	322	217	172	402	302	339	288	199	229
Android OS FY21	242	259	216	177	163	161	187	184	215	210	227	215
Apple OS FY20	387	2,624	1,074	938	609	487	1,073	614	227	128	167	211
Android OS FY20	282	522	316	358	267	232	297	250	204	112	169	186

App Sessions



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Apple OS FY22	18,298	69,429	73,620									
Android OS FY22	15,877	13,779	15,690									
Apple OS FY21	17,357	47,642	43,384	46,993	33,020	19,795	42,573	52,986	55,563	49,828	28,174	18,716
Android OS FY21	15,000	18,740	19,880	19,722	16,273	15,250	16,433	18,766	20,961	19,351	17,192	17,111
Apple OS FY20	27,919	167,758	234,074	288,658	239,500	128,398	228,644	317,706	78,658	14,825	12,841	16,921
Android OS FY20	21,407	33,940	34,860	39,743	35,874	29,764	37,059	43,130	22,541	11,868	11,060	12,451

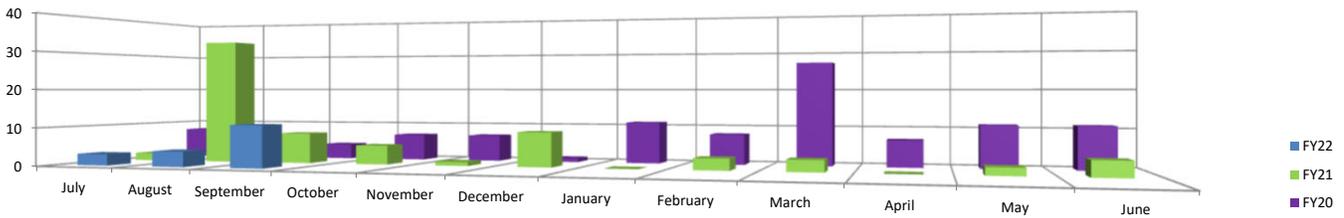
Website Traffic



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	11,033	12,334	9,973									
FY21	8,559	10,385	8,461	4,155	6,828	5,760	8,828	9,642	10,542	10,871	9,978	10,033
FY20	15,429	21,879	18,495	18,081	14,065	11,533	15,183	13,688	10,725	3,248	3,285	4,004

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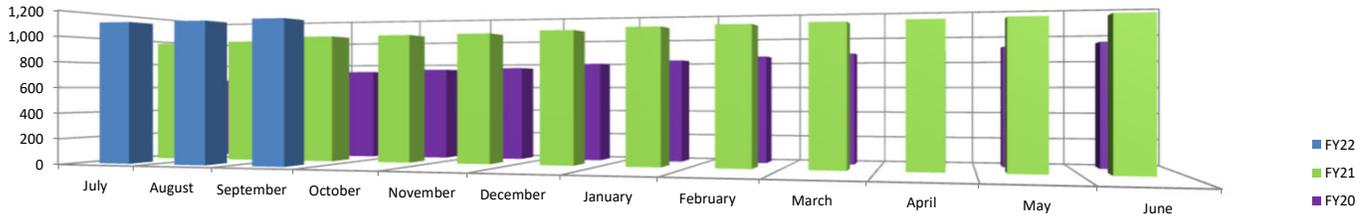
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	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	3	4	11									
FY21	2	33	8	5	1	9	0	3	3	0	2	4
FY20	8	2	4	7	7	1	11	8	27	7	11	11

Notes:

Instagram



	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
FY22	1,114	1,115	1,123									
FY21	971	981	1,015	1,018	1,022	1,040	1,058	1,067	1,074	1,083	1,092	1,105
FY20	661	715	734	751	762	795	819	845	864	880	907	936

Notes:



Statistics	Sep 21				Sep 20				% Change			
	Customers	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Boardings per Revenue Hour	Customers	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Boardings per Revenue Hour	Customers	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Boardings per Revenue Hour
Connect Transit												
Green	20,148	8,111	826	24.39	16,294	7,987	812	20.07	23.7%	1.6%	1.7%	21.6%
Red	23,632	14,297	1,332	17.74	19,088	15,204	1,380	13.83	23.8%	-6.0%	-3.5%	28.3%
Lime	21,928	16,716	1,365	16.07	22,174	17,534	1,420	15.61	-1.1%	-4.7%	-3.9%	2.9%
Aqua	5,227	2,575	184	28.38	4,700	2,112	151	31.13	11.2%	22.0%	22.0%	-8.8%
Orange	3,344	4,443	340	9.83	3,366	3,819	292	11.53	-0.7%	16.3%	16.6%	-14.8%
Gold	3,562	5,095	419	8.50	3,994	5,171	434	9.20	-10.8%	-1.5%	-3.5%	-7.6%
Purple	8,879	10,180	698	12.72	8,184	8,223	564	14.51	8.5%	23.8%	23.8%	-12.3%
Blue	3,627	4,129	361	10.04	3,716	3,349	292	12.73	-2.4%	23.3%	23.7%	-21.1%
Brown	3,190	4,006	349	9.14	3,298	4,149	362	9.12	-3.3%	-3.5%	-3.5%	0.2%
Tan	4,106	5,858	475	8.65	4,836	6,074	492	9.82	-15.1%	-3.6%	-3.6%	-12.0%
Pink	7,080	5,404	385	18.41	6,024	4,942	388	15.53	17.5%	9.3%	-0.9%	18.6%
Yellow	10,139	6,836	477	21.28	5,048	5,879	410	12.31	100.9%	16.3%	16.2%	72.8%
Redbird	46,421	7,972	730	63.57	-	-	-	-				
Silver	5,142	6,816	538	9.56	5,786	5,524	436	13.27	-11.1%	23.4%	23.4%	-28.0%
Red Express	2,277	2,154	168	13.55	1,892	2,256	176	10.75	20.3%	-4.5%	-4.5%	26.1%
Lime Express	1,685	1,916	137	12.34	2,178	2,176	154	14.14	-22.6%	-11.9%	-11.4%	-12.7%
Total Fixed Route	170,387	106,508	8,783	19.40	110,578	94,401	7,763	14.24	54.1%	12.8%	13.1%	36.2%
Demand Response												
Connect Mobility	4,966	27,736	2,324	2.51	4,380	24,798	2,266	1.93	13.4%	11.8%	2.6%	29.6%
Medicaid	857				794							
Total Demand Response	5,823	27,736	2,324	2.51	5,174	24,798	2,266	2.28	12.5%	11.8%	2.6%	9.7%
SYSTEM TOTALS	176,210	134,244	11,107	15.86	115,752	119,199	10,029	11.54	52.2%	12.6%	10.7%	37.5%



Statistics	YTD 22				YTD 21				% Change			
	Customers	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Boardings per Revenue Hour	Customers	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Boardings per Revenue Hour	Customers	Revenue Miles	Revenue Hours	Boardings per Revenue Hour
Connect Transit												
Green	57,860	25,084	2,495	23.19	54,426	24,278	2,471	22.03	6.3%	3.3%	1.0%	5.3%
Red	66,691	45,886	4,137	16.12	63,223	45,214	4,176	15.14	5.5%	1.5%	-0.9%	6.5%
Lime	66,401	52,881	4,248	15.63	74,563	53,065	4,297	17.35	-10.9%	-0.3%	-1.2%	-9.9%
Aqua	15,091	7,411	530	28.47	14,827	6,396	457	32.43	1.8%	15.9%	15.9%	-12.2%
Orange	10,634	12,994	995	10.69	9,044	11,563	884	10.23	17.6%	12.4%	12.5%	4.5%
Gold	11,268	14,287	1,301	8.66	12,115	16,102	1,314	9.22	-7.0%	-11.3%	-1.0%	-6.1%
Purple	25,567	29,174	1,999	12.79	24,950	25,138	1,708	14.61	2.5%	16.1%	17.1%	-12.5%
Blue	11,051	12,122	1,034	10.68	11,117	10,118	884	12.57	-0.6%	19.8%	17.0%	-15.0%
Brown	9,551	12,438	1,084	8.81	10,063	12,562	1,095	9.19	-5.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-4.1%
Tan	12,044	18,158	1,472	8.18	12,090	18,051	1,492	8.11	-0.4%	0.6%	-1.3%	1.0%
Pink	20,525	16,056	1,183	17.35	21,888	15,717	1,170	18.71	-6.2%	2.2%	1.1%	-7.3%
Yellow	24,500	19,442	1,356	18.07	18,381	19,058	1,329	13.83	33.3%	2.0%	2.0%	30.7%
Redbird	80,513	13,350	1,234	65.26	7,897	5,063	475	16.62	919.5%	163.7%	159.6%	292.7%
Silver	16,219	19,647	1,542	10.52	16,483	16,697	1,320	12.49	-1.6%	17.7%	16.8%	-15.8%
Red Express	6,827	6,666	520	13.13	6,183	6,769	528	11.71	10.4%	-1.5%	-1.5%	12.1%
Lime Express	5,329	6,281	436	12.22	7,252	6,501	462	15.70	-26.5%	-3.4%	-5.6%	-22.1%
Total Fixed Route	440,071	311,877	25,565	17.21	364,502	292,290	24,063	15.15	20.7%	6.7%	6.2%	13.6%
Demand Response												
Connect Mobility	14,792	81,403	7,071	2.44	11,809	65,754	5,839	2.32	25.3%	23.8%	21.1%	4.8%
Medicaid	2,437	-	-		1,764	-	-					
Total Demand Response	17,229	81,403	7,071	2.44	13,573	65,754	5,839	2.32	26.9%	23.8%	21.1%	4.8%
SYSTEM TOTALS	457,300	393,280	32,636	14.01	378,075	358,044	29,902	12.64	21.0%	9.8%	9.1%	10.8%

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and Budget Reconciliation

On October 1st, in a vote of 365-51, the House passed a 30-day extension of the surface transportation authorization, the FAST Act. This was necessary due to the House not passing the Senate-passed bipartisan infrastructure bill, the (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)) before the expiration of the one-year FAST Act extension. The IIJA includes a five-year reauthorization of the FAST Act. Multiple surface transportation authorizations are not without precedent; TEA-21 was extended 13 times, SAFETEA extended 10 times, and MAP-21 extended 5 times.

Speaker Pelosi indicated her new deadline for passing the infrastructure deal is October 31st, when the 30-day FAST Act reauthorization is set to expire. Meanwhile, Democratic leadership and President Biden are working to address the intra-party divisions concerning the budget reconciliation package. President Biden said there's no deadline for negotiators to reach a deal.

The IIJA and budget reconciliation bill are more tied together in a vote, despite House Moderates' attempt to de-couple budget reconciliation from timely passage of the infrastructure bill. Progressive Caucus members urged Speaker Pelosi to keep all the proposed programs in the budget reconciliation package and to just cut the duration of the programs in order to reduce overall spending, which is one option Pelosi is looking at, though she has also indicated they may drop entire provisions or use a combination of both approaches to reduce the package's costs.

As a reminder, the infrastructure bill provides \$1.2 trillion in spending over five years; of which, \$550 billion is new federal investments. The bill provides \$91.2 billion in funding for the Federal Transit Administration over five years, of which \$40.4 billion is "above baseline" spending increases provided by the bill. The bill also authorizes an additional \$15.75 billion in supplemental appropriations from general revenues for FTA over the next five fiscal years.

Appropriations

Senate Democrats released the remaining FY 2022 appropriation bills, including the Transportation-HUD bill. The FY 2022 spending bills provide a 5% increase to defense-spending and 13% increase to non-defense spending. Senate Republicans are not supporting these appropriation measures, as they are insistent on increasing defense spending.

According to reports, congressional aides are cautioning that failure to reach an agreement before December 3rd could result in a continuing resolution (CR) for the remainder of the fiscal year. It is possible, should there be no movement before the end of November, that Congress passes a second short-term CR (2-3 weeks) to buy more time before kicking the fight out further.

Democrats are proposing the following in the Transportation-HUD appropriations measure:

- Bus and Bus Facilities formula - \$664.61 million (\$582.61 M in 2021)
- Bus and Bus Facilities competitive - \$444.04 million (\$414 M in 2021)
- Low or No Emission - \$187 million (\$180 M in 2021)
- RAISE grant program - \$1.9 billion (\$1 B in 2021)
- 5337 State of Good Repair - \$2.729 billion (\$45 M increase from 2021)

Bus and Bus Facilities

FTA released a notice of funding opportunity for its FY 2021 Buses and Bus Facilities Program. The program provides \$409.59 million in funding for capital projects to replace, rehabilitate, purchase or lease buses and related equipment, and bus-related facilities. In addition to applying statutory review criteria, FTA will also give priority consideration to applications that encourage racial equity and address barriers to opportunity; create significant community benefits relating to the environment; and projects that support the Justice40 Initiative with the goal of delivering 40 percent of the overall benefits of relevant investments to disadvantaged communities. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on November 19, 2021.

Transit Worker Safety

The FTA published a Request for Information (RFI) on Transit Worker Safety, requesting input on transit worker assault prevention. Based on security events reported to the National Transit Database, the RFI notes an increase in assaults on transit operators. According to the RFI, “FTA continues to explore options for potential FTA actions to address this concern.” Comments are due by November 23rd, 2021.



GOVERNOR'S HIGHLIGHTS:

COVID-19 Update: On Thursday, Illinois health officials reported 2,146 new cases of COVID-19 and 36 deaths. As of Wednesday night, 1,309 individuals were hospitalized in Illinois with COVID-19. Of those, 330 were in the ICU. Illinois 7-day case positivity rate dropped to 1.9%. Currently, 56.4% of eligible Illinoisians are fully vaccinated.

Increasing education about COVID-19 booster shots and supporting skilled nursing facilities in administering them are among the goals of a partnership among the state departments of Aging; Public Health; and the Emergency Management Agency. As of October 12th, only 18% of Illinois residents age 65+ had received a booster. IEMA has indicated that should nursing facilities need support, it will mobilize its community partners vaccination program.

Two more agreements on vaccination mandates for state workers in congregate settings have been reached between the Pritzker administration and unions. This latest arrangement with the Illinois trades unions covers around 470 employees in such 24/7 facilities as Menard Corrections Center, Shapiro Developmental Center, and the Quincy Veterans Home. The agreement with the Teamsters covers approximately 100 maintenance equipment operators and maintenance workers at the Illinois Department of Human Services and Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs. The negotiations continue with AFSCME, the state's largest employee union.

The Illinois Department of Public Health is following the latest CDC guidance for school outbreaks. The new federal guidelines define an outbreak as either (a) three or more cases in a specific core group or (b) multiple cases affecting at least 10% of students, teachers, and staff. This is a departure from the previous approach of evaluating a school's overall population (instead of group-based targets like a classroom or sports team). See [here](#) for more information and Frequently Asked Questions.

Cannabis Licenses: At the request of Attorney General Kwame Raoul, the Illinois Supreme Court ordered the consolidation of several lawsuits filed by cannabis dispensary license applicants in an attempt to resolve multiple claims challenging the fairness of the recreational cannabis licensing process. Raoul made the request to avoid potentially conflicting rulings in the various cases. The Chicago Tribune offers more [here](#).

Safe2Help: Illinois is launching a new statewide school safety initiative called Safe2Help Illinois. Safe2Help Illinois is available 24/7, and at no cost to all school districts in the state. Students can use a free app, text/phone, or the website (Safe2HelpIL.com) to share school safety issues in a confidential environment. Information obtained by Safe2Help Illinois will remain confidential to ensure student privacy and to protect the integrity of the program. This program is

not intended to suspend, expel or punish students; rather, the goal is to encourage students to “Seek Help Before Harm.” Read more [here](#).

Energy Efficiency Projects: Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is offering a Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency grant opportunity with up to \$2,000,000 in funding available for energy efficiency upgrades at low-income single or multi-family residential properties. A Notice of Funding Opportunity is available on the Illinois EPA’s Office of Energy webpage. Applications for the Low-Income Residential Energy Efficiency NOFO are due by close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Eligibility and application information is [here](#). Applicants may not apply for a grant until they are pre-qualified through the [Grant Accountability and Transparency Act \(GATA\) Grantee Portal](#).

ATTORNEY GENERAL UPDATE:

Attorney General Kwame Raoul joined a coalition of 24 attorneys general in urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstitute an injunction barring enforcement of Texas’ unconstitutional six-week abortion ban, Senate Bill 8. An amicus brief filed with the U.S. Supreme Court from 24 of the nation’s AGs supports the U.S. Department of Justice challenge to SB 8. The Texas abortion ban, said Raoul, “threatens the safety and well-being of women.” More information [here](#).

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Illinois General Assembly kicked off the two-week veto session this week adjourning after just two session days and canceling Thursday’s scheduled session day. The General Assembly will reconvene on Tuesday, October 26th for what is shaping up to be a busy week. The Legislature is expected to approve new Congressional district maps next week. Watch for the General Assembly to consider changes to the Health Care Right of Conscience Act, possibly repeal the Parental Notice of Abortion Act, shore up the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and consider tax incentives for electric car makers.

Senate Recap: The Illinois Senate approved the following bills. All now head to the House for consideration:

- [HB359](#) (Kifowit/Cullerton) which creates the Veterans’ Accountability Unit.
- [HB 692](#) (Howard/Morrison) which requires DCFS licensing and monitoring for youth served by the Comprehensive Community-Based Youth Services program.
- [HB 1975](#) (Mussman/Bennett) which closes loopholes that allow predators in the school system to groom students. The bill also expands the offense of grooming and requires schools to develop an employee code of professional conduct policy.
- [HB 3372](#) (Didech/Johnson) which clarifies the process for flying the American flag at half-staff.

- [HB 3702](#) (Willis/Johnson) which broadens the requirements for County Public Works Superintendent qualifications. This is an initiative of Lake County.
- [HB 3401](#) (Gabel/Castro) which creates the Licensed Certified Professional Midwife Practice Act.
- [HB 3173](#) (Mason/Lightford) which represents a negotiated trailer bill to HB 3173 which was passed earlier in the year. The trailer bill is designed to protect students who are victims of sexual or domestic violence or bullying and those who are pregnant or parenting.

The Senate Licensed Activities Committee approved [SB145](#) (Murphy) which, as amended, represents an agreement between IDFPR and Physician Assistants regarding documentation needed by the Department. SB 145 is pending before the full Senate.

House Recap: Action in the House took place primarily at the committee level this week. During the week's only significant floor action, the House approved changes to its operating rules to extend the remote participation and voting procedures through December 31, 2021.

The House Executive Committee approved legislation designed to address the recent surge of hospital closures, particularly in underserved communities -- [SB1040](#) (Gillespie/Harris). Representative Harris said the bill will incentivize new owners to buy and reopen closed hospitals, such as Westlake, Lakeshore and Metro South, by providing enhanced Medicaid rates. SB 1040 is now pending before the full House.

The House Executive Committee also gutted several bills to position them for amendments and passage during next week's session.

[HB159](#) (Lilly) received a subject matter hearing before the House Executive Committee this week. HB 159 represents a trailer bill to the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus health and human services pillar, SB 158, passed earlier in the year. The trailer bill provides clarity to the Community Health Worker provisions of the original bill and extends several of the original deadlines contained in the underlying bill at the request of the Governor's Office. A floor amendment will be offered next week that will provide for enhanced rates for inpatient psychiatric services for a Peoria hospital in Representative Gordon Booth's district. Similar rate changes were made earlier in the year for safety net hospitals.

Redistricting Update: The Illinois General Assembly is poised to approve new Congressional maps during next week's veto session. Both chambers continued to discuss new district boundaries in a series of Redistricting Committee hearings this week.

As expected, a three-judge federal panel ruled this week that the legislative maps approved during the spring session are unconstitutional. The initial maps were drawn using less reliable American Community Survey data, and according to the ruling, the population variances among

districts violated the “one-person, one-vote” doctrine. The new maps, approved in August and drawn using the newly released census data, are now up for consideration by the court.

The court also invited the plaintiffs to submit their own alternative maps accompanied by statements explaining the constitutional or statutory defects in the Democrats’ revised map and an explanation of how their revisions or alternatives remedy the alleged defects. The Democrats will then be provided an opportunity to respond.

The court rejected the Republicans request to order formation of a bipartisan commission, calling that “implausible,” given the limited time remaining before the 2022 primaries. Capitol News offers more on the ruling [here](#). Read the full opinion [here](#).

The newly drawn legislative district maps are the subject of a new federal lawsuit filed by the East St. Louis Branch of the NAACP, the Illinois State Conference of the NAACP and the United Congress of Community and Religious Organizations. The lawsuit alleges that Black voting strength in the East St. Louis-based 114th House district was diluted under the new map to help neighboring white legislative Democrats hold onto their seats.

COMING UP:

The Illinois General Assembly will convene October 26th - 28th.

The Senate Health Committee will hold a hearing on October 26th at 2:30 pm in Virtual Room 2 to discuss DCFS LGBTQ+ audit findings.



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MEMO

October 26, 2021

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Patrick Kuebrich, Finance Director

Subject: Universal Access Agreement with Illinois State University

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the Illinois State University Universal Access Contract for a six-month extension from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

BACKGROUND: The Universal Access Agreement allows students, faculty, and staff of Illinois State University to ride Connect Transit fixed route buses free of charge upon swiping their valid identification card. Connect has been providing universal access to ISU since 2006. We are currently negotiating a new contract that we will bring to the Board early in 2022 for a Fall 2022 start. Our goal is to negotiate a three to five-year contract with a funding model that clearly defines the distributed cost among dedicated service, capital costs, and universal access. This would allow us to more easily adjust service levels and access without the need for additional negotiations.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: From January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 the contract amount will be \$289,068 (\$48,178 per month). Connect and ISU will continue to meet over the next few months to discuss the cost structure of future contracts.