

Public Transit and Performance Measures

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Overview

1. Overview of transit in Wisconsin
2. Impacts from COVID-19 on Wisconsin transit
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4. Federal infrastructure bill
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Transit in Wisconsin

Milwaukee County Transit System,
Madison Metro and...

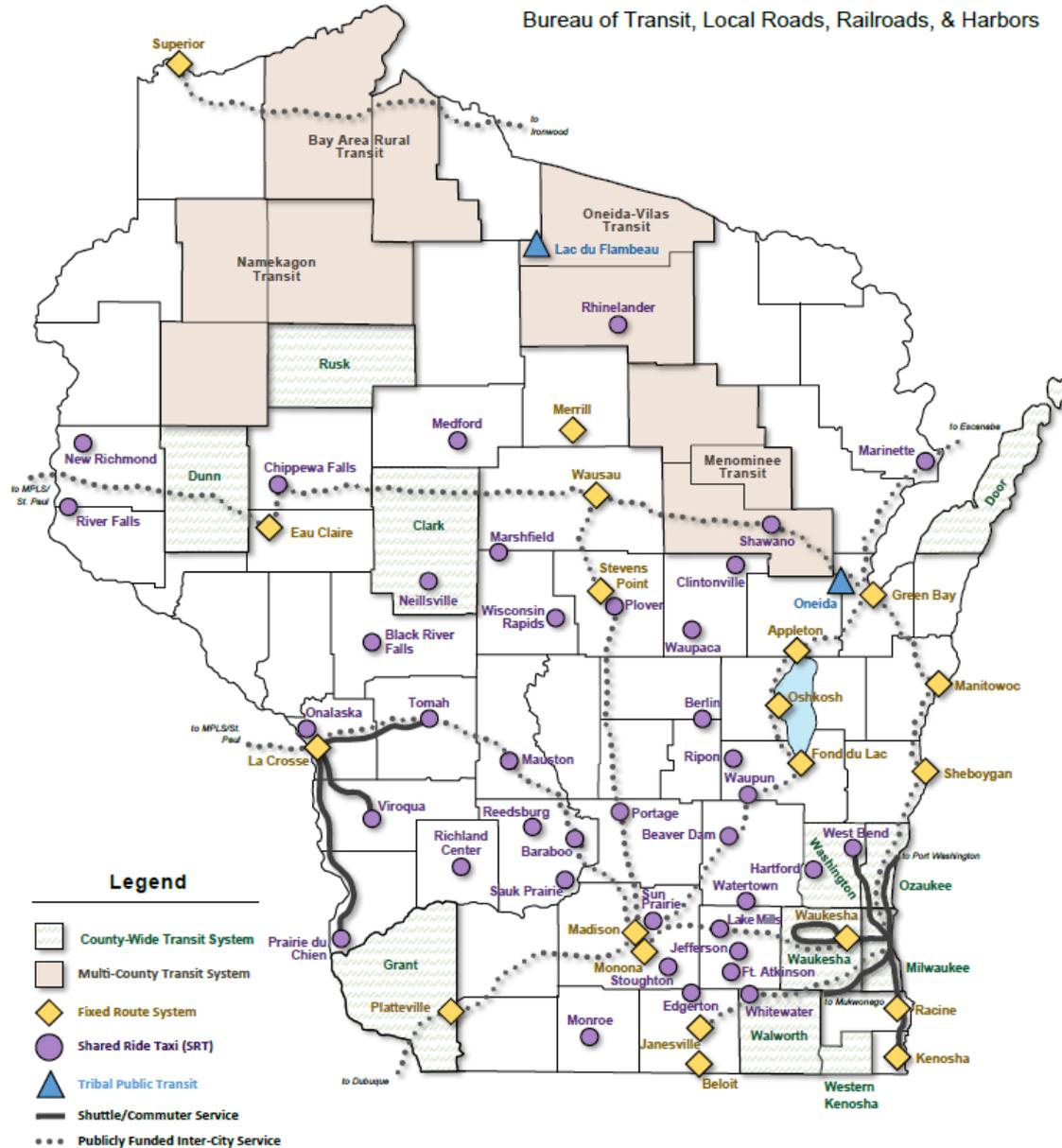
Over 70 public transit systems and over
130 specialized transit systems for seniors
and individuals with disabilities

- Greater than \$210m annual investment of federal and state aid (public and specialized)
- Over 50 million passenger trips annually
- Roughly **55%** of trips are for work
- COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impacts



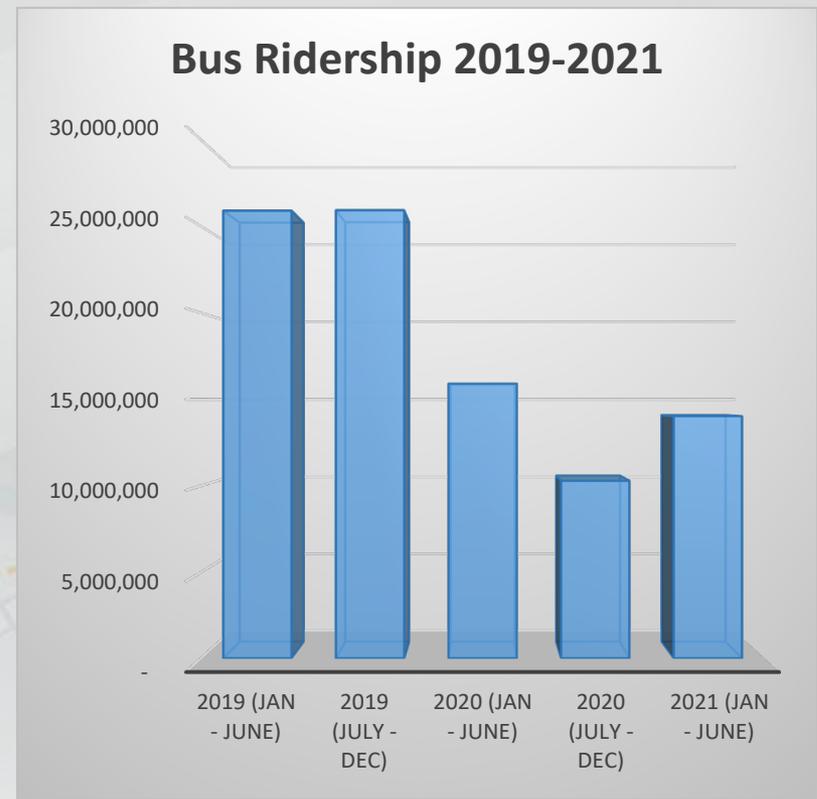
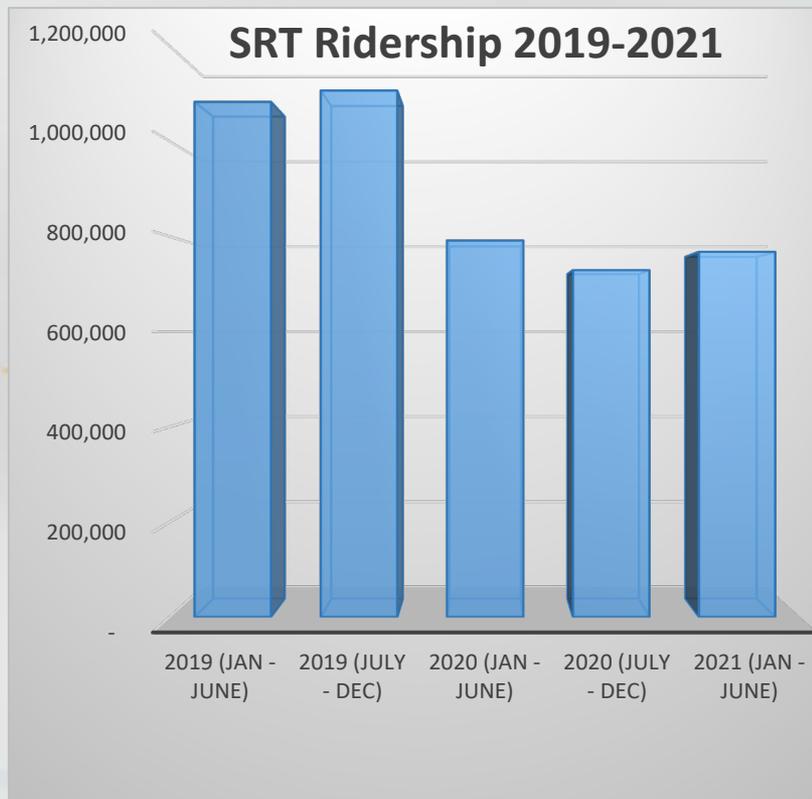
Wisconsin Public Transit Systems 2021

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Bureau of Transit, Local Roads, Railroads, & Harbors



COVID-19 Impacts

Service levels, ridership, revenue, staffing, cleaning and other aspects of transit services have been impacted



WisDOT response to COVID-19

- Monitor service levels and other changes
- Provide greater flexibility in program implementation
- Allocate federal relief funding expeditiously
 - Over \$445 million from CARES, CRRSAA and ARPA to Wisconsin transit agencies
- Distribute cloth face masks
- Coordinate with Dept. of Health Services to share information
- Collect and report data
- Provide technical assistance

Act 58: 2021-2023 Biennium Budget

- Signed by Governor Evers on July 8, 2021
- Several increases to transit programs
 - 2.5% increase to Paratransit aids (Wis. Stat. § 85.205)
 - 2.5% increase to Specialized transportation (Wis. Stat. § 85.22)
 - \$250,000 increase to TEAM funds (Wis. Stat. § 85.24) that support WETAP
- 50% decrease in operating assistance for CY22 to Milwaukee County and City of Madison
 - Partially offset with ARPA funds by Governor Evers

Federal Infrastructure Bill

- Monitoring the status of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act bill
- Preliminary analysis is that structure of transit programs will be largely unchanged
- Additional funds will be made available for Wisconsin
 - WisDOT estimates that over \$30 million additional funds across public and specialized transit formula programs

Wisconsin Non-Driver Advisory Committee (WiNDAC)

- An advisory forum to discuss transportation mobility, safety and access for Wisconsin's non-driving populations
 - People who do not drive due to physical, mental or developmental disabilities, age, financial constraints, or choice
- Identifies transportation barriers for non-drivers and develops recommendations to reduce these challenges and improve mobility for all travelers in Wisconsin



Thank you

Questions?

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