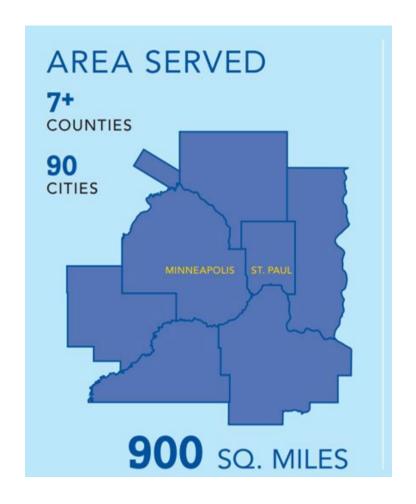


# Minnesota Public Transportation Association

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#### **About Metro Transit**

- Division of the Metropolitan Council
- Largest regional transit provider
- Met Council transportation services
  - Metro Mobility
  - Contracted service
  - Planning
  - Allocates federal funding



#### Goals

- Provide safe, welcoming and comfortable service
- Provide reliable and easy to use services
- Support an environmentally sustainable region
- Be a great place to work and build careers





#### Stronger, Better

Strategic Plan, 2021-22









### **Safety & Security Action Plan**

- 40 action items
- Three areas of work
  - Improving conditions
  - Training and supporting employees
  - Engaging customers, partners
- First quarterly update 9/22
  - Increased officer wages
  - Contracted security
  - Red Kite training













### **Customer Experience**

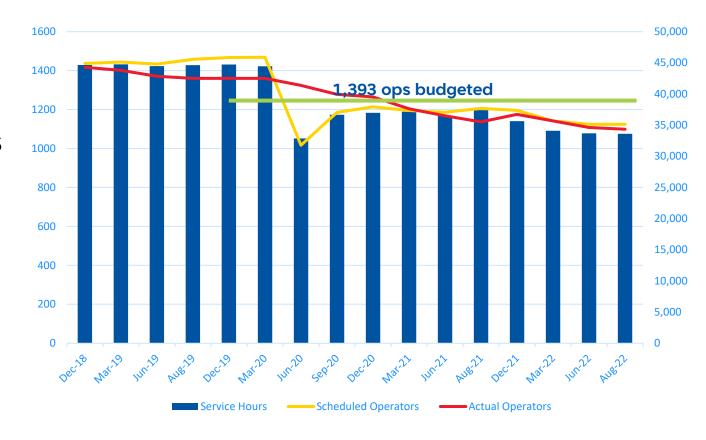
- State of good repair, regular facility and vehicle cleaning
- Transit Information improvements
- Pass programs, fare collection
  - Transit Assistance Program (TAP)
  - Universal Transit Pass
  - Mobile ticketing





### Adjusting service based on operator availability

- Around 1,100 full- and part-time bus operators
- As of September 2022: -60 versus ideal
- December service changes will reduce operator requirement by 80





### Weekday scheduled trips

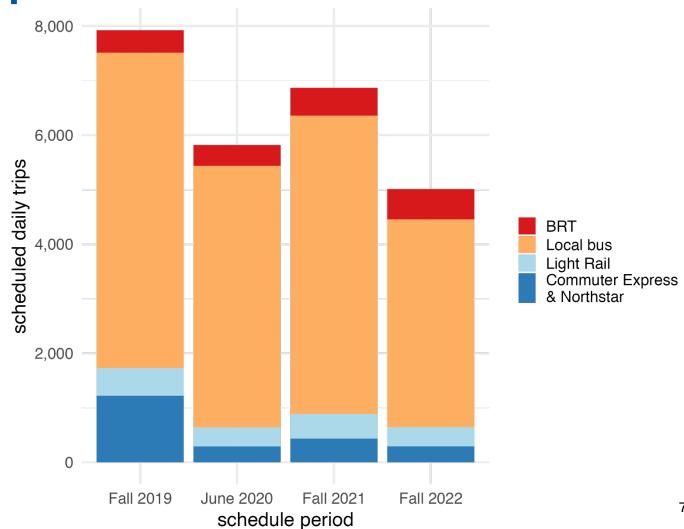
• Systemwide service hours, compared to August 2019

- June 2020: 74%

- June 2021: 82%

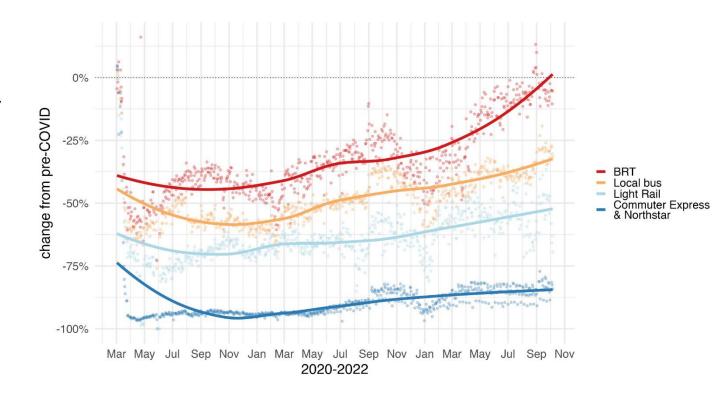
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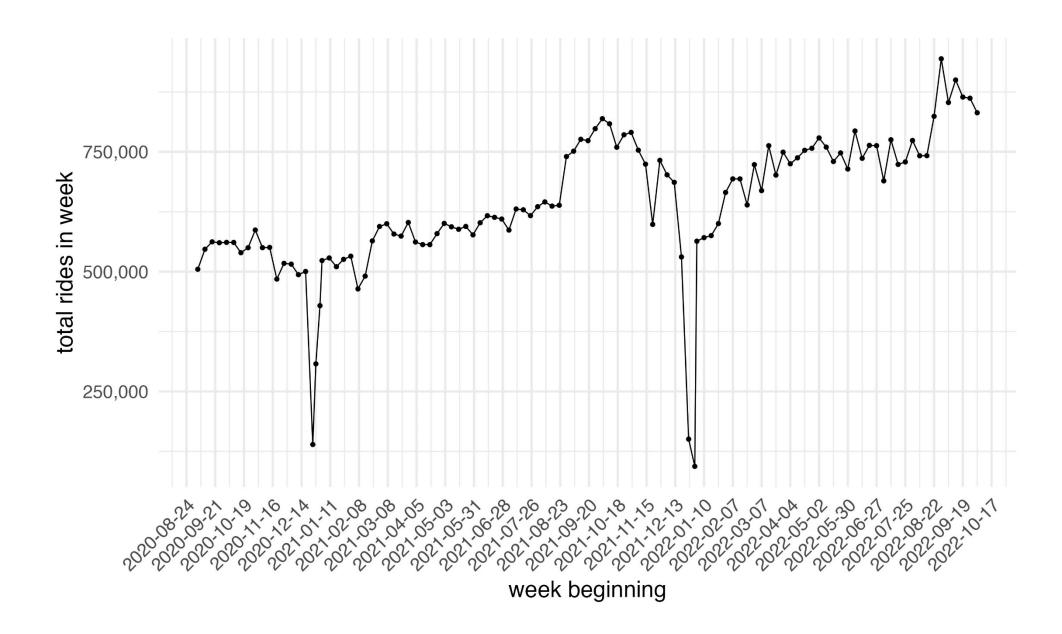
- December 2022: 68%

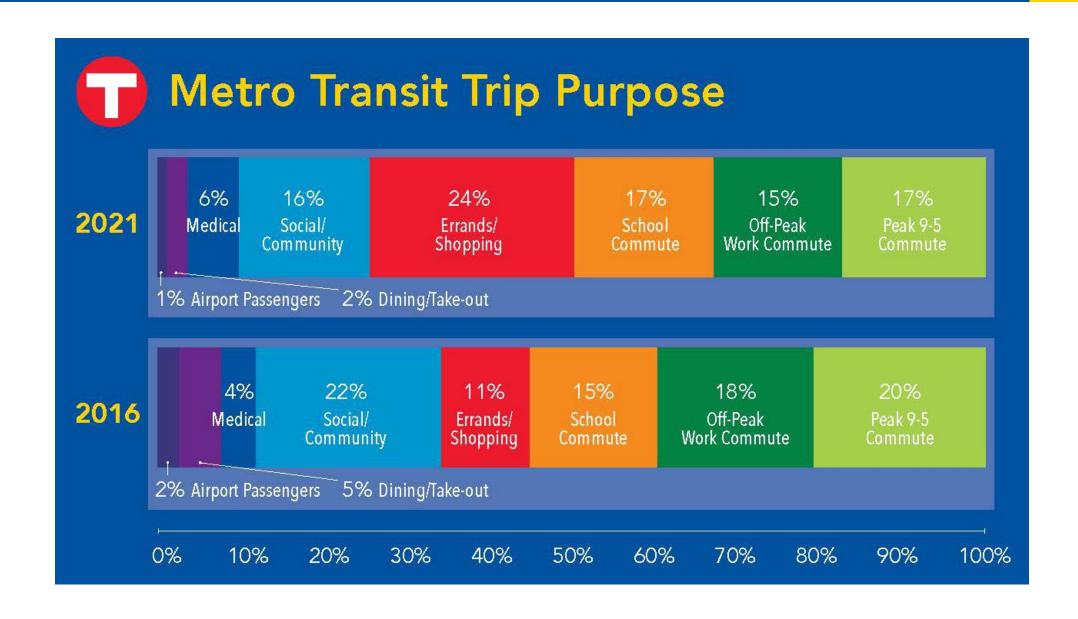


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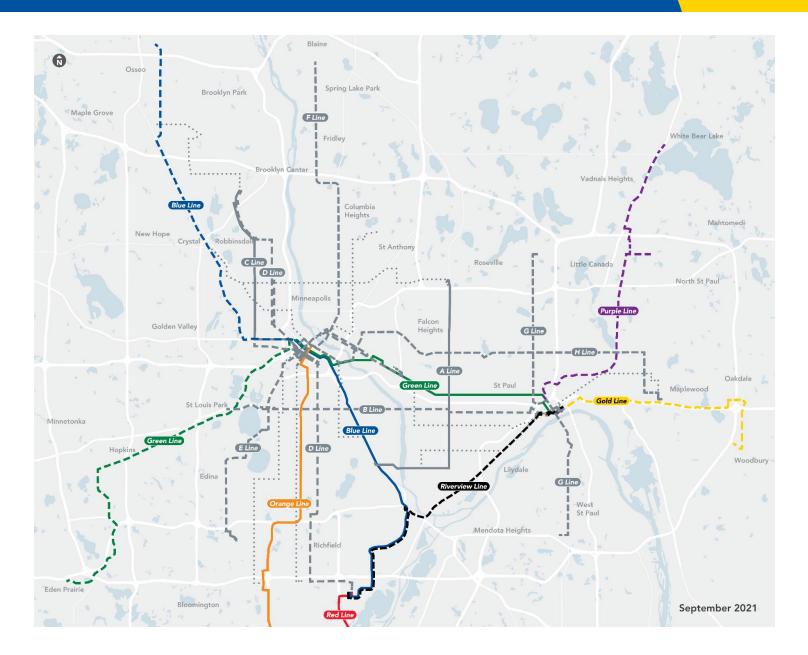
- Steady growth on all modes
  - September 2022 highest monthly ridership since pandemic
- Local bus -33%
- Light rail -50%
- BRT almost even
- All-day, all-purpose trips







METRO line	Opened/Opening
Blue Line	2004
Green Line	2014
A Line	2016
C Line	2019
D Line	2022
B Line	2024
E Line	2025
Gold Line	2025
Purple Line	2026
F Line	2026
G Line	2025-2030
H Line	2025-2030



### **Bus Rapid Transit**

- Faster, more reliable service
  - Off-board fare payment
  - All-door boarding
  - Wider stop spacing
- Enhanced stations
  - Off-board fare payment
  - Heat, light, real-time signs
- State, local and federal funding





#### **METRO D Line**

- Opens Dec. 3, 2022
- Replaces most of Route 5
  - 15,000 average weekday rides in 2019
- 18 miles Brooklyn Center, downtown Minneapolis, Mall of America
- 1 in 4 households within half-mile have no vehicle access
- \$75 million



#### **METRO B Line**

- Opens 2024
- Replaces most of Route 21, second-busiest route
- 106,000 people within a 10-minute walk or roll





#### **METRO Gold Line**

- Construction underway, opening 2025
- 10 miles, 21 stations
- 93,500 jobs within half-mile of stations
- First BRT line in Minnesota to operate primarily within bus-only lanes



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#### **Zero-Emission Bus Transition Plan**

- Current state: 900+ buses
  - 8 60-foot electric buses (C Line)
- 8 40-foot electric buses for local service in 2023
- Goal: 20% of 40-foot buses purchased through 2027 electric
- Chargers at North Loop Garage



### North Loop Garage

- 24 maintenance bays
- Storage for 200+ buses
- Electric bus charging equipment
- Solar arrays
- Storm water retention system



### Workforce development

- Continuous postings for many frontline positions
- Increase in starting operator pay
  - \$26.16/hour as of October 2022
- Operator, technician apprentice programs
- Leadership development



### **Looking forward**

- Continued focus on safety and security
- Steady ridership growth
- Build-out of METRO network
- State of Good Repair
- Workforce challenges



## Thank you

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