

November 2024 REPORT

Transit/Fleet

It was during a recent conversation with a good friend and colleague, that I offered the truism – “I am a product of my life experiences.” I went on to offer for their consideration – “I am only capable of seeing the world through my own two eyes.” As I have now had more time to reflect on both declarations of my own truths, I thought perhaps further elucidation would be helpful.

My life experiences were, but not limited to, family, home, love, nurturing, education, discipline, and tragedy. Each experience played a significant role in creating the me that I am. To change or lessen any of these encounters would only change or lessen me.

My life experiences have trained my eyes to see things as they are... black or white, right or wrong, true or false, good or evil. Yes, these eyes have watched my parents grapple with the waves of interposition and nullification that pounded the shores of their American dream. My eyes have witnessed the bestial and barbaric behavior of man’s inhumanity to man. My young eyes glued to the television as I watched the assassination of a Black Baptist preacher set an entire nation a blaze in anger and despair. Louis Armstrong was on to something when he penned the profound words to the song, Nobody Knows the Trouble I’ve Seen.

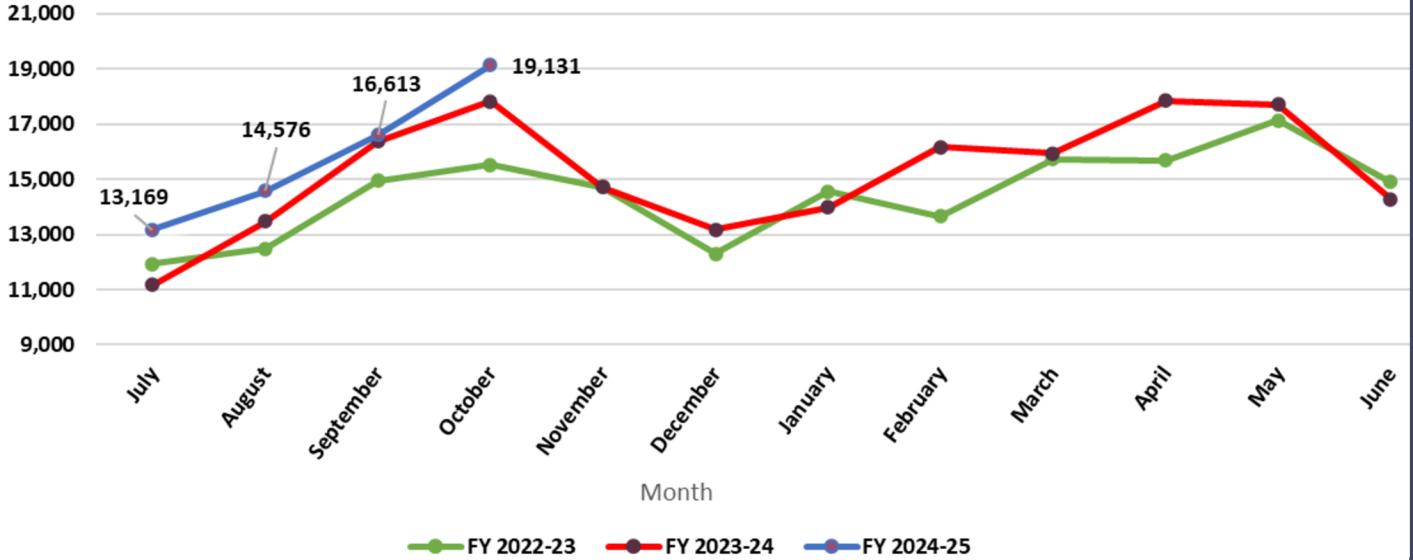
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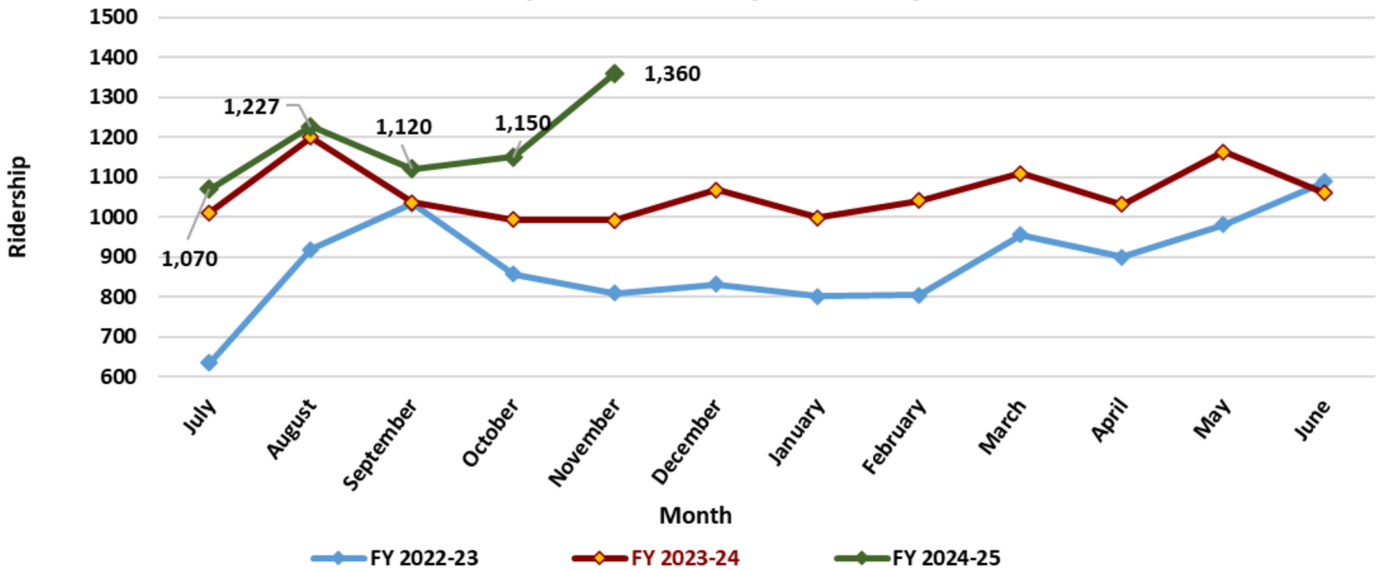
RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Anne MacCracken

Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month



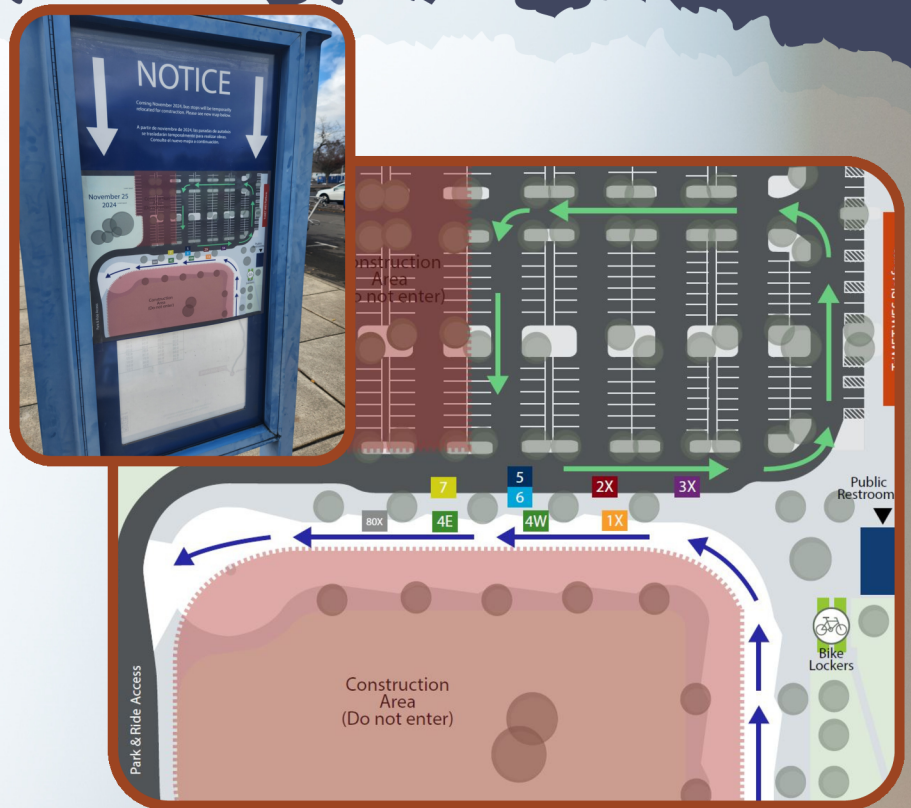
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GRANTS & PROGRAMS

Kelsey Lewis

November is not usually the time for big construction updates, but it is this year. As of the close of November, we have two active construction sites- at the Wilsonville Transit Center with the Vuela Transit Oriented Development (TOD), and in our operations yard on Boberg Road.



The TOD project has reached a new phase of construction in which the construction area is being expanded north into the bus lane, so all the south side bus stops are being relocated to the north side and routed through the parking lot. This phase will continue for much of 2025, and we are adjusting our signage and rider information. This transition is a bit disruptive, but it is progress, and it will be well worth it to have the affordable housing and SMART customer service center for the community.

The SMART yard expansion project is also just getting underway in terms of construction. Crews will be clearing brush, and we anticipate the work continuing into next summer.



FLEET SERVICES

Scott Simonton

Due to construction activity at the Wilsonville Transit Center, alternate stop locations have become necessary. Transit Operations developed a plan to relocate several stops, Fleet assisted by installing new signage. The vinyl graphics were intended to take the place of the banners installed above the existing stops and are large enough to be easily seen from the train platform.



*Fleet employees
Scott Wright and Jose Mora-Manzo
installing graphics*



COMMUTE OPTIONS

Michelle Marston



Be Seen. Be SMART.



On Monday Nov. 4, and Thursday Nov. 7, during commute hours SMART was out promoting safety and visibility for commuters and residents by handing out safety lights/strobes and reflective leg/arm bands, head lamps and reflective beanies.



These items were made available at the Wilsonville Transit Center, Town Center Park bus stop, and at the Charbonneau Country Club. Safety items were made possible through support from Metro and the Federal Transit Administration.

