



"Too often we...enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought." The words of John Fitzgerald Kennedy. A profound statement from an erudite of a bygone time; a time that began with the assassination of a president and ended with the silencing of a dreamer. I guess evil is as evil does. However, I am convinced that slaying the messenger does little to extinguish the message. Whether Lincoln's unambiguous proclamation – "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from Earth," or Kennedy's targeted challenge to us all - 'Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country,' or King's thought-provoking assertion that there exists "a certain kind of fire that no water can put out," the message shall never die. Just a little February fuel for thought.

Dwight Brashear
Transit Director



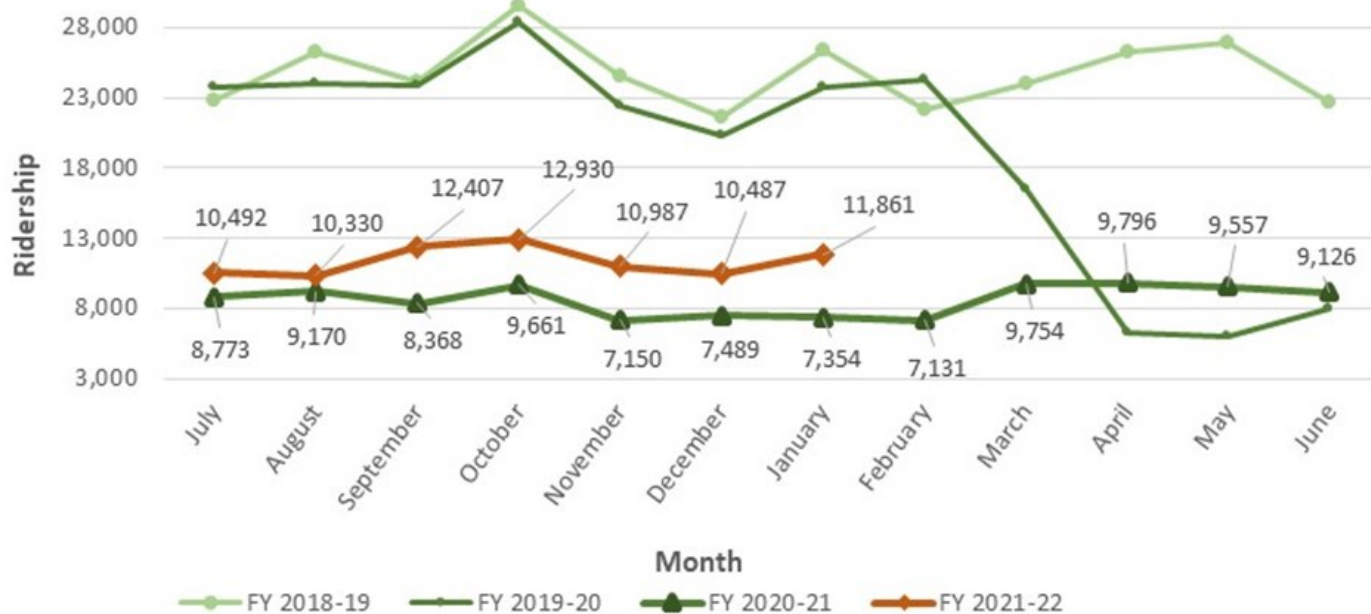
Fleet Services – Scott Simonton Fleet Services Manager

Construction and installation of a third Proterra charger has been completed. This equipment will support the deployment of SMART's new 35' electric bus. This unit is a 90kW charger, which is an upgrade from our existing 60kW units, resulting in faster charging times. This project also included preparations, in the form of concrete and conduits, for the future installation of a fourth charger.



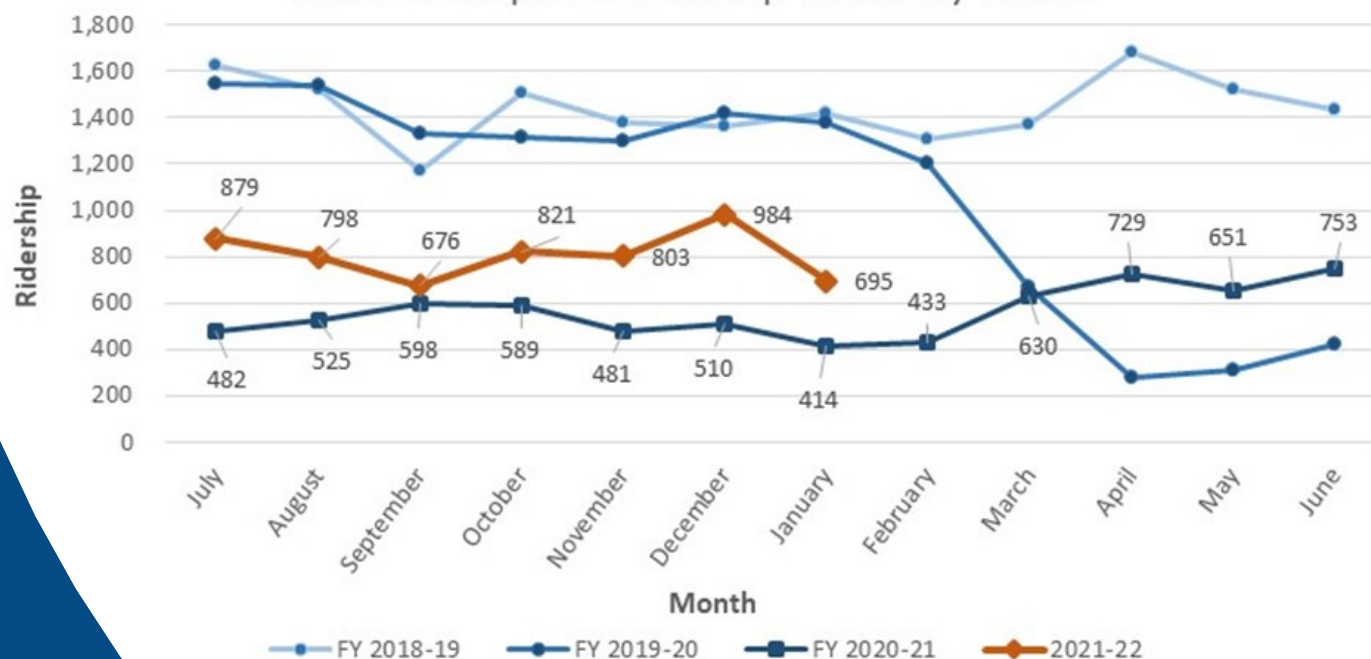
Operations - **Eric Loomis** Operations Manager

Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month



Ridership for January 2022 continues the trend of increased ridership over the same period last year with a 61% increase in fixed route ridership and 68% increase in Dial-a-Ride. Ridership is now approximately 50% of pre-COVID 19 pandemic levels.

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In February, new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) requirements were implemented in a program called Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT). The ELDT program was mandated by MAP-21 in 2016 and sets federal standards with minimum training requirements for entry-level drivers. The new program requires entry-level drivers to complete Commercial Driver License (CDL) training through a registered training provider before receiving certification.

SMART, representing the City of Wilsonville, has registered as a certified training provider and will continue to

offer our training program to entry-level drivers at SMART and the City of Wilsonville where their job requires it. Our training program at SMART already included the topics required for both theory (classroom) and behind-the-wheel training. We continually update our training manuals to include industry best practices with a strong focus on safe operating procedures. Our supervisors have all been certified in several courses offered by USDOT's Transportation Safety Institute, including the Instructors Course in Bus Operator Training. As it becomes more restrictive to acquire a CDL, I see this as an opportunity to hire and retain reliable employees that will allow us to continue serving the community we revere.

Grants & Program Manager - **Kelsey Lewis**

As winter begins to ease, we are taking this time to close out old grants, participate in training, and make room for new projects and programs. Staff has been gauging interest in the school community to restart walking and biking programs, as well as planning ahead for public engagement and surveying as part of the Transit Master Plan update.

As planning progresses on the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) at Wilsonville Transit Center, we are also preparing to apply for

funding for a SMART customer service center on-site. We want to assist future residents at the TOD facility take full advantage of SMART transit services.



Transportation Options - **Michelle Marston** Program Coordinator

In February, the Oregon Safe Routes to School (SRTS) group created a new activity– a Winter Walk & Roll day – Feb 23.

Through annual statewide Oregon SRTS surveys, local Walk+Roll coordinators across the state have expressed how a simple one-day event has led to great changes such as long-term walking and bicycling programs, new sidewalks and pathways, and needed policy changes at schools and in communities. Improvements that normally take a long time to institute can happen quickly when city officials walk or bicycle to school with students and see firsthand what needs to be done.

Winter Walk to School Day encourages kids to walk+roll to school all year round!

Wilsonville schools were encouraged to celebrate on February 23rd, 2022 or all winter long. Practicing active transportation as a kid, will hopefully change habits as they grow into adults.

