

April 2022 Report

In the month of April, the City of Wilsonville/ South Metro Area Regional Transit (SMART/ Fleet) received the 2022 Oregon Public Transportation Award for System Innovation. "The Oregon Transportation Association Public Transportation System Innovation Award honors a public transportation system that has demonstrated innovative concepts or effective problem-solving techniques not previously applied in the public transportation industry."

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Innovation

The SMART/Fleet team is happy to share this special award with our friends at the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). If there is a better partner out there, I have yet to meet them. ODOT has worked tirelessly to ensure that SMART has safe and consistent access to the shoulder of the Interstate for our Route 2X, and in doing so, SMART became the first Oregon public transit agency to be able to offer bus-on-shoulder as a travel option.

Finally, not to be braggadocios, but it is certainly worth noting that SMART/Fleet has won the Award for System Innovation two years in a row. I am proud of the entire SMART/Fleet team and I feel quite fortunate to have led this department since 2017. The moral of the story: An incredible team with an incredible partner will always produce incredible results.

Dwight Brashear Transit Director



I'm happy to report that we have finally taken delivery of the compressor for our new Compressed Natural Gas fueling station. This is the main component of the system. While supply chain difficulties have slowed this project somewhat, the delivery and installation of this compressor will lead us into project completion in the coming weeks. We now anticipate the new system going online in late May.

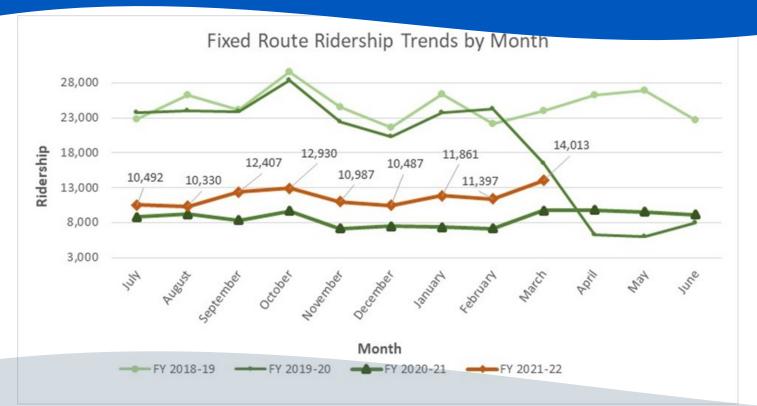


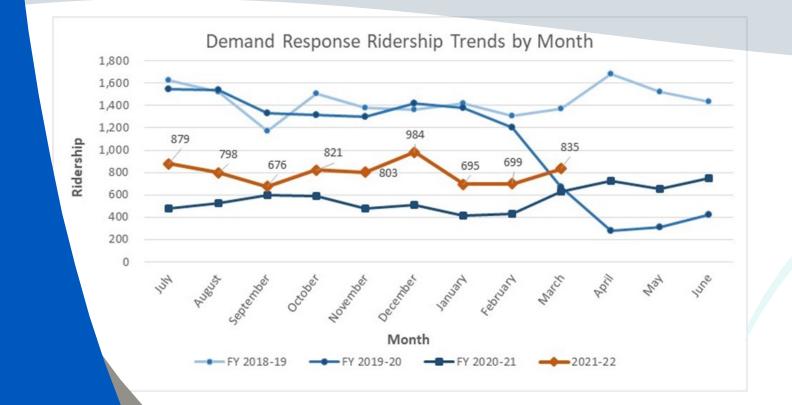
New compressor enclosure being set in place.



New compressor after installation.







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SMART is built on the foundation of integrating safety in every aspect of operations. In 2019 the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) publicized new safety requirements. In a partnership with ODOT, SMART created a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) that combined current safety systems and aligned them with the new requirements. In early 2022 the FTA brought forward new guidelines to add to our PTASP.

To meet the new guidelines, SMART will be forming a Safety Committee to identify and recommend risk-based mitigations to reduce the likelihood and severity of consequences through our safety risk assessment. An updated Risk Reduction Program will be implemented to provide assault mitigation infrastructure and technology on buses. Lastly, SMART's Safety Training program will be aligned with federal guidelines to give employees the proper tools for de-escalation and passenger safety.



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Grants & Program Manager - Kelsey Lewis

Our summer programming plans are shaping up!

We have two Transportation Options interns ready to begin in June, and more activities are being added to the calendar each week. The first Books on Bus outreach event, which is a collaboration with the Library and Northwest Housing, went very well, more details below.

Staff is currently learning more about a DEQ diesel emissions reduction grant opportunity and may have more to report on that in the coming months. As the City finalizes the annual proposed budget, SMART will publish its annual Program of Projects detailing our federal grant spending plan for next year and invites public comment. For full details visit <u>www.ridesmart.com/transit/page/programprojects</u>



Transportation Options - Michelle Marston Program Coordinator



Books on the Bus event launched this month! Together with the Library and NW Housing Alternatives we aimed to reach residents that may not know about the free bus and library services available in Wilsonville. These outreach programs are designed to reach our vulnerable populations of limited English and mobility. We plan to move the bus to different locations each month to gain

community interest and trust in the programs.

A separate book inventory is purchased and used to keep the books separate from traditional library books, as the program grows we intend to include books with large print and Spanish titles.

