

# SMART

SOUTH METRO AREA



REGIONAL TRANSIT

## 2025 August Report Transit/Fleet

"If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything." Many believe this, fewer have voiced it. Some of the most notable to be credited with uttering this truism are Alexander Hamilton, Peter Marshall, and Malcolm X. Hamilton is credited with being the first to say, "Those who stand for nothing, fall for anything." Alexander, Malcolm, and Peter must have been surrounded by those who would choose leisure over action, comfort over suffering, expediency over boldness. I do understand that fear can have a paralyzing effect on some of us. However, fear should never stand in the way of the truth or doing what is right. If you're not willing to tell the emperor the truth about his clothing, who will?

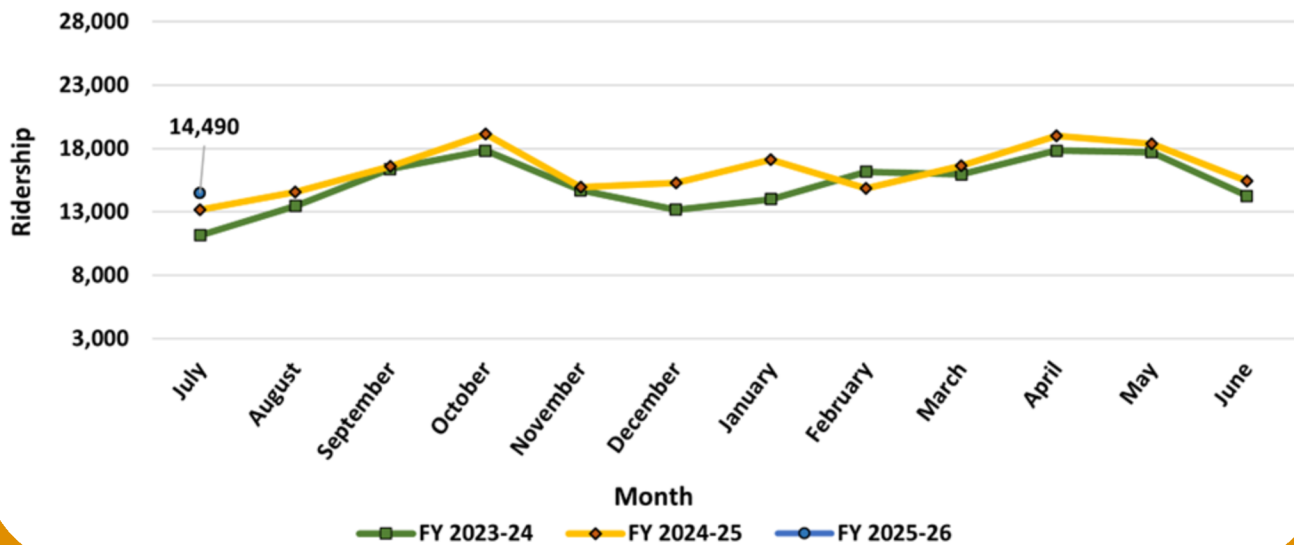
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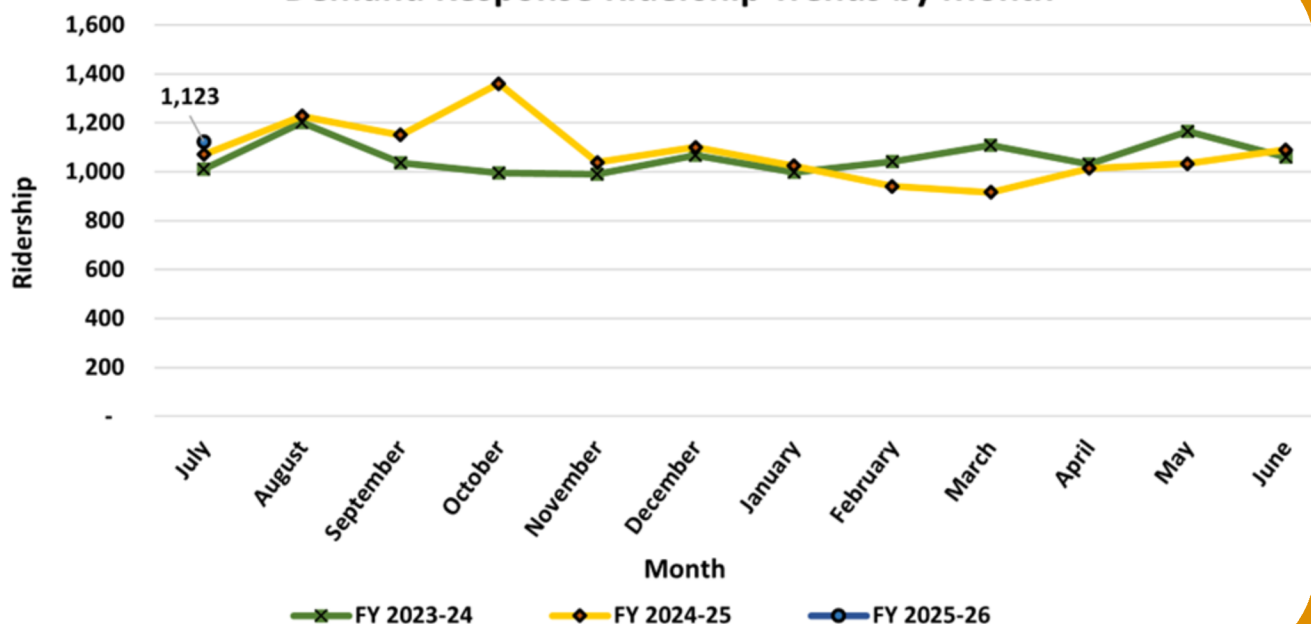
# RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Anne MacCracken

## Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month



## Demand Response Ridership Trends by Month



# FLEET SERVICES

*Scott Simonton*

Mechanics are preparing two retired buses for surplus auction. While this is a common occurrence as new vehicles are placed in service, these vehicles hold some significance.

These buses were the first alternative fuel vehicles in the fleet. They were the original pilot vehicles when we decided to test compressed natural gas (CNG) as a fuel in 2010. These vehicles were placed in service in 2011. Their useful life was reached in 2018, but they remained in service until this year, doubling their useful life.

The decision to retire them was necessary, as the high pressure fuel tanks have an expiration date, making them illegal to operate past February of 2026.



*Bus prepared for surplus auction, with all city and SMART logos removed*

# COMMUTE OPTIONS

*Michelle Marston*

SMART staff continues to work with large employers on their Employee Commute Options (ECO) surveys during August. Every two years, large employers are required to survey their employees to demonstrate progress toward a 10% commute trip reduction goal. During August, Target of Wilsonville participated in the survey.

This summer, SMART launched the “Easy Breezy Summer Rides” Challenge to see how folks choose alternative methods of travel for commute, errands, and recreation trips. This trip logging challenge came to an end in late August and had over 30 participants from the area participate.

When folks logged (8) minimum trips, they became eligible to enter the raffle for a \$100 gift card of their choice. Stats from the final day of the challenge are included to the right.

**34** Participants

**1567** Trips

**19,255**  
mi Distance

**\$6.3K** Money Saved

**6.1**  
tons CO2 Savings

**.2 Mil** Calories Burned

## GRANTS & PROGRAMS

*Kelsey Lewis*

I represent SMART as a member of the Accessible Transportation Fund Advisory Committee (ATFAC). The ATFAC focuses on funding transit services for older adults and people with disabilities in Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties. When transit providers are developing their Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund (STIF) plans for each biennium, the ATFAC reviews funding applications and recommends those to be funded to the STIF Advisory Committee.

There are limited funds available, and I am pleased to report that SMART's out of town medical Dial-a-Ride was funded. Programs that could offer greater mobility for older adults and people with disabilities have benefit for our entire population in the form of strengthened community and a safer transportation system.



# SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Wyle O'Neill

SMART staff attended and participated in many community events in August to provide information about our transit service and programs, answer questions, and get to know community members. We provided another year of train rides at Party in the Park on August 21, which was very popular!

SMART staff hosted a table at a Bridging Cultures event in Canby in late August to share information on our free Route 3X and that Wilsonville offers free Learn-to-Ride Bike Clinics during the summer months and our Free Minor Bike repair at the Annual Party in the Park.

SMART also hosted a Minor Bike Repair Class in collaboration with the Wilsonville Library. Educating and providing space to practice basic bike maintenance techniques and guide students of all ages how to patch or replace a flat tire.



Enjoying the event are Mayor O'Neil, Councilor Shevlin, Councilor Dunwell, and Councilor Cunningham