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May Report Transit/Fleet

"All things are possible to them who believe." For some, these are just words in a book, but for me, they drive my belief that nothing can stand in the way of a vision whose time has come. Case in point, the recently completed transit-oriented development (TOD) at the Wilsonville Transit Center; 121 magnificent units of affordable living. This is the culmination of a five-year journey. A journey fraught with obstacles and replete with naysayers. Despite the sometimes public battles, I continued to believe that this project had to become a reality. In the end, it took a village to raise this incredible building. It also took an intrepid mayor and city council. It took a forward-thinking planning commission. It took expert city staff made up of planners, engineers, and building inspectors. It took a developer with a can-do attitude. It took a trusting supervisor who allowed and even encouraged me to dream big. Finally, it took the entire transit/fleet team's willingness to put up with 15 months of construction, disruptions, and detours at the Transit Center. To all of you, I tip my hat with respect and admiration.

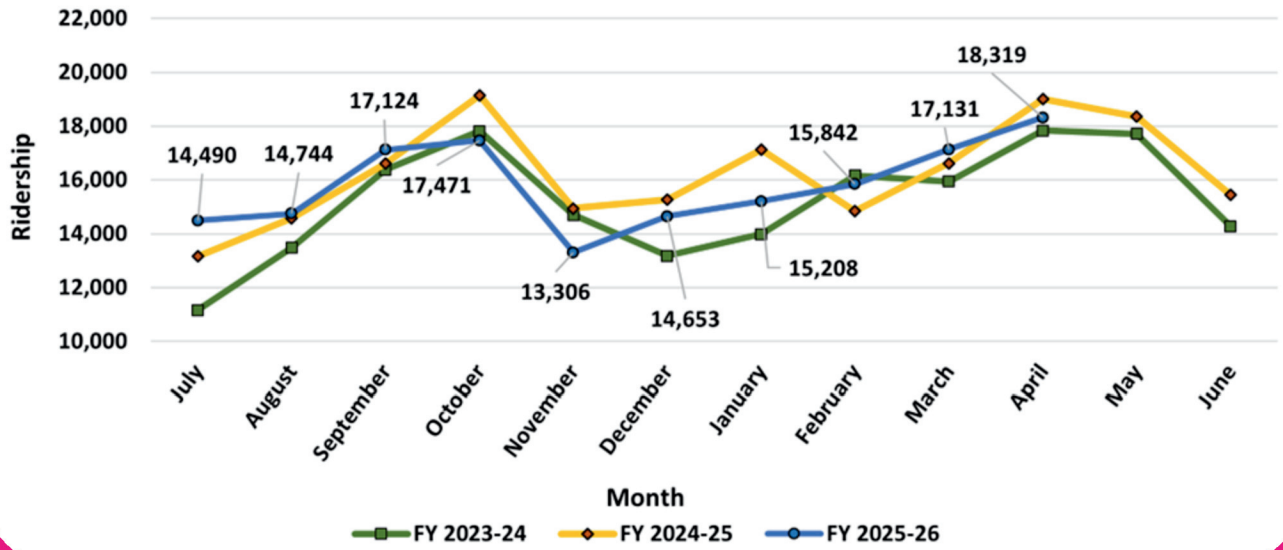
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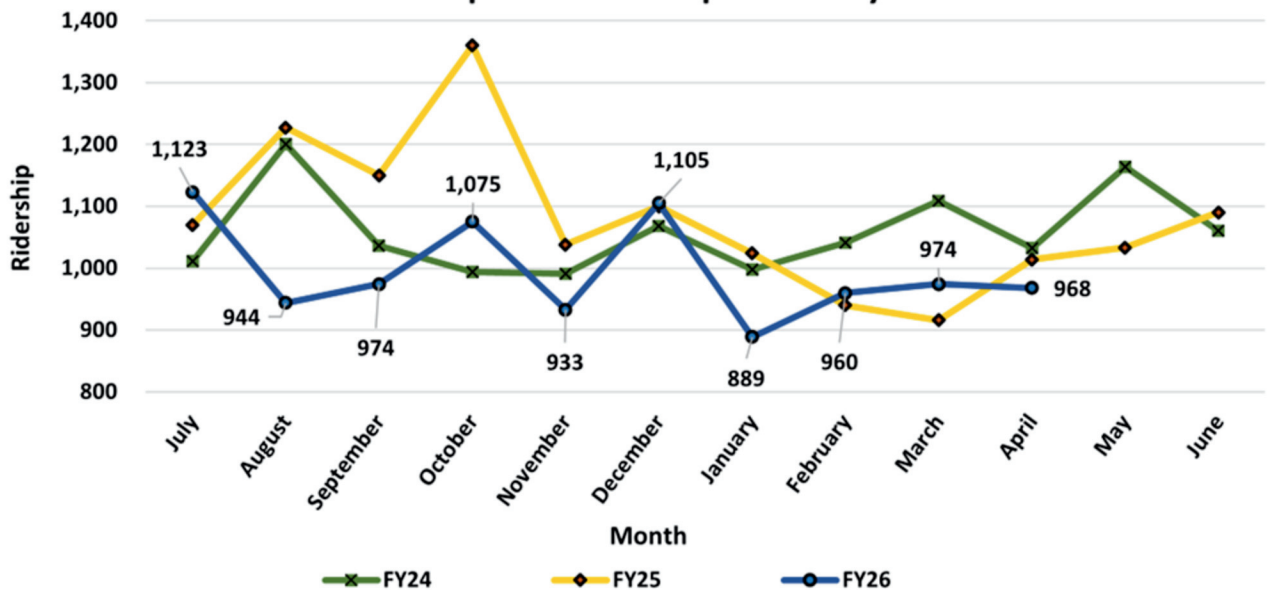
RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Anne MacCracken

Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month



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OPERATIONS

Diana Kotler

The month of May marks an exciting milestone for SMART as we launched our new Route 10X service to Clackamas Town Center on May 4, 2026, and celebrate the opening of the Welcome Transit Center on May 21, 2026.

In addition, SMART Saturday transit services now connect at the Wilsonville Transit Center, expanding transportation access for Vuela residents and helping connect this new residential community to our library, parks, community programs, and local events throughout the City.

These service enhancements and the opening of the Welcome Transit Center are key priorities identified in the SMART Transit Master Plan. As SMART enters Fiscal Year 2027, the agency plans to operate these new services and public spaces while evaluating performance, community needs, and financial resources. This approach will allow SMART to learn from the service expansion, make adjustments as needed, and better plan for the future transportation needs of residents and passengers.



FLEET SERVICES

Scott Simonton

In preparation for the opening of SMART's customer service center at Vuela, Fleet staff have been assisting with a variety of details. New electronic real-time information kiosks are being installed, updated informational signs are being placed, and our Service Workers have concentrated on a general sprucing up of the Transit Center.



COMMUTE OPTIONS

Michelle Marston

May was National Bike Month. Together, SMART and other Get There Oregon partners in the Portland region were excited to announce the **2026 Bike Month Challenge**. Hosted by Metro, ODOT, counties, cities, and community partners, the month-long online challenge was open to anyone living or working in the Metro region. Participants could win prizes by logging any bike trip (manual or e-bike) on the Get There Oregon website- whether for commuting or just getting around.

Visit the **Challenge web page** for updates on prizes, events and more!



GRANTS & PROGRAMS

Kelsey Lewis

Rising gas prices in recent weeks are squeezing budgets across the country, including here in Wilsonville. For yourself or for a neighbor struggling with the cost of living, now is a great time to consider ways to lower your gas costs by using transportation alternatives like transit, biking and walking. Our mostly fare-free bus service in town can make a big difference in household expenses, particularly for members of our community experiencing low incomes who spend more of their income on transportation. It's also great if you would simply prefer to spend your income on other things.

Not sure where to start? Check out our website for information about where our routes go at ridemart.com, call us for trip planning assistance at 503-682-7790, or visit us at the Wilsonville Transit Center in person! Also, please know that older adults, people with disabilities (physical as well as intellectual), and English language learners are all able to access one-on-one assistance with learning how to ride transit from Ride Connection. There is an online form to sign up and more information at <https://rideconnection.org/services/travel-training/>.



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Wyle O'Neill

In May the Safe Routes to School staff hosted the Wilsonville Wellness Community Bike Ride, bringing residents together for a fun and active community event that encouraged people of all ages to explore Wilsonville by bike while creating community connections.

Additional outreach efforts included after-school pop-up engagement focused on encouraging students and families to walk and roll during the warmer weather, while also helping families begin trip-planning for summer activities and destinations. Outreach also expanded into the community with participation in the opening week of the Wilsonville Farmers Market.

Safe Routes to School also partnered with the Wilsonville Library to host “Smart Helmet Decorating” as part of the Friday Fun Day programming, creating a fun and creative opportunity to promote bicycle safety among youth.

The Safe Routes program additionally continued the annual “Bike Fairy” tradition, a fun and encouraging initiative inspired by the idea of the Tooth Fairy. Students who rode their bikes to school could unexpectedly find a small surprise left on their bicycle by the “Bike Fairy” as recognition for choosing an active and sustainable way to travel. The tradition helps create excitement around biking to school, reinforces safe riding habits, and encourages more students to participate in active transportation throughout the school year.

