


July 25, 2023

**New Orleans
Regional Transit Authority
Monthly Board Report**



The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA) hereby declares that, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:17.1 (A)(2)(a)-(c), a meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Please be aware that wearing masks in the boardroom is encouraged.

Written comments on any matter included on the agenda will be accepted in the following ways: 1) Submission of a Speaker Card on meeting day; 2) Electronically by email sent to: rtaboard@rtaforward.org prior to the meeting; or 3) By U.S. Mail send to 2817 Canal Street, Attention: Office of Board Affairs, New Orleans, LA 70119. Live stream access: norta.legistar.com



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1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

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A. RTA Chairman's Report



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B. Operations & Administration Committee Chairman's Report



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C. Finance Committee Chairman's Report

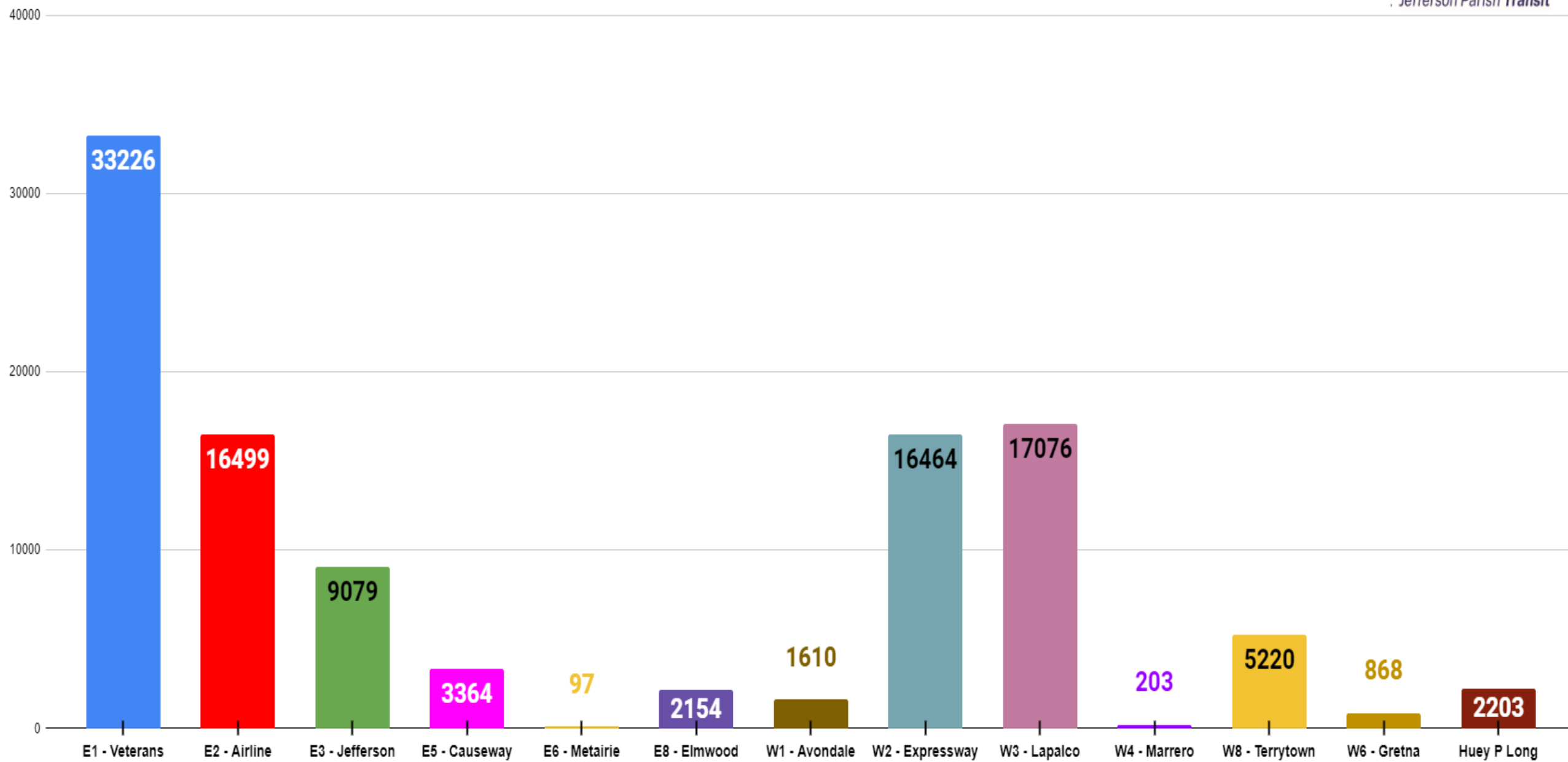


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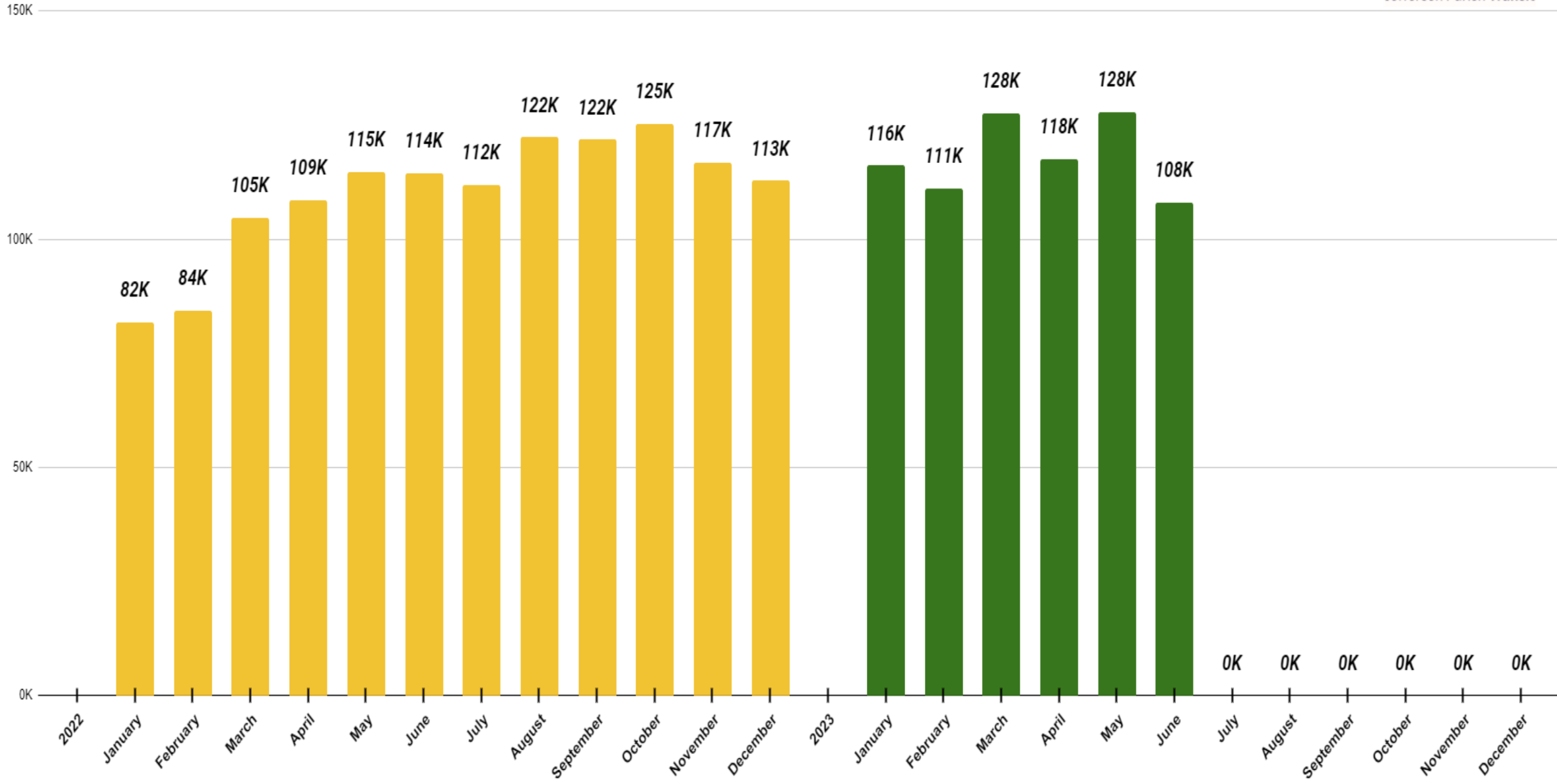
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D. Jefferson Parish Report

June 2023 -- Ridership by Route

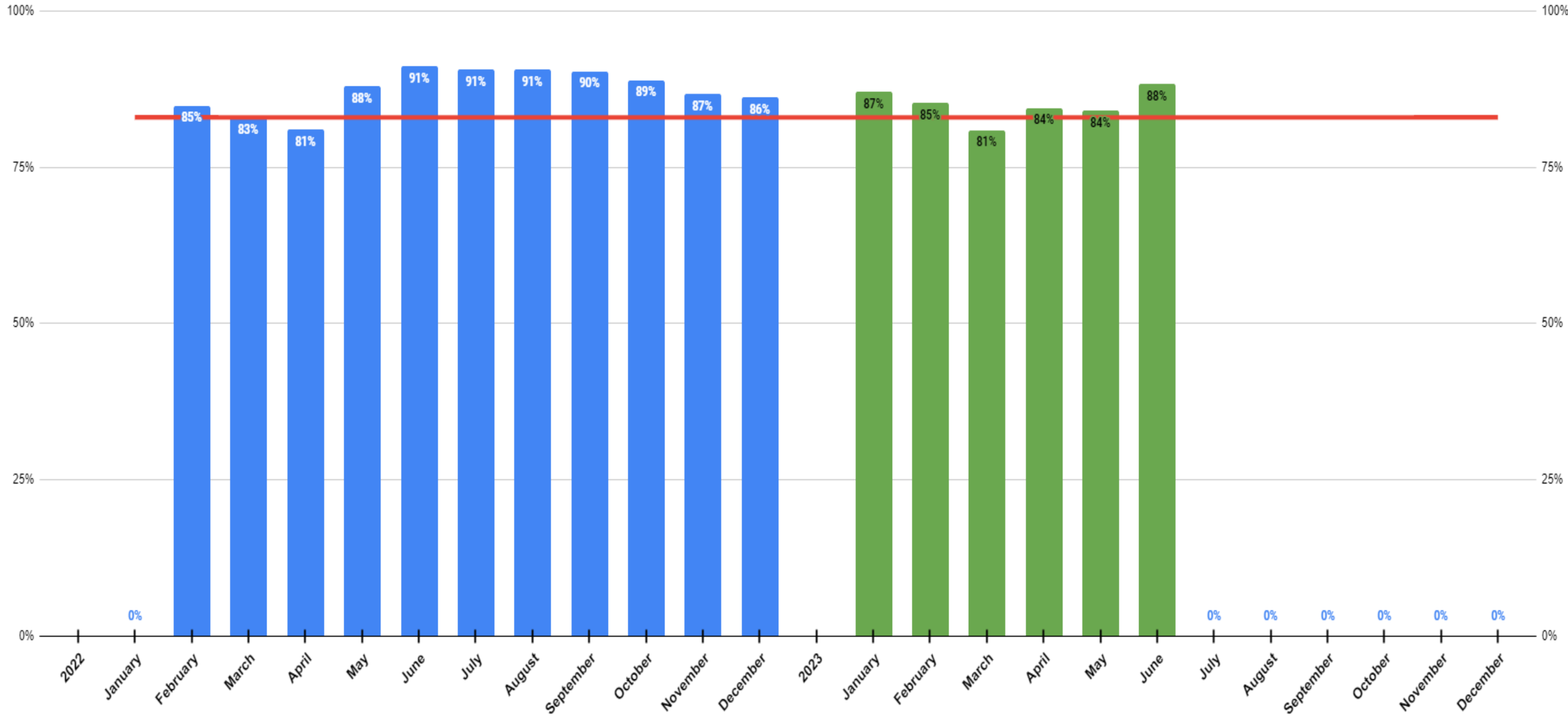


June 2023 -- Total Ridership by Month per Year



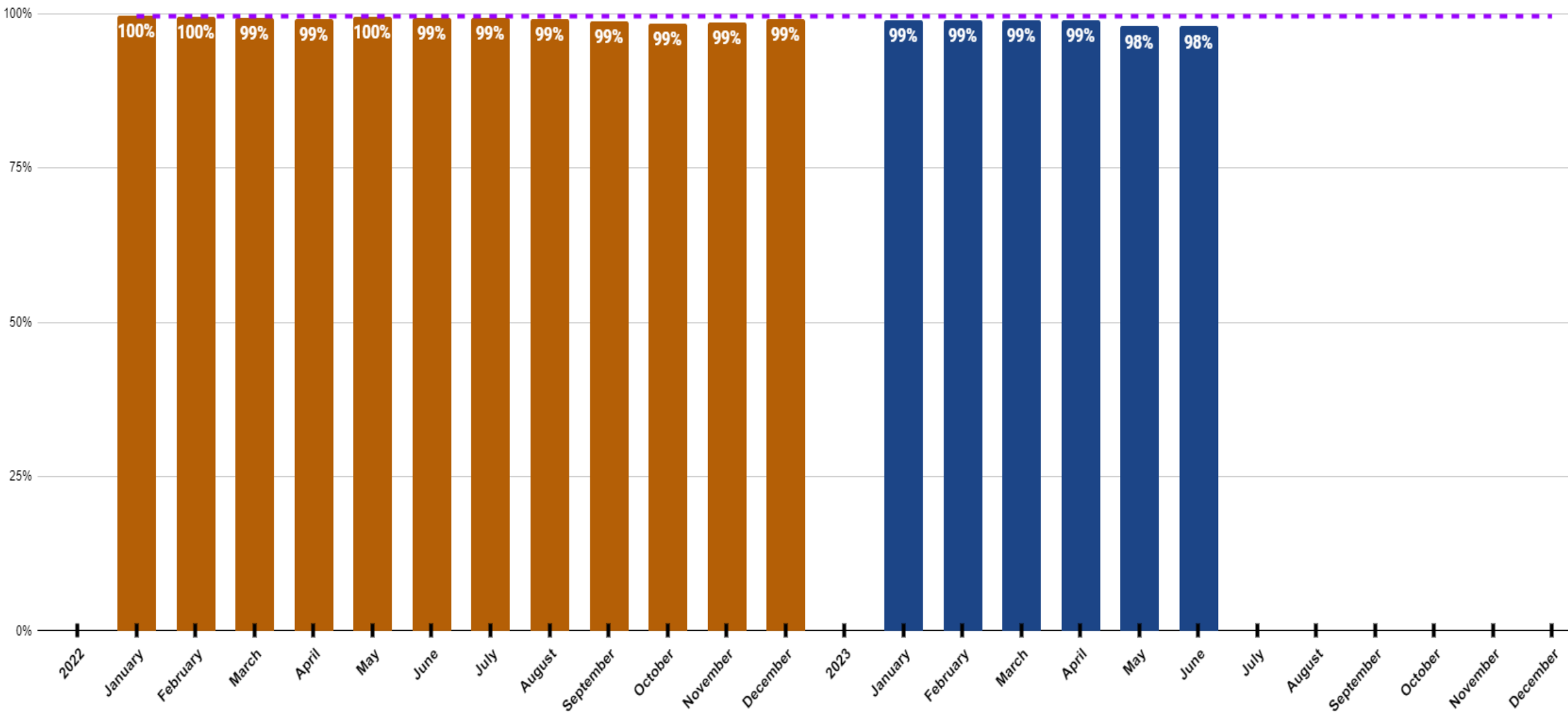
June 2023 -- Total On-Time Performance by Month per Year

- Goal 83% ■ Total On-Time Performance



Para-Transit On-Time Performance by Month per Year

■ Goal 100%



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E. RTA General Counsel's Report



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COMTO Conference



Employee of the Month and Highlights



Myrtis Rochon
Operator
June



Luis Garcia-Dominguez
Maintenance
June

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G. Chief of Staff Legislative Update

Legislative Update

- **State Veto Session**
 - No impact to RTA \$10.5M ferry appropriation
- **Regional Planning Commission TIP Amendments**
 - \$71M Low-No Award
 - \$261K to purchase paratransit/on-demand vehicles
- **FY 2024 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies (THUD) appropriations.**
 - House sub-committee: July 17
 - Full Senate: July 27

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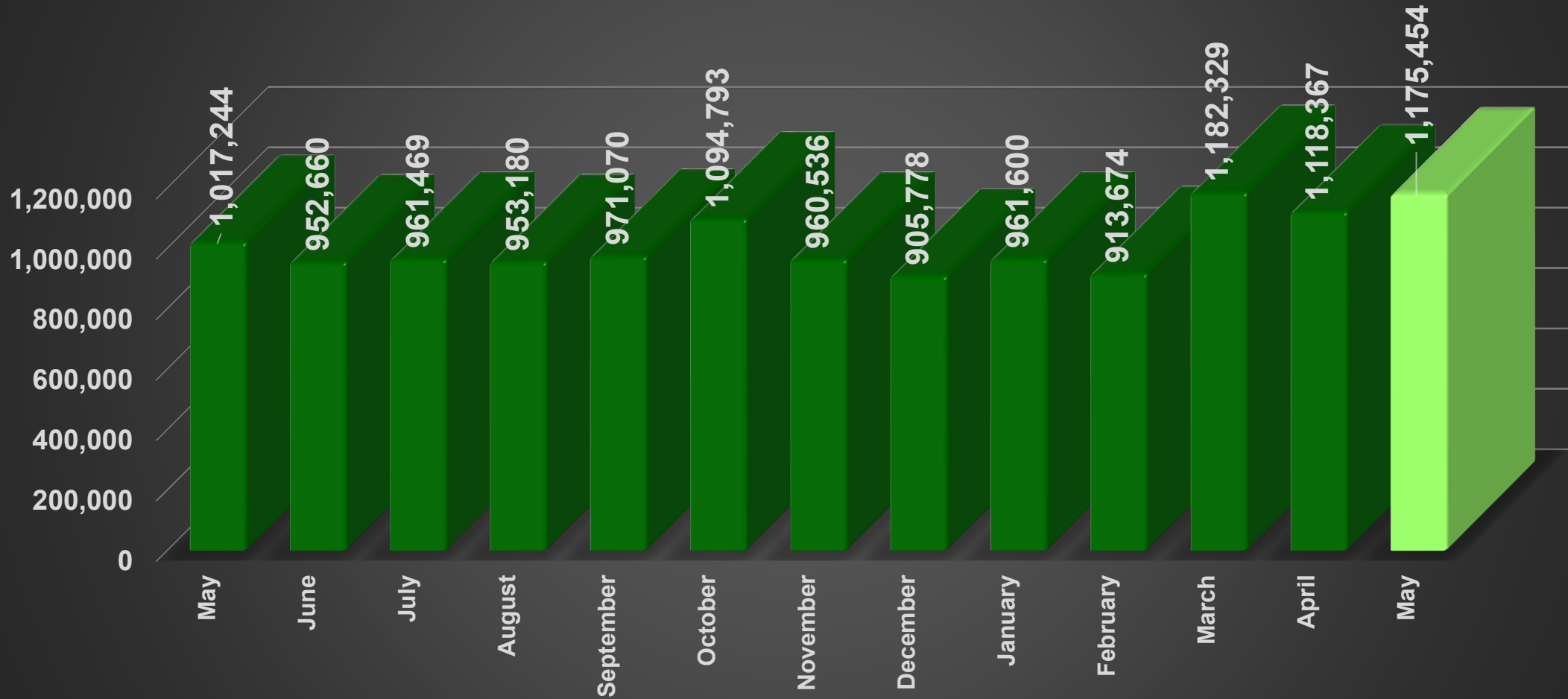




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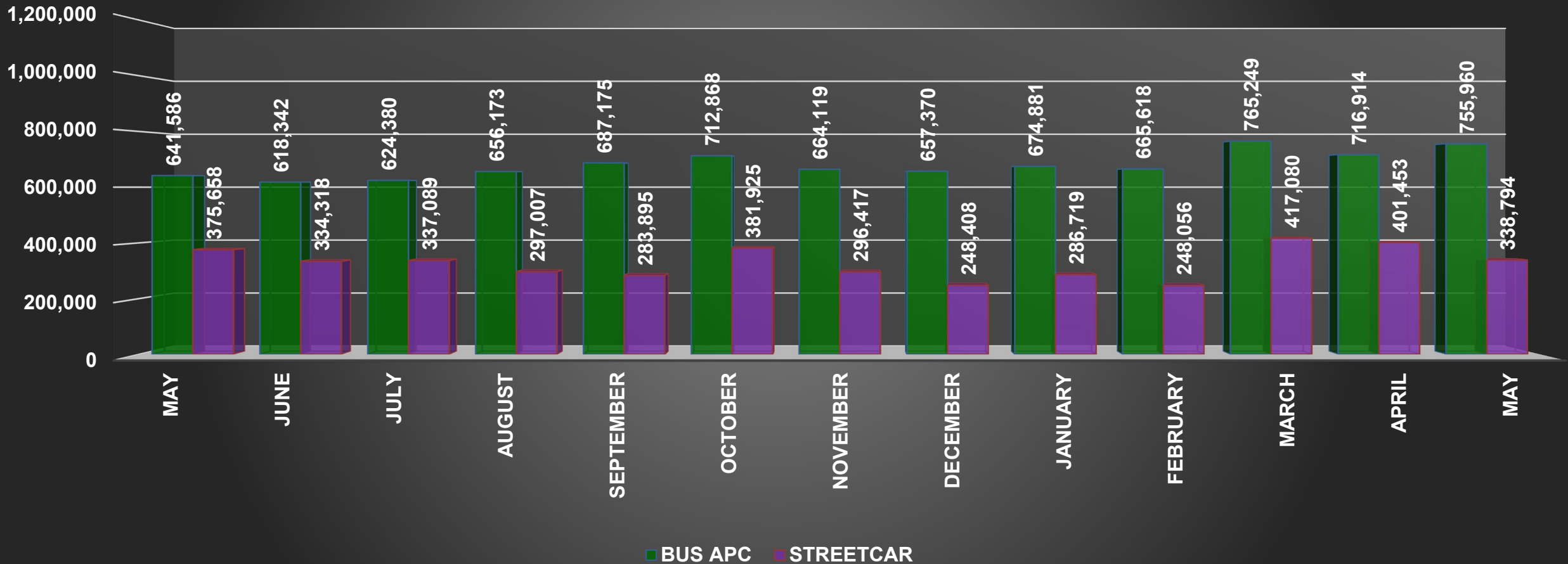
H. Operations Update



TOTAL RIDERSHIP - BUS, STREETCAR, PARATRANSIT & FERRY:

Ridership for the May 2023 was 1,094,754 which is a 2.11% decrease from the previous month. However, there is a 7.619% increase from May 2022. Please note, May's ridership total of 1,175,454 includes Ferry Service ridership of 80,700.

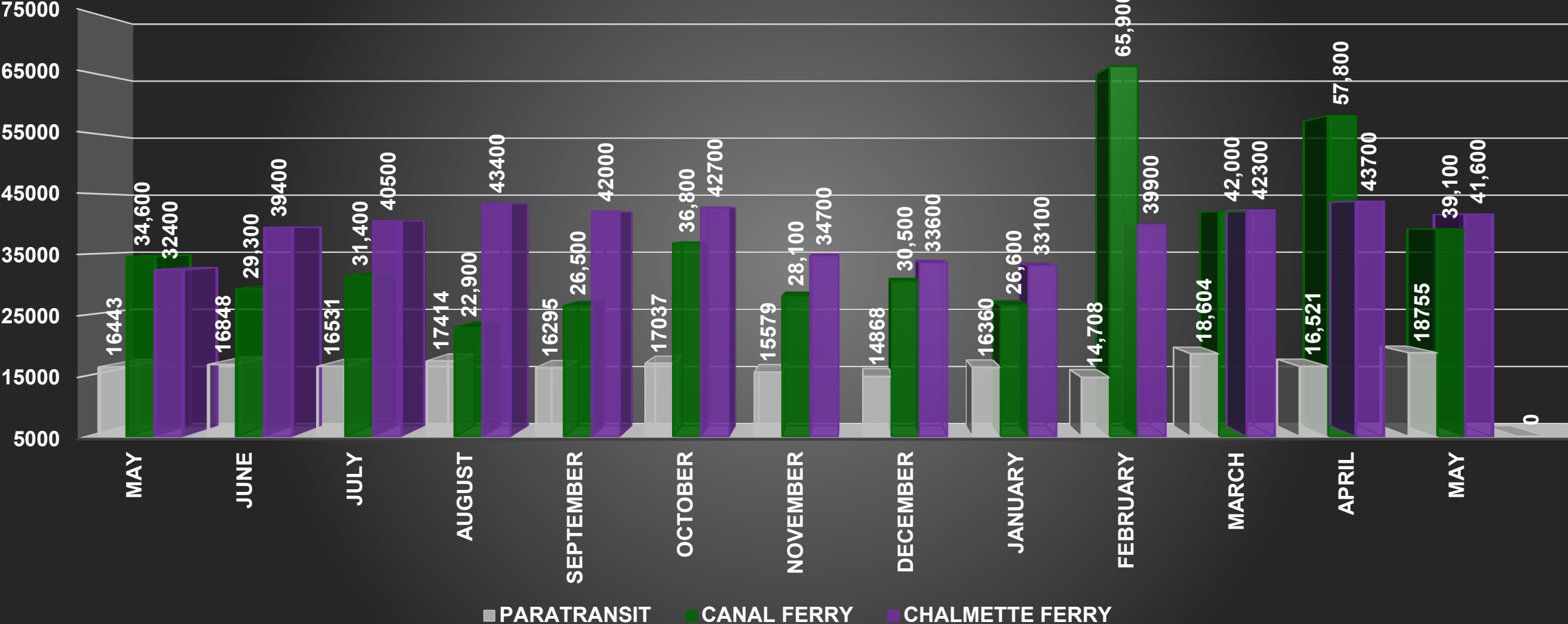
BUS & STREETCAR RIDERSHIP | MAY 2023



BUS AND STREETCAR RIDERSHIP: There is a 15.6% decrease in streetcar ridership from the previous month, however, streetcar ridership was slightly higher in May 2022. Bus service saw a 17.8% increase compared to May 2022 and a 5.4% increase from the previous month.



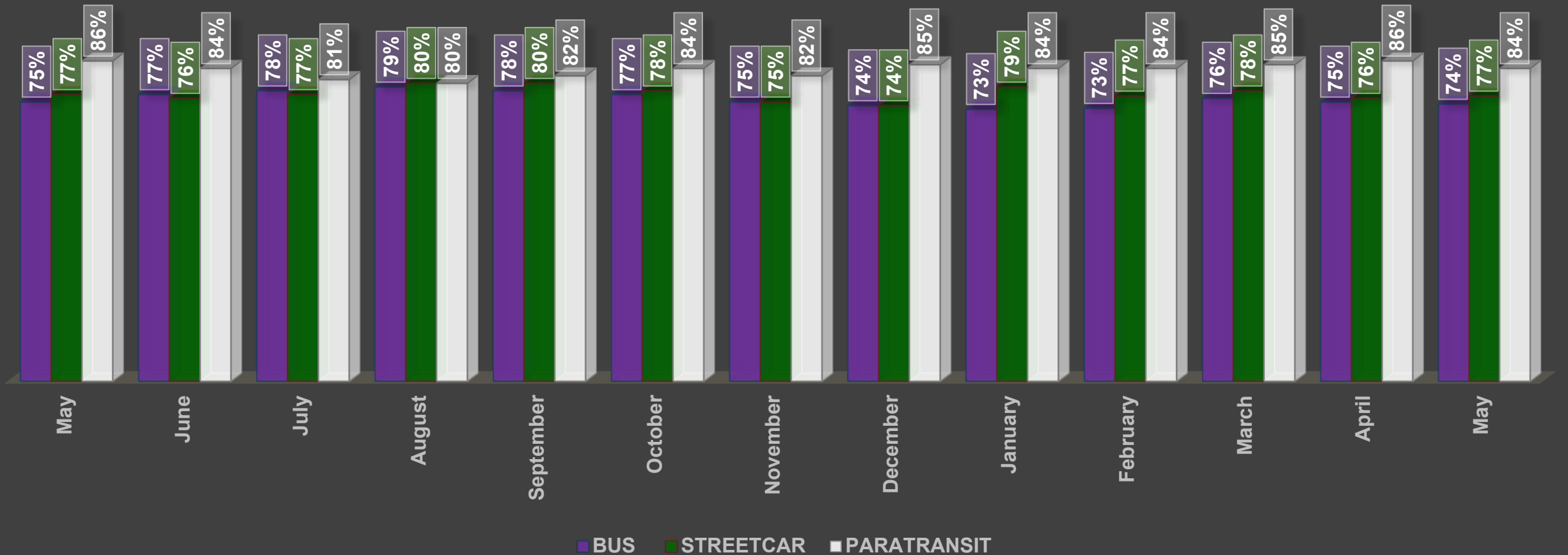
PARATRANSIT & FERRY RIDERSHIP | MAY 2023



PARATRANSIT AND FERRY RIDERSHIP: Paratransit saw an increase in May 2023 of 11.91% from April 2023. Ferry Services has a total of 80.7K in ridership for May 2023, a 27.62% decrease from the previous month.

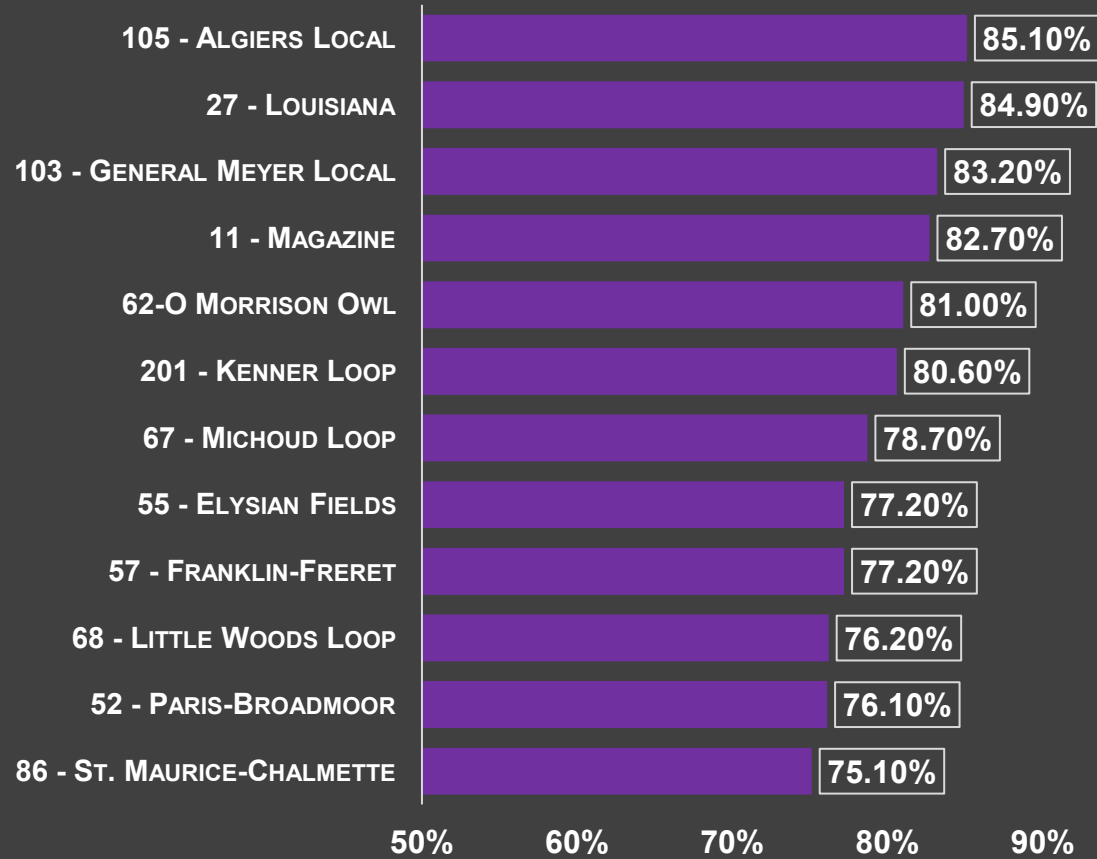


ON-TIME PERFORMANCE | BUS, STREETCAR & PARATRANSIT

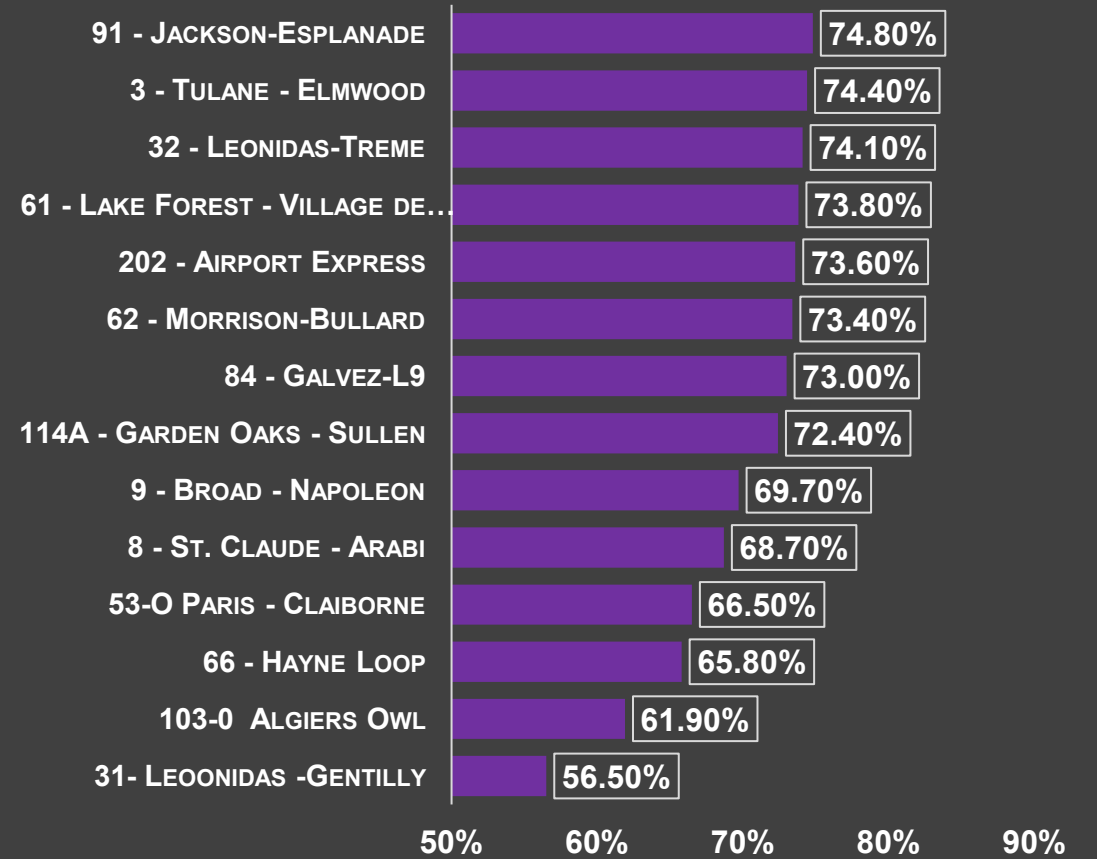


ON-TIME-PERFORMANCE BUS, STREETCAR, AND PARATRANSIT: Bus experienced a 1% decline, however, streetcar increased by 1% from the previous month. There was a 2% decline in Paratransit OTP compared to both the previous month and May 2022.

BUS ON-TIME PERFORMANCE BY ROUTE

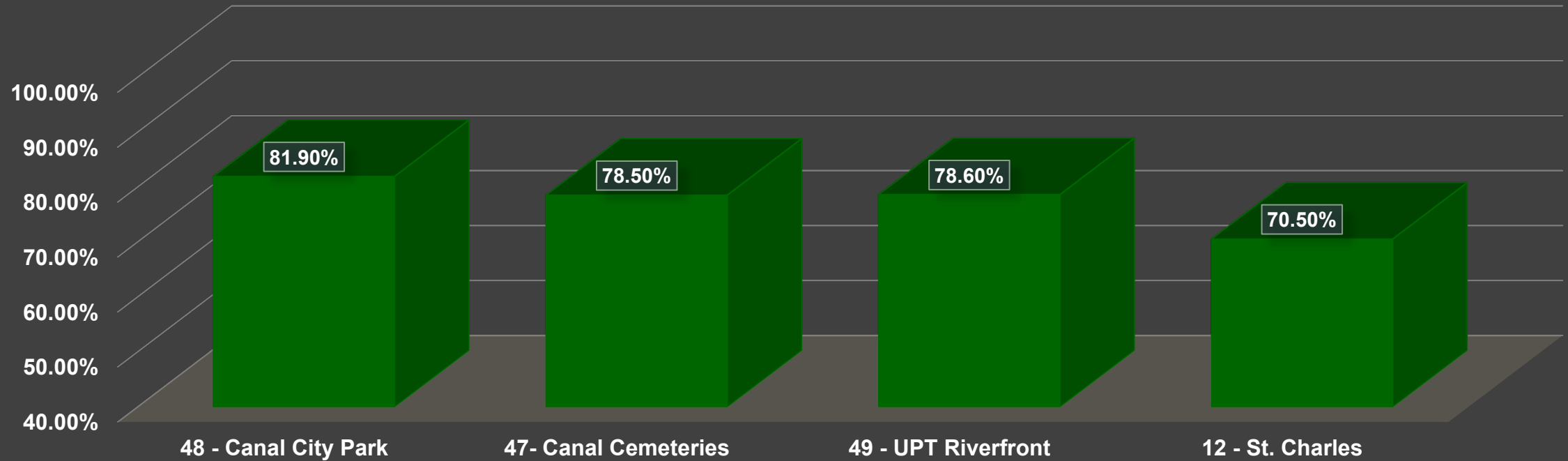


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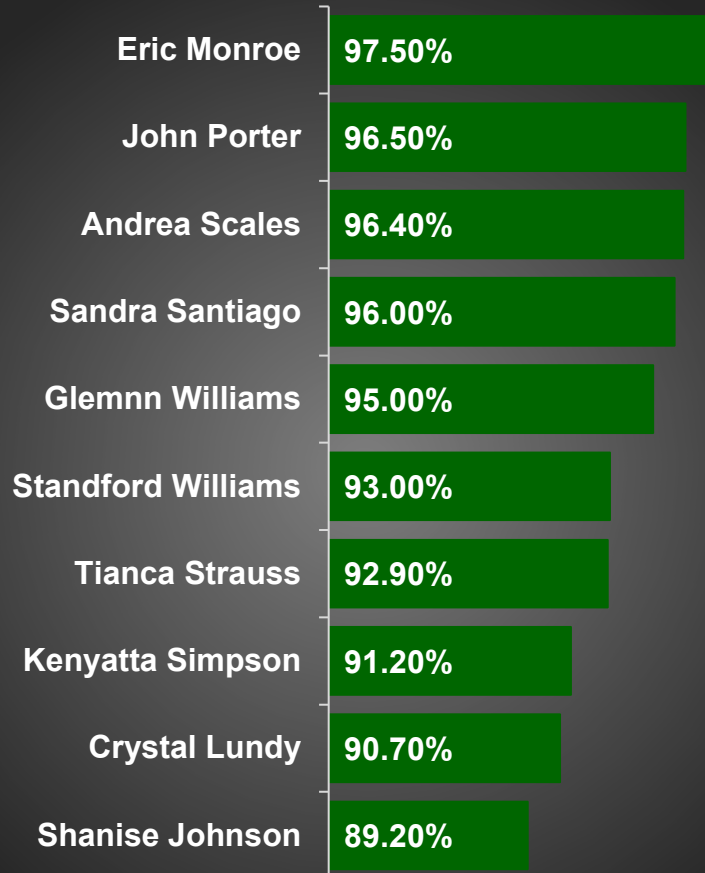
BUS PERFORMANCE BY ROUTE: Algiers Local top-performing route.

STREETCAR ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

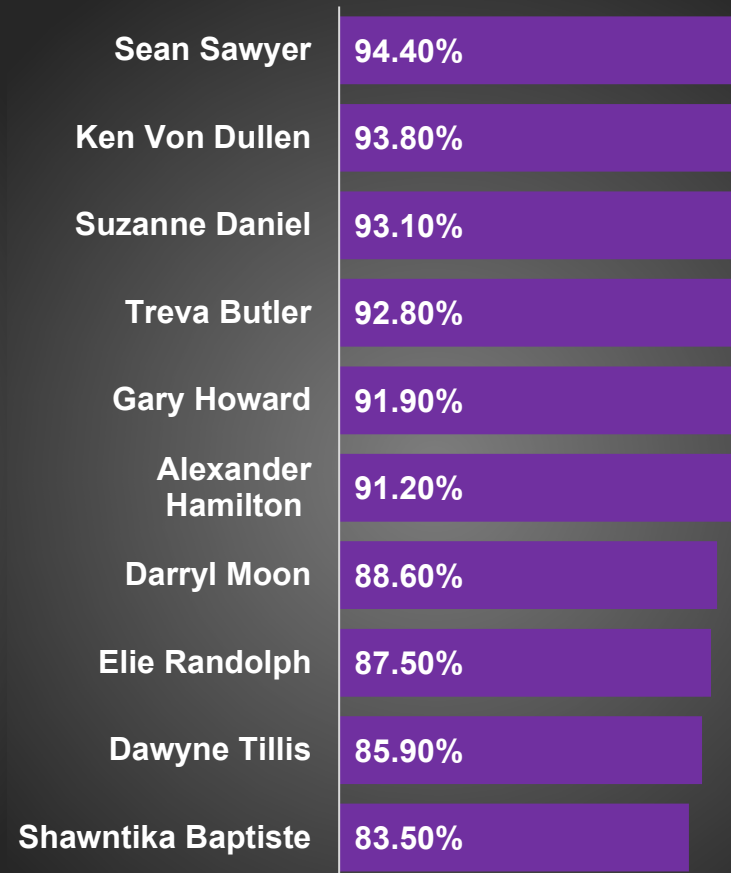


STREETCAR ON-TIME-PERFORMANCE: Canal/City Park top-performing route.

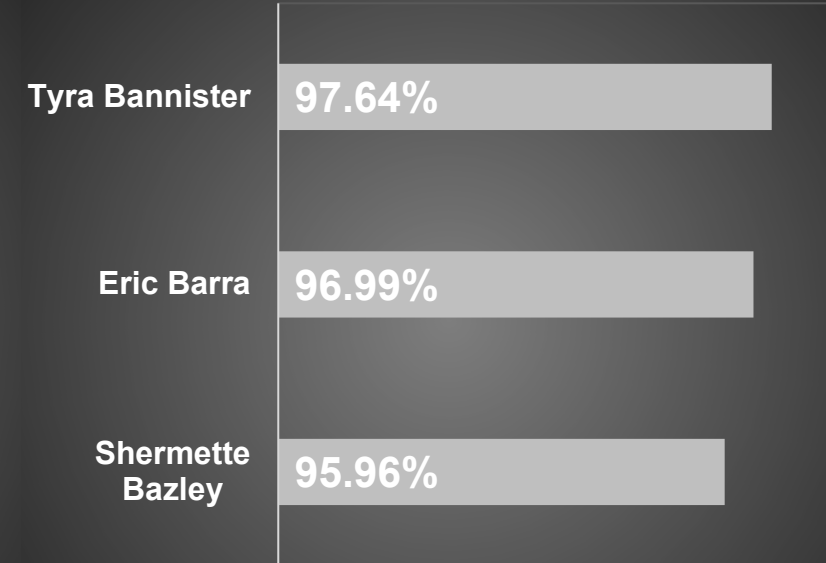
BUS



STREETCAR

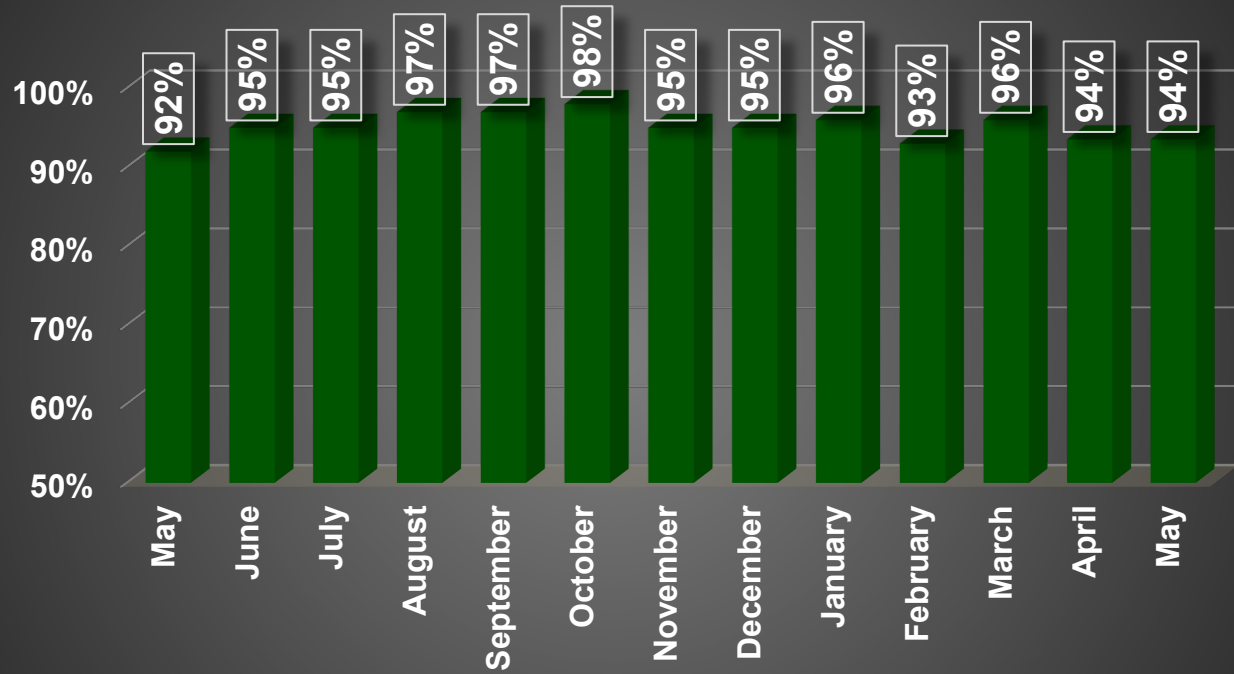


PARATRANSIT

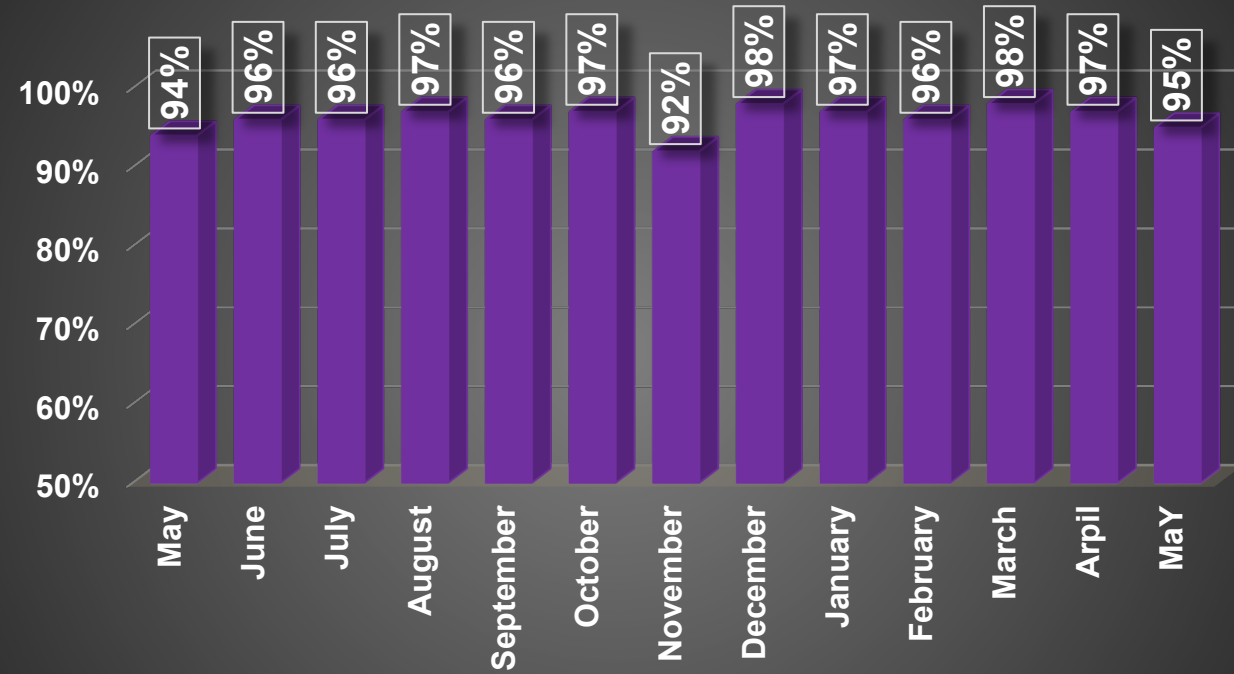


TOP ON-TIME PERFORMING OPERATORS: Eric Monroe – Bus, Sean Sawyer – Streetcar, Tyra Bannister - Paratransit

TOTAL BUS SERVICE DELIVERY



TOTAL STREETCAR SERVICE DELIVERY

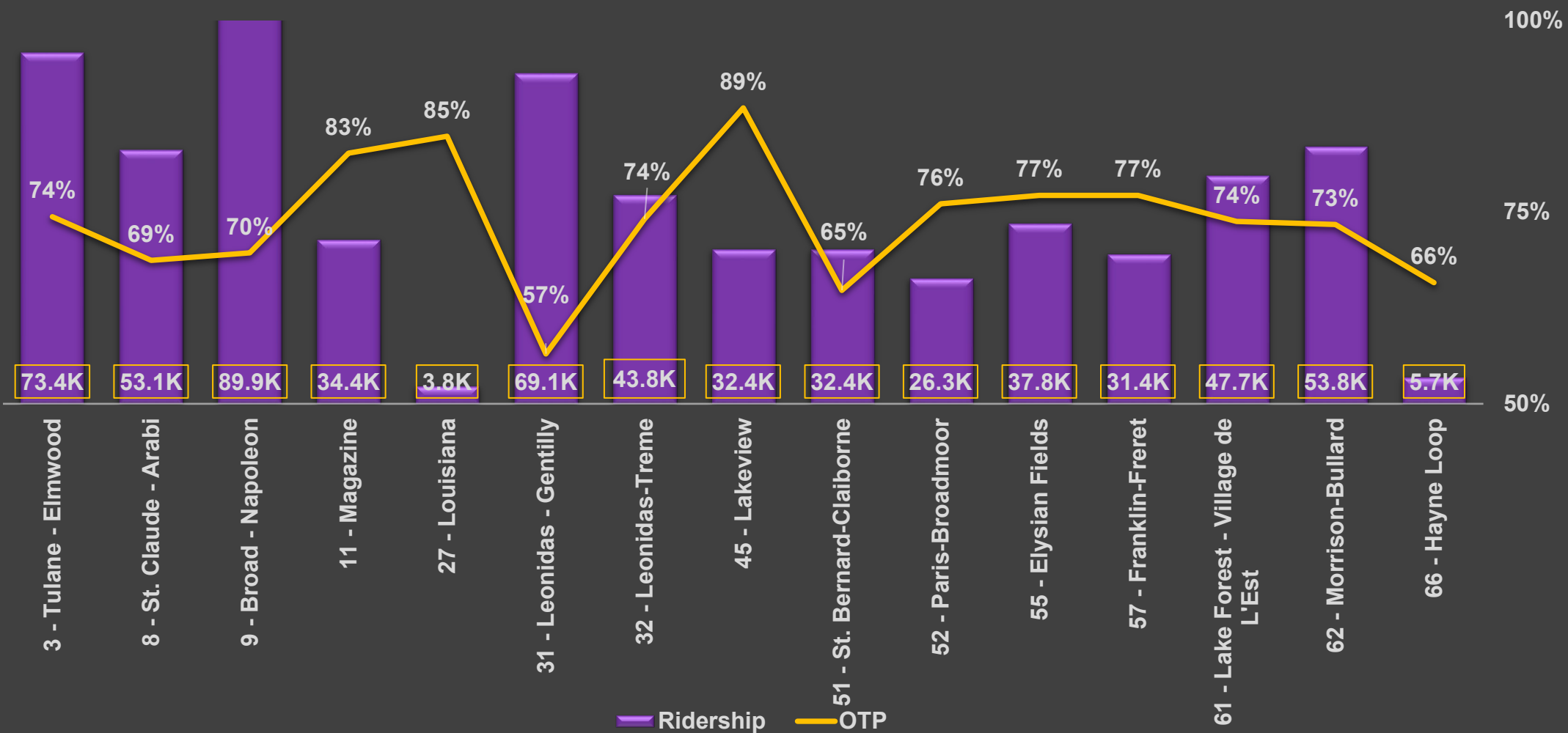


TOTAL BUS SERVICE DELIVERY: 94% - BUS, 95% - STREETCAR

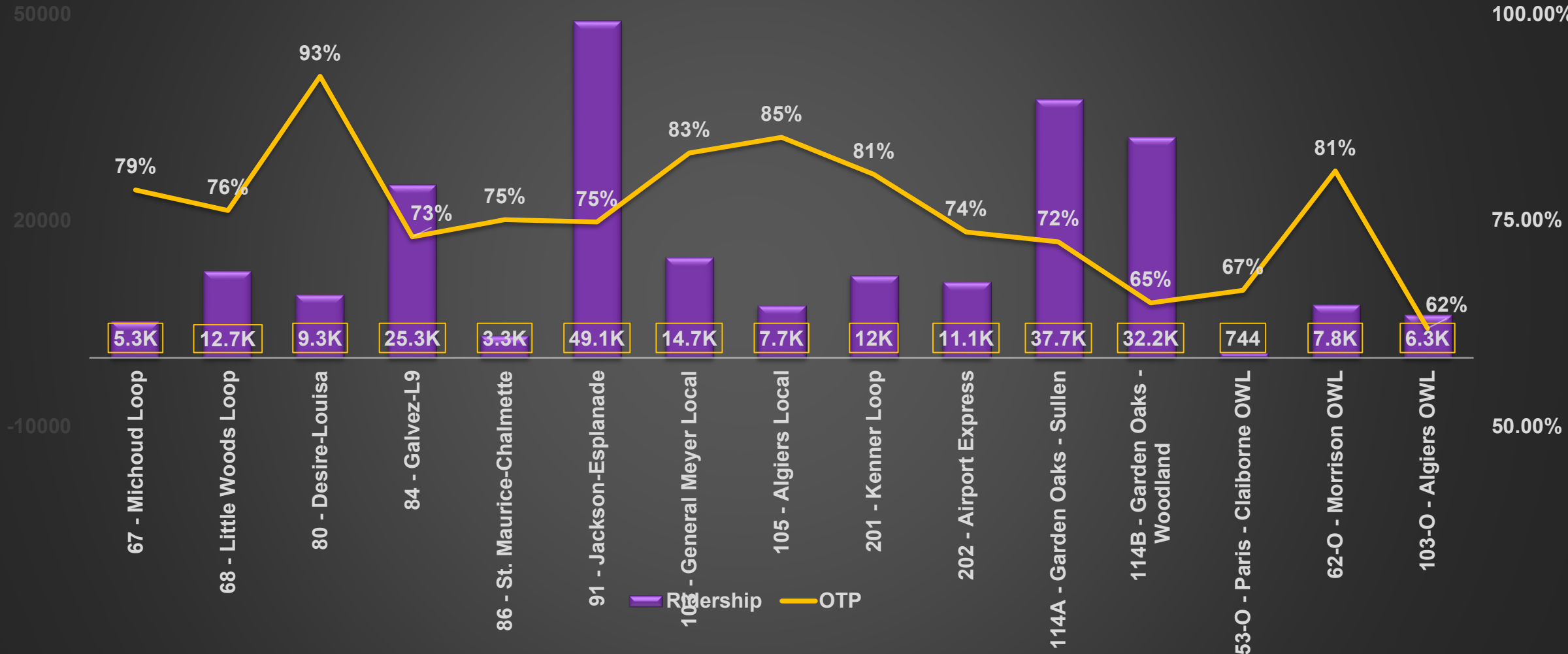
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RIDERSHIP AND OTP COMPARISON ROUTES 3 - 66



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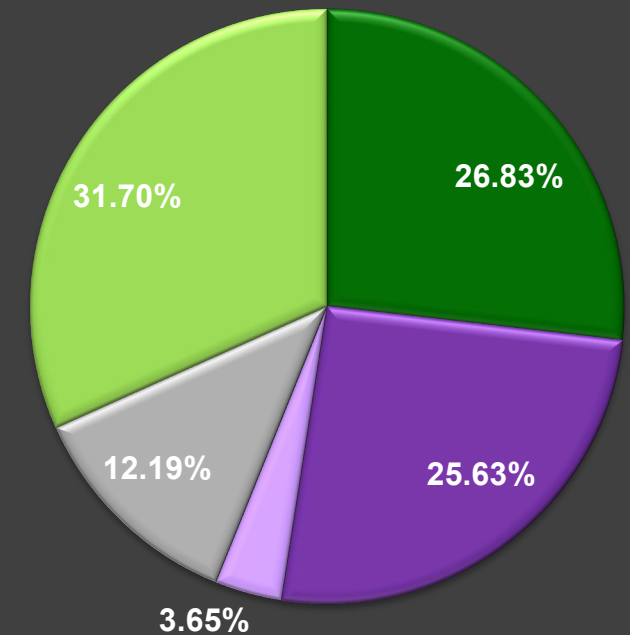


LONG-TERM DETOURS AFFECTING ALL MODES

ROUTES AFFECTED BY LONG-TERM DETOURS	CAUSE
9 – Broad/Napoleon	Road Construction
11 – Magazine	Route Adjustment
31 – Leonidas/Gentilly	Road Construction
32 – Leonidas/Tremé	Road Construction
47, 48, 49 – Canal	Slow Zone
51 – St. Bernard/Claiborne	Road Construction
52 – Paris/Broadmoor	Road Construction
53 – Paris/Claiborne	Road Construction
55 – Elysian Fields	Road Construction
61 – Lake Forest	Road Construction
66 - Hayne Loop	Road Construction
84 – Galvez	Road Construction
86 – St. Maurice	Road Condition

PERCENTAGE OF TEMPORARY DETOURS BY CAUSE

- Road Closure/Construction
- Parade/Second Line
- Undriveable Streets
- Civilian Accident
- Police Activity



LONG-TERM DETOURS: The Hayne Loop was added to the list of long-term detours for May 2023.

SHORT-TERM DETOURS: Police Activity and Road Closure/Construction continue to be the leading cause of temporary detours at 31.7% and 26.83% respectively.



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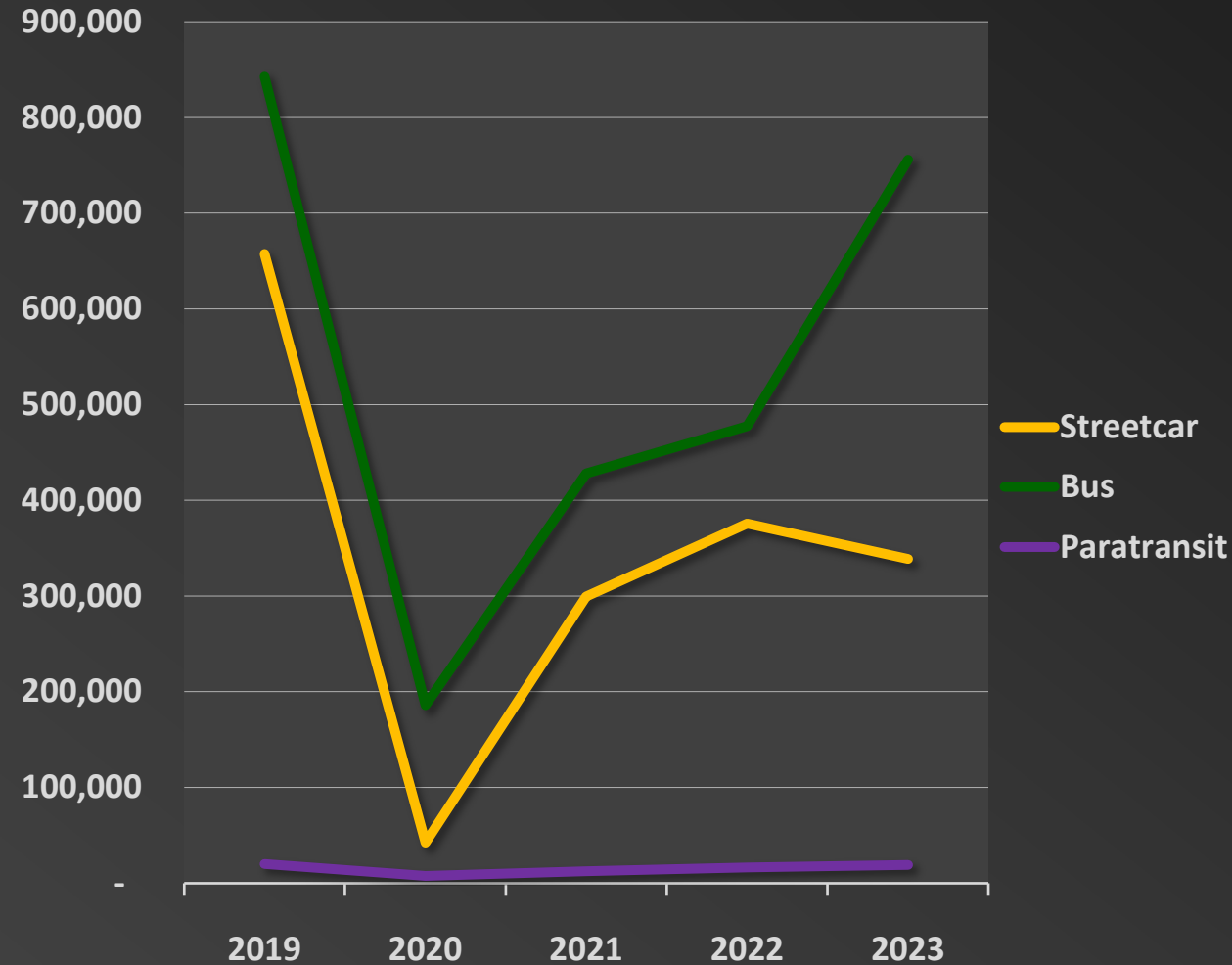
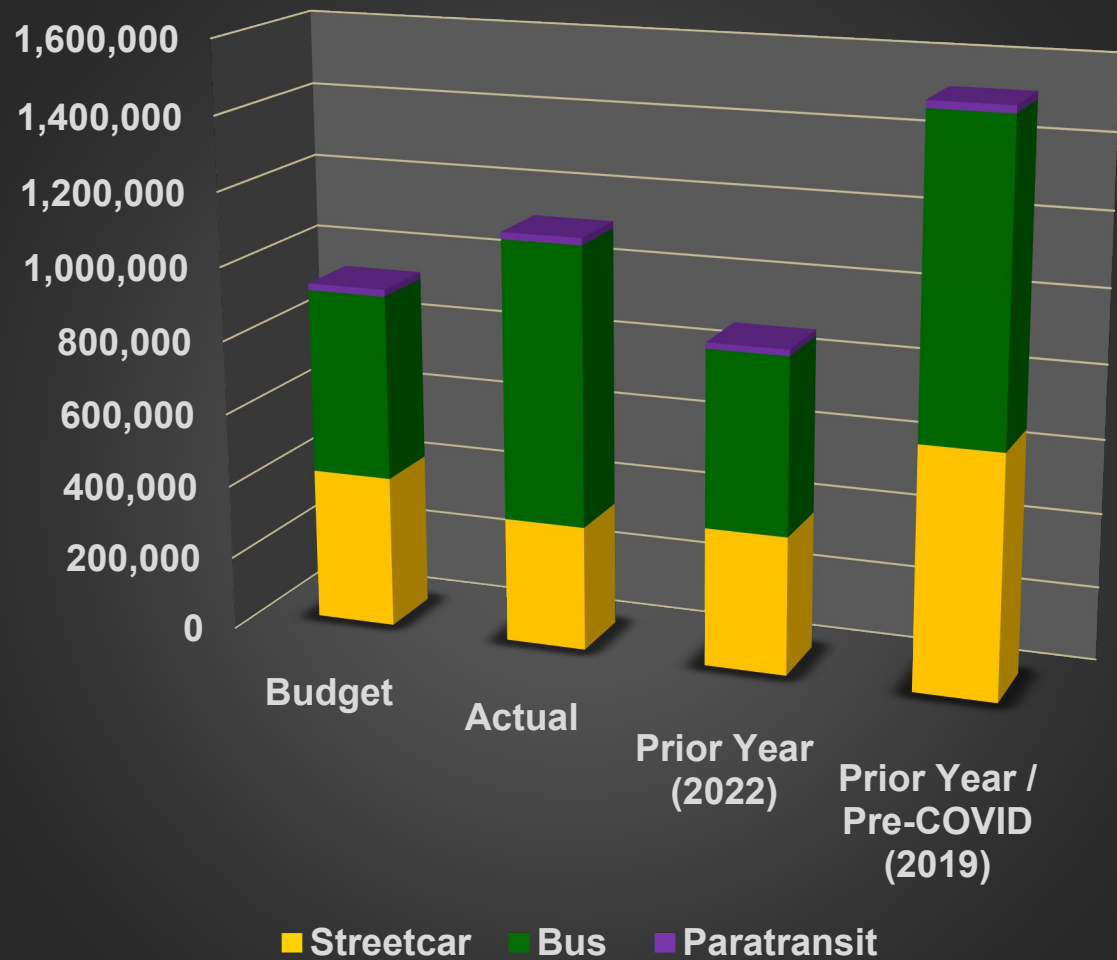




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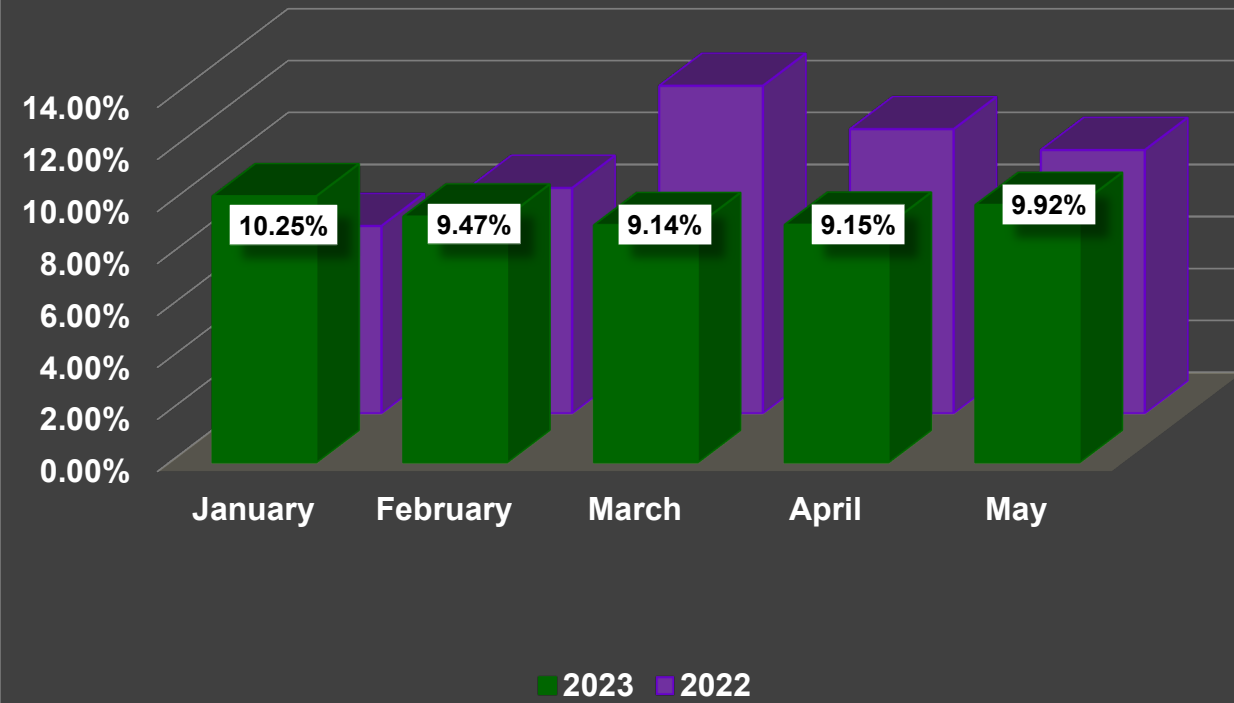
**I. RTA Chief Financial Officer's Report
[May 2023 Financials]**



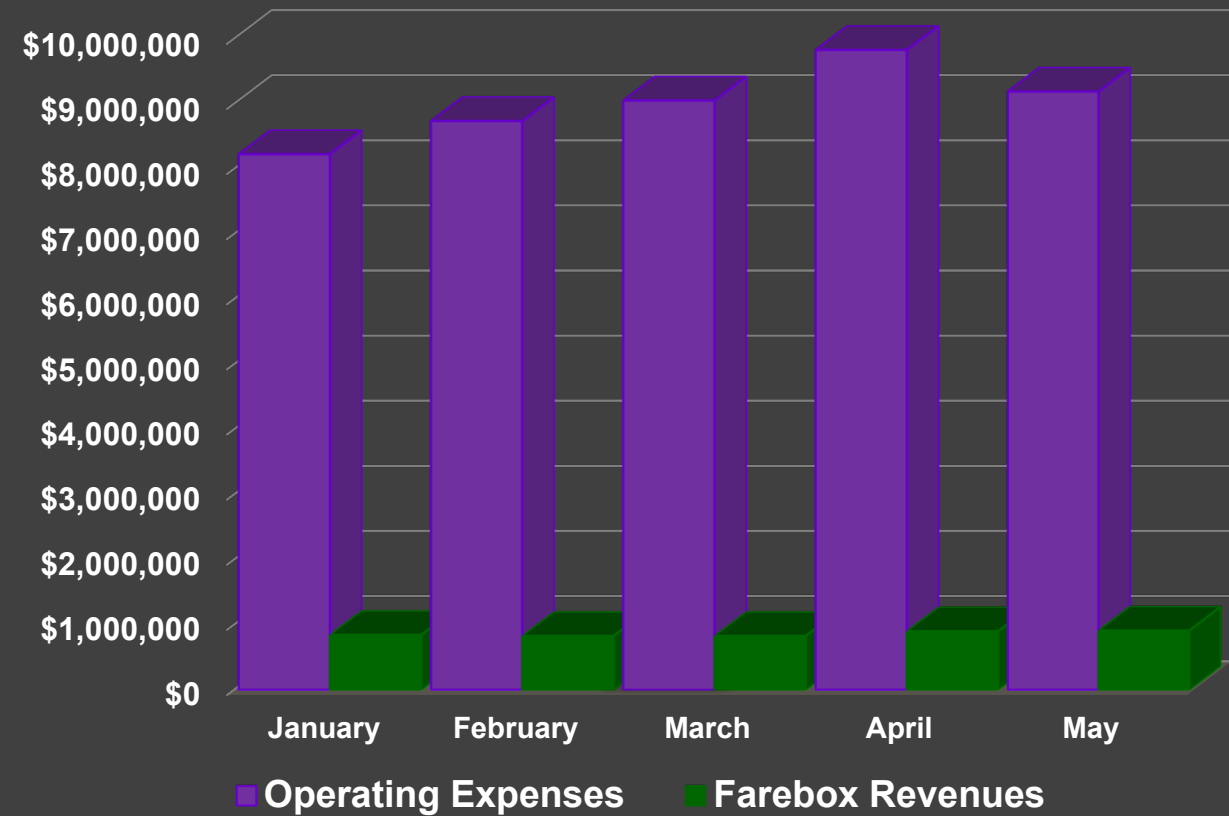
Ridership

Ridership in May decreased by 2% when compared to April 2023 actuals. In May, total system ridership (bus, streetcar and paratransit) was 1.14M, 22K less than 1.11M for the previous month of April.

FAREBOX RECOVERY RATES 2023 vs 2022



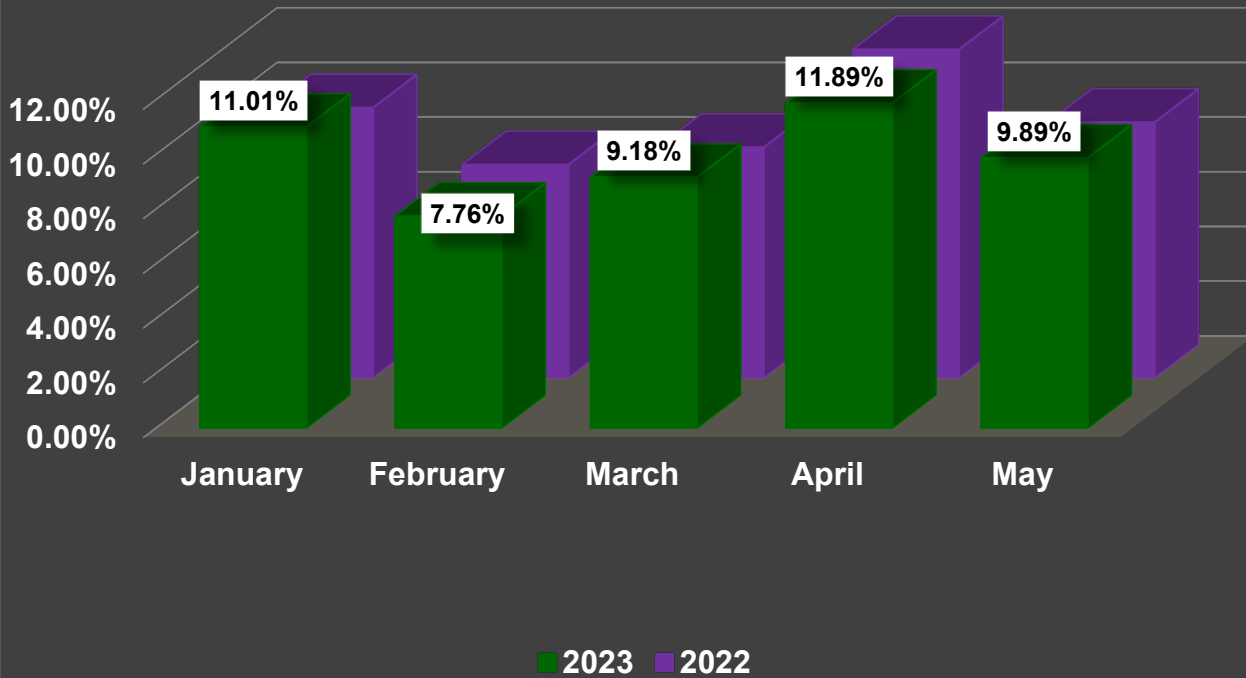
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES, FAREBOX REVENUE & FAREBOX RECOVERY



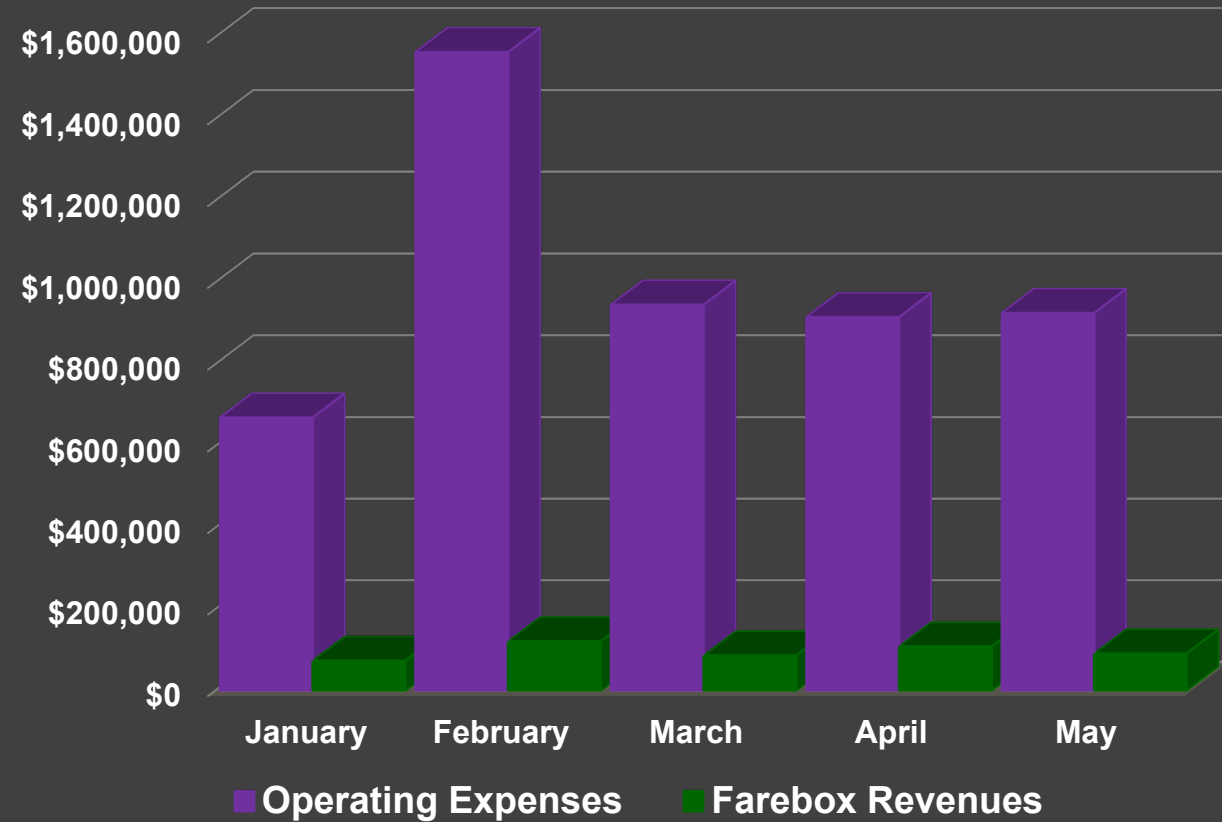
Farebox Recovery Rates 2023 vs. 2022

Fare revenue continues to offset a slightly modest percentage of operating expenses as ridership continues to rebound. May's farebox recovery rate increased from 9.15% in the prior month to 9.92%; a total increase of 0.77%.

FAREBOX RECOVERY RATES 2023 vs 2022



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FERRY- Farebox Recovery Rates 2023 vs. 2022

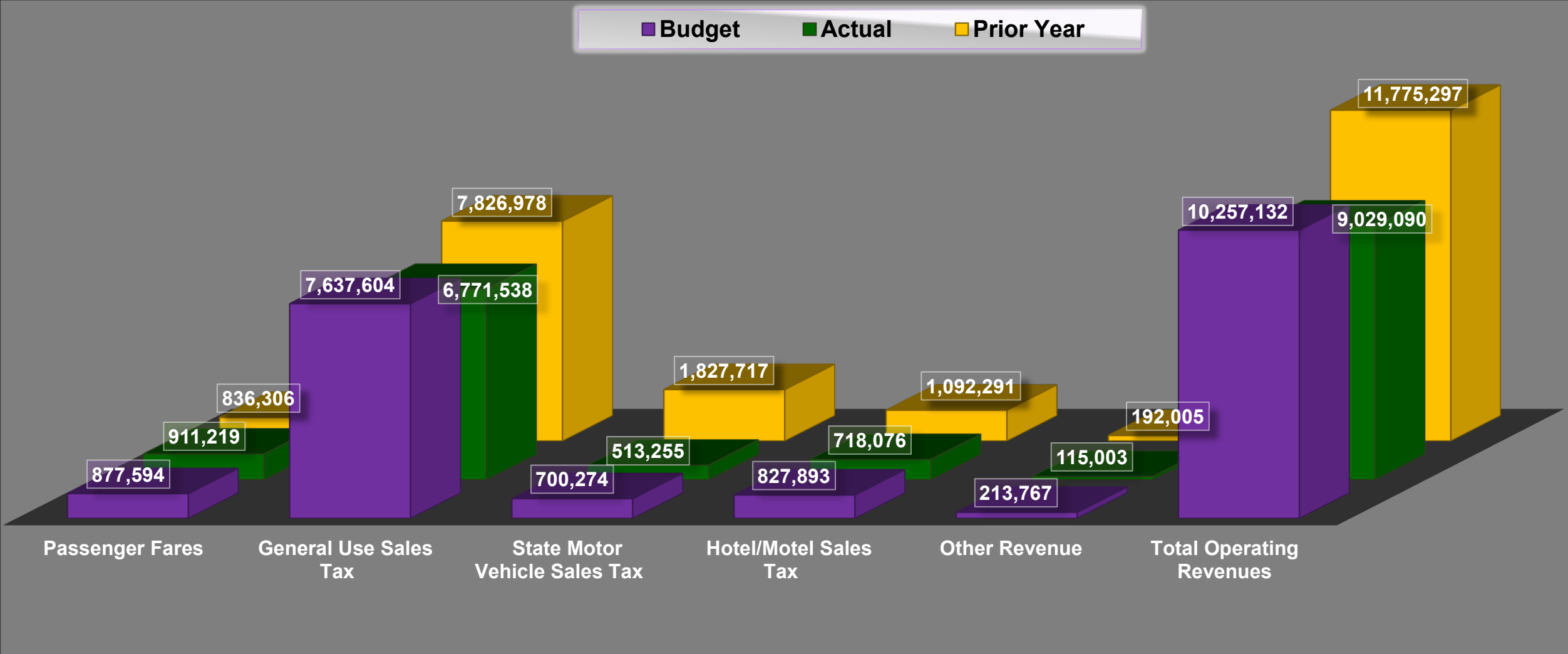
The decrease in farebox recovery to 9.89% in May from 11.89% in April is a result of an increase in operating expenses and a decrease in passenger revenues from the prior month. Fare revenues continue to offset a small percentage of operating costs.



May 2023 Summary of Sources

SUMMARY OF SOURCES

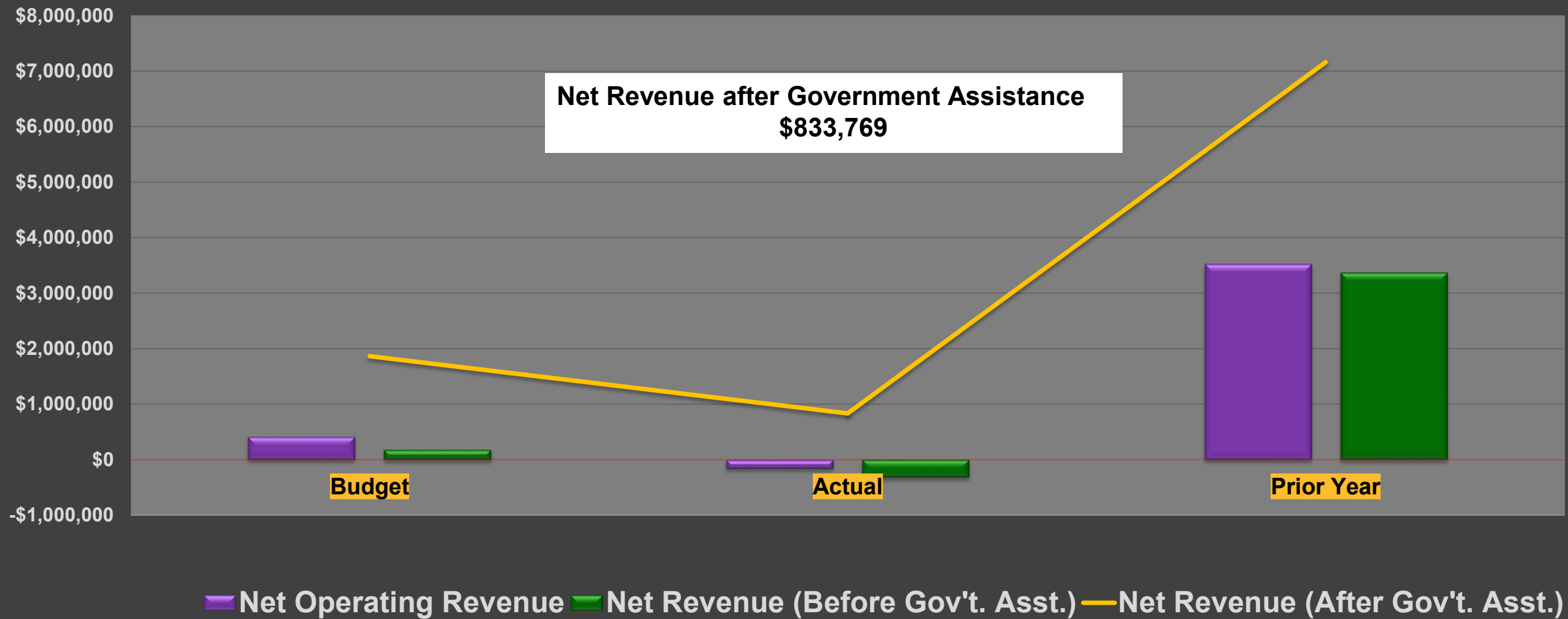
	Budget	Actuals	\$ Change	% Change	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals
Sales Tax	9,165,771	8,002,868.59	(1,162,902.41)	-12.69%	44,246,667	44,413,133
Government Assistance	2,235,012	1,557,749.32	(677,262.68)	-30.30%	12,943,420	7,069,701
Sales Tax and Government Assistance	11,400,783	9,560,618	(1,840,165.09)	-16.14%	57,190,087	51,482,834
Passenger Fares	877,594	911,218.83	33,624.83	3.83%	4,133,177	4,475,044
Other Operating Revenues	213,767	115,002.61	(98,764.39)	-46.20%	1,068,837	656,124
Subtotal Transit Operations	1,091,361	1,026,221.44	(65,139.56)	-5.97%	5,202,014	5,131,168
Total Operating Revenues	12,492,144	10,586,839.35	(1,905,304.65)	-15.25%	62,392,101	56,614,002
Federal Capital Funding - RTA	2,058,594	3,973,437.45	1,914,843.45	93.02%	10,292,970	6,383,745
Federal Capital Funding - Maritime Only	(608,083)	77,309.74	685,392.74	-112.71%	(3,040,415)	591,041
Investment Income	6,247	141,513.00	135,266.00	2165.30%	31,234	639,909
Subtotal Capital and Bond Resources	1,456,758	4,192,260.19	2,735,502.19	187.78%	7,283,789	7,614,695
Total Revenue	13,948,902	14,779,099.54	830,197.54	5.95%	69,675,890	64,228,697
Operating Reserve	0	(155,531.32)	(155,531.32)	100.00%	0	(4,329,335)
Total Sources	13,948,902	14,623,568.22	674,666.22	4.84%	69,675,890	59,899,362



Operating Revenues (Budget, Actual & Prior Year)

RTA's two largest revenue sources are General Use Sales Tax (\$6.8M) and Fare Revenue (\$911K). The two combined make up 85.1% or \$7.7M of total revenue. Overall, total operating revenues for the month of May are \$9M.





Net Revenues (Before and After Government Assistance)

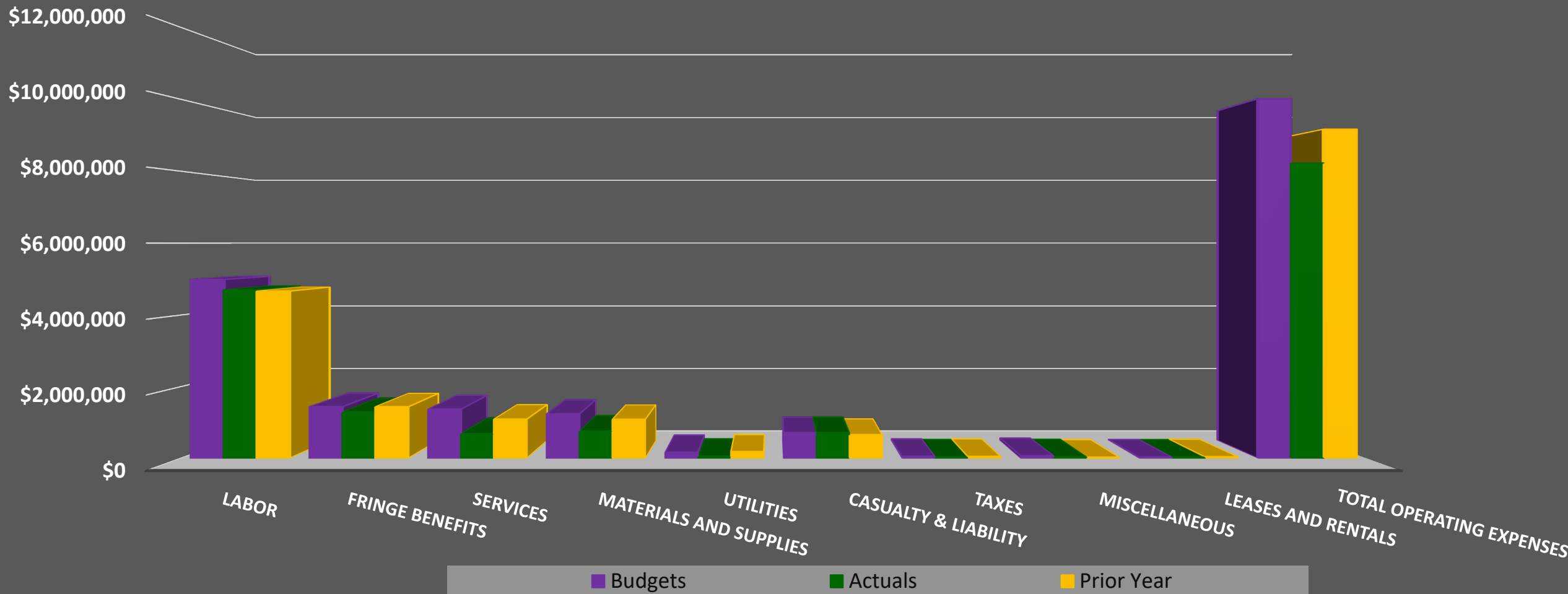
Net Revenue (Before Government Assistance) is -\$318k for the month of May. After applying the month's \$1.6M in Government Operating Assistance, Net Revenue is \$834k for the month of May.

May 2023 Summary of Uses

Summary of Uses

	Budget	Actuals	\$ Change	% Change	YTD Budget	YTD Actuals
Transit Operations	9,841,007	9,189,279.12	651,727.88	6.62%	49,106,994	45,091,715
TMSEL Legacy Costs	239,162	157,803.76	81,358.24	34.02%	1,195,807	1,089,399
Maritime Costs	547,783	405,987.17	141,795.83	0.00%	2,768,339	2,132,072
Capital Expenditures - RTA	3,235,256	3,973,437.45	(738,181.45)	-22.82%	16,176,280	6,383,745
Capital Expenditures - Maritime Only	(586,417)	336,189.14	(922,606.14)	157.33%	(2,932,085)	2,562,696
FEMA Project Worksheet Expenditures	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0
Debt Service	672,111	560,871.58	111,239.42	16.55%	3,360,555	2,639,736
Total Expenditures	13,948,902	14,623,568.22	(674,666.22)	-4.84%	69,675,890	59,899,362
Operating Reserve	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0
Total Uses	13,948,902	14,623,568.22	(674,666.22)	-4.84%	69,675,890	59,899,362

Operating Expenses (Actual - \$9,189,279)

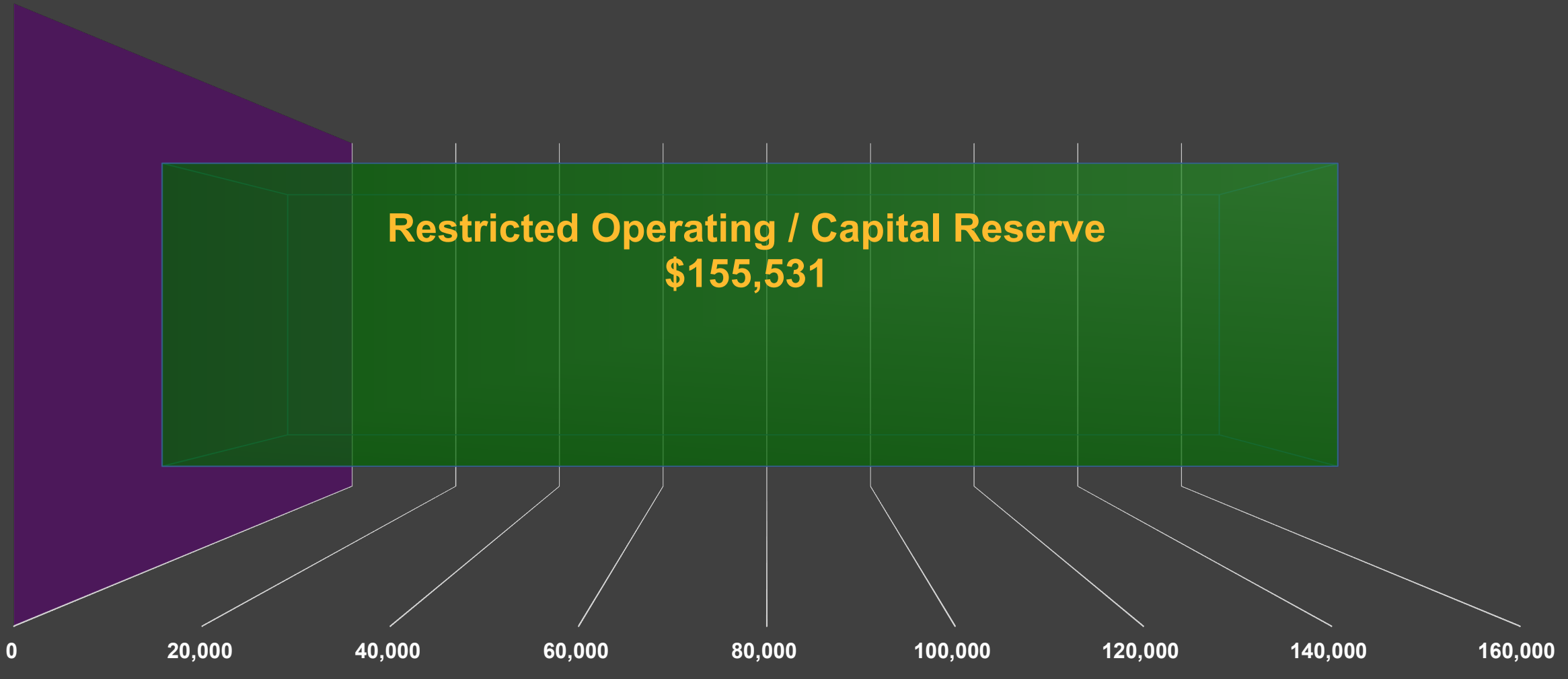


Operating Expenses

Operating Expenses for the month of May are roughly \$9.2M. Labor and Fringe Benefits, the largest expenditure at \$6.4M, comprised 70.1% of this month's actual expenses.

In total, Operating Expenses for the month of May show a decrease of 6.5% from \$9.8M in April.





Operating Reserve

The positive variance that resulted from Net Revenue (After Government Assistance of approximately \$1.6M) added \$156k to the Restricted Operating/Capital Reserve after the offset of \$561K in Debt Service.



Questions?





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5. CY 2022 Single & Financial Audit Acceptance Report

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CY 2022 Financial Audit Acceptance	23-069

Regional Transit Authority Audit Presentation July 25, 2023

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Presented by:

Becky Hammond, CPA, CISA, CITP, CGAP

RTA Board of Commissioners Meeting

Sean M. Bruno, CPA

Overall Audit Results

Summary of Auditors' Results - Opinion

- Independent Auditors' Report – **Unmodified Opinion (“clean”)** on the financial statements.
- Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in *Accordance with Government Auditing Standards* - **No deficiencies in internal control or compliance findings noted.**
- Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for the Major Program and on Internal Controls Over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance – **No deficiencies in internal control or compliance findings noted.**

Financial Presentation

Net Position

	2022	2021	Dollar Change	Total % Change
Current assets	\$ 95,919	\$ 95,952	\$ (33)	0.0%
Restricted assets	12,497	12,470	3,118	37.3%
Capital assets	292,364	287,729	4,635	1.6%
Net pension asset	32,419	19,232	13,178	68.6%
Total assets	433,199	415,383	27,753	7.2%
Deferred outflows of resources	632	928	(296)	-31.9%
Total assets and deferred outflows	433,831	416,312	17,519	4.2%
Current liabilities	51,357	49,178	2,179	4.4%
Non-current liabilities	111,758	117,556	(5,798)	-4.9%
Total liabilities	163,115	166,734	(3,619)	-2.2%
Deferred inflows of resources	25,095	21,458	3,637	16.9%
Total liabilities and deferred inflows	188,210	188,192	18	0.0%
Net position:				
Net investment in capital assets	199,640	188,991	10,649	5.6%
Restricted	12,413	12,387	26	0.2%
Unrestricted	33,369	26,742	6,627	24.8%
Total net position	\$ 245,622	\$ 228,120	\$ 17,502	7.7%

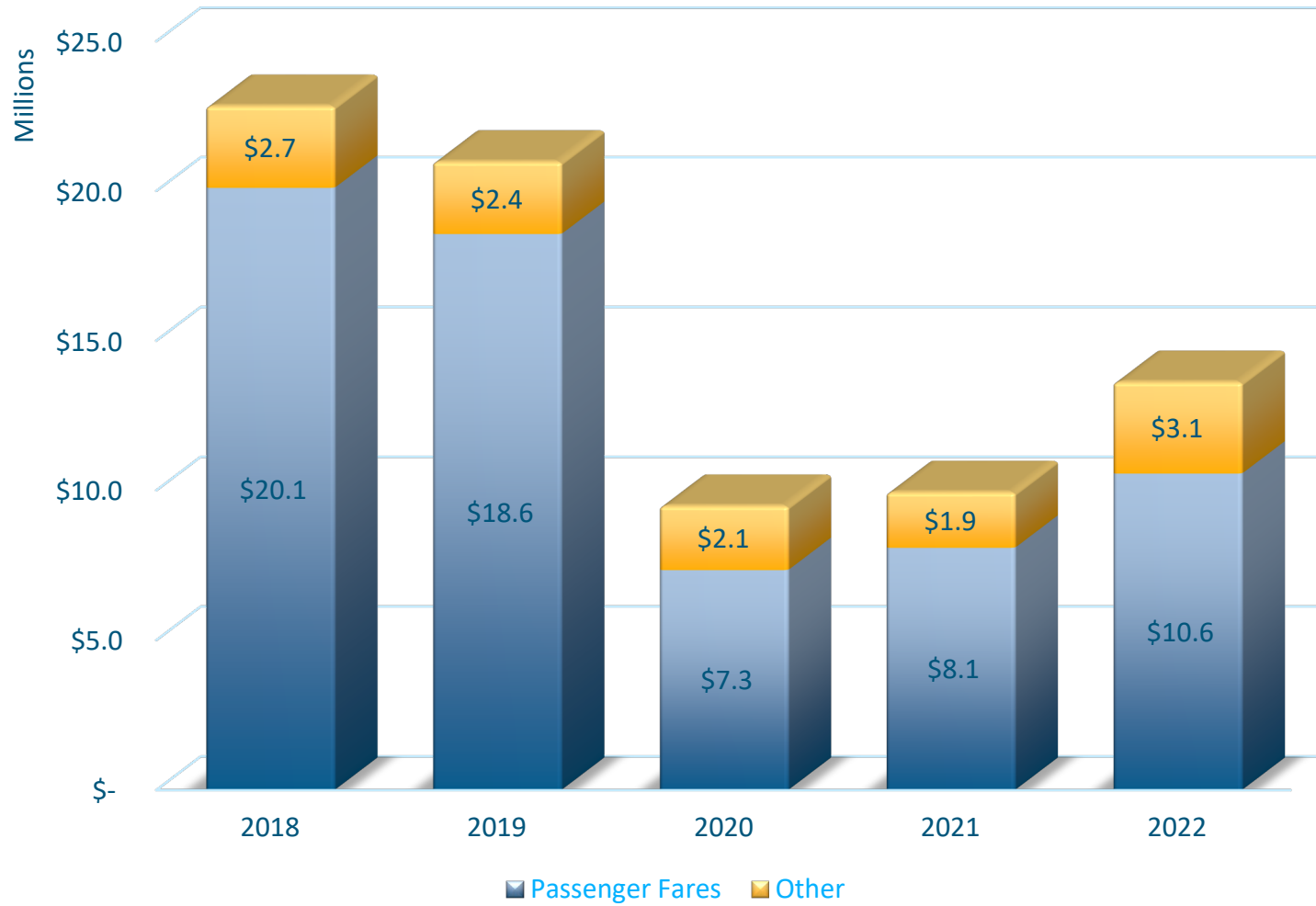
Capital Assets

The table below lists capital assets by type, and the accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2022 and 2021:

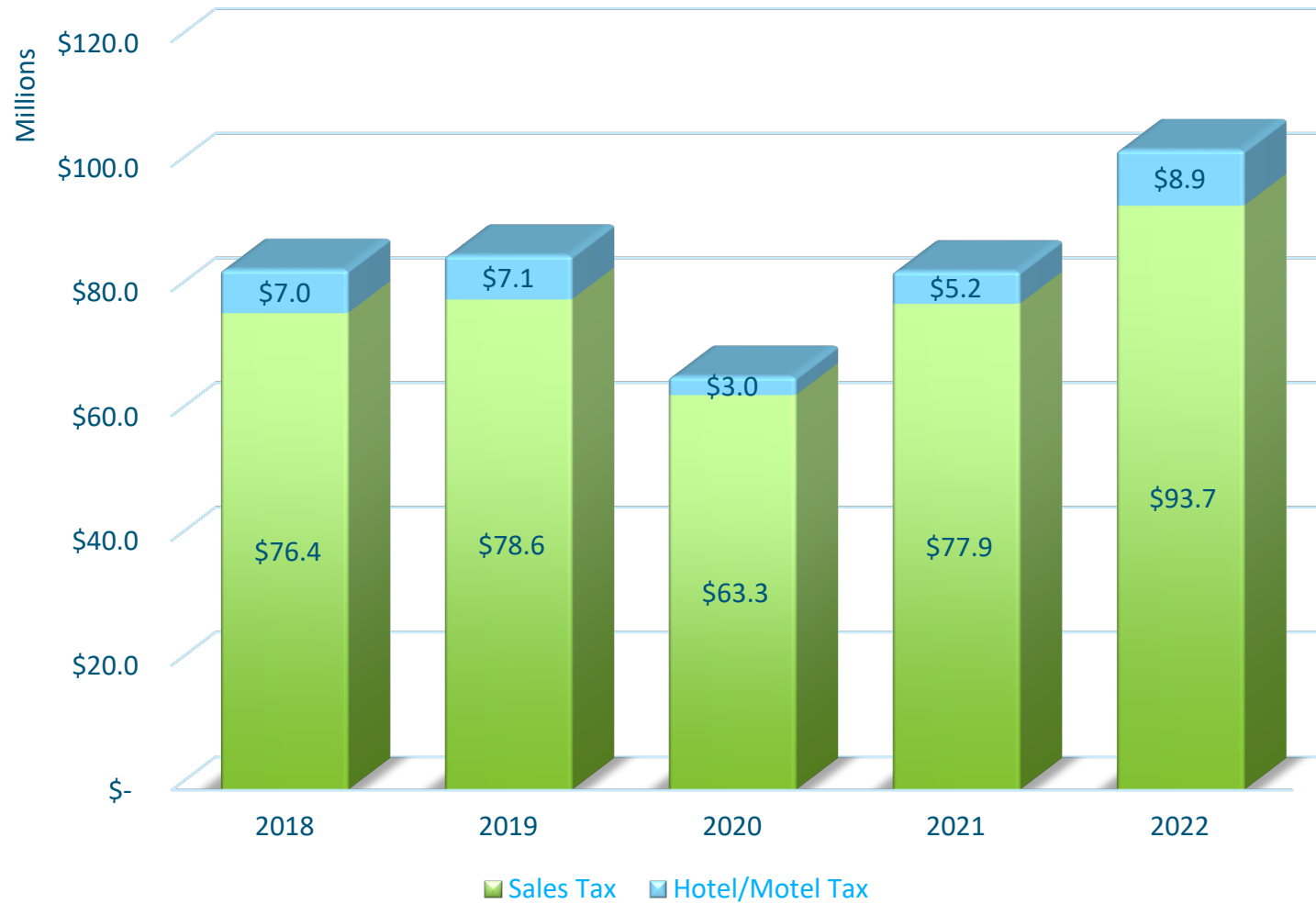
	2022	2021
Land	\$ 6,988,812	\$ 6,988,812
Buildings	287,080,927	286,390,916
Equipment, primarily transportation vehicles	325,000,851	324,658,628
Furniture and fixtures	61,584,588	58,453,447
Construction in progress	35,597,347	20,726,731
Total cost of capital assets	716,252,525	697,218,534
Accumulated depreciation	(423,888,538)	(409,489,378)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$292,363,987	\$287,729,156

Graphs on Financial Results

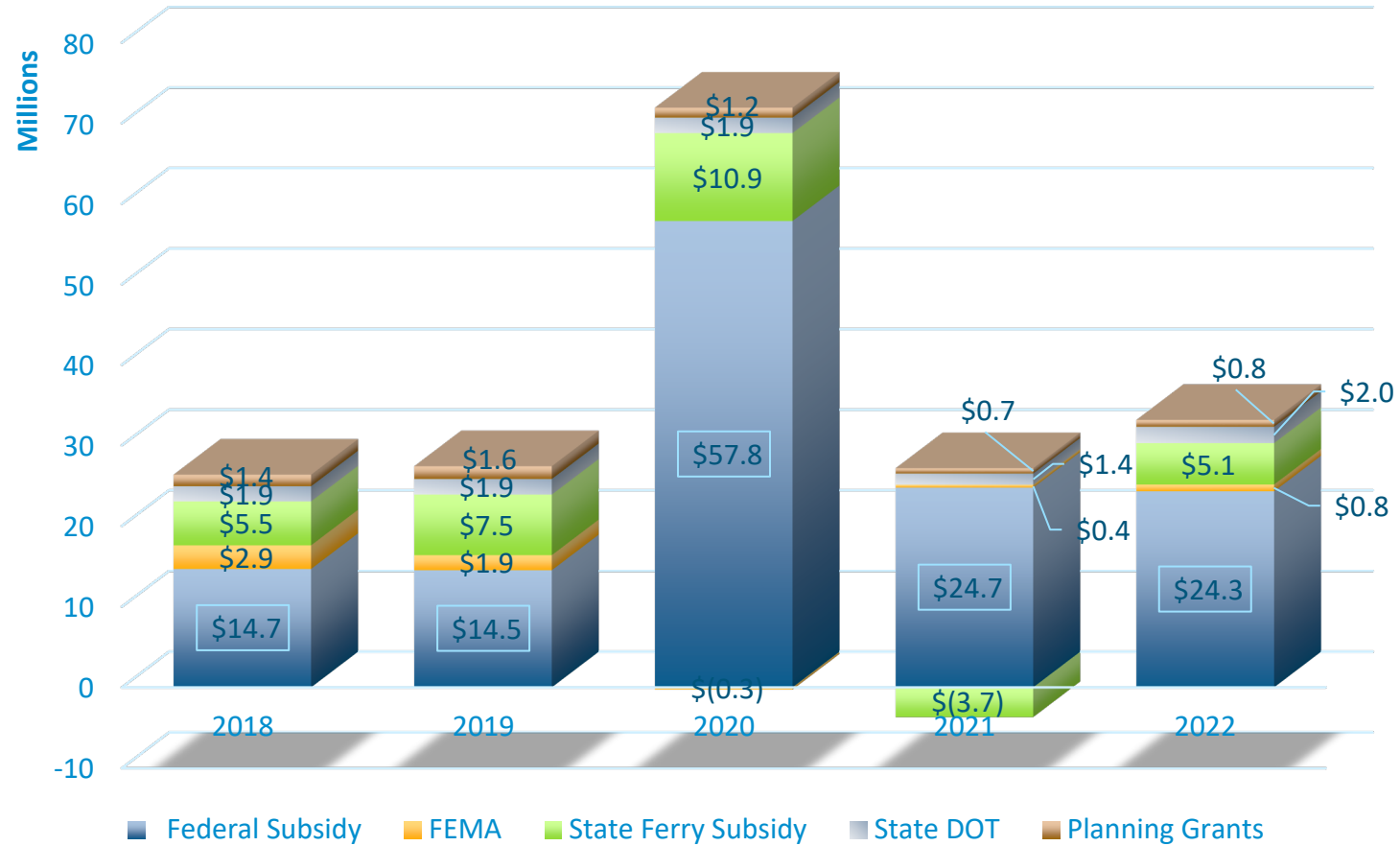
Operating Revenues



Tax Revenues



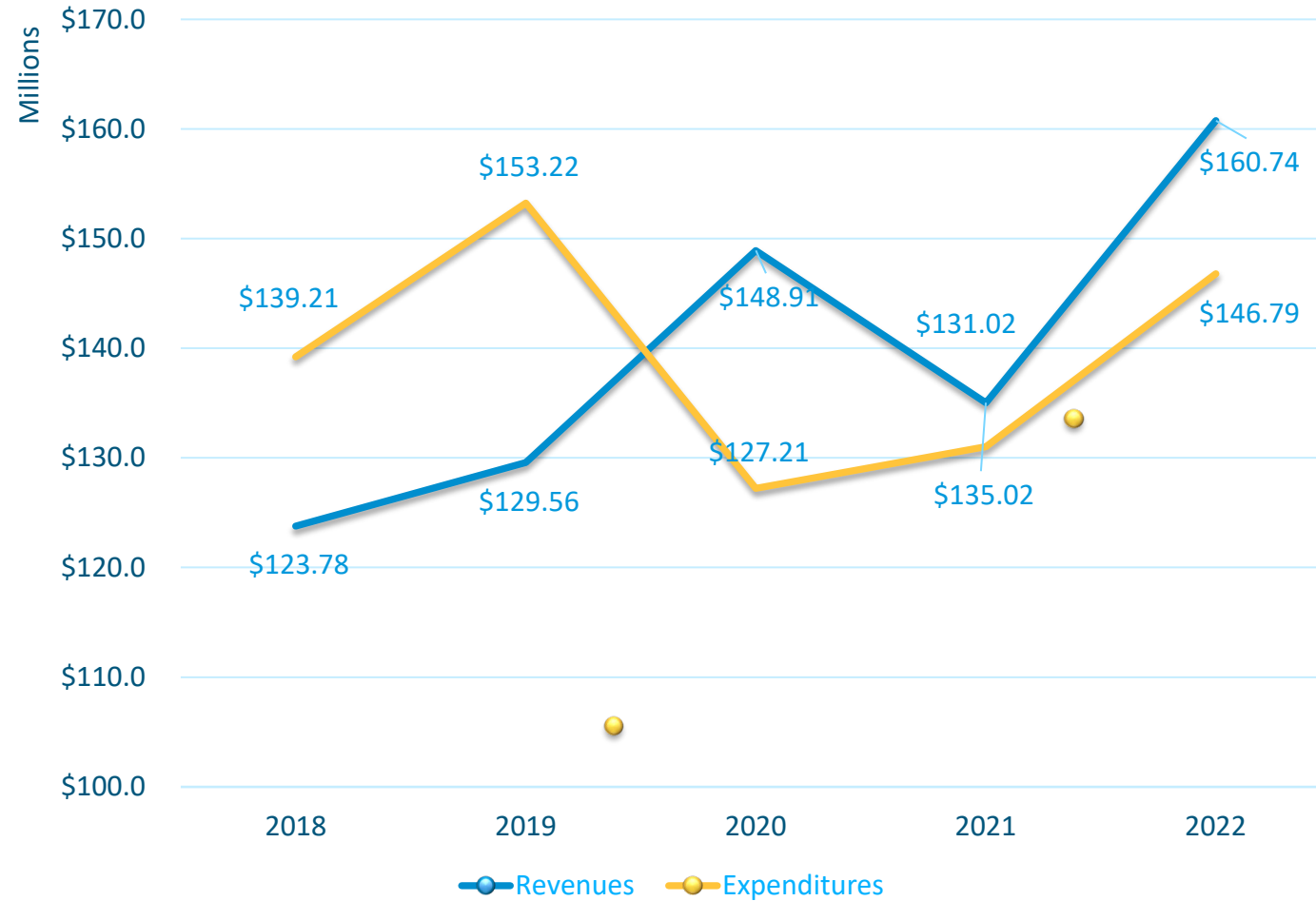
Government Operating Grants



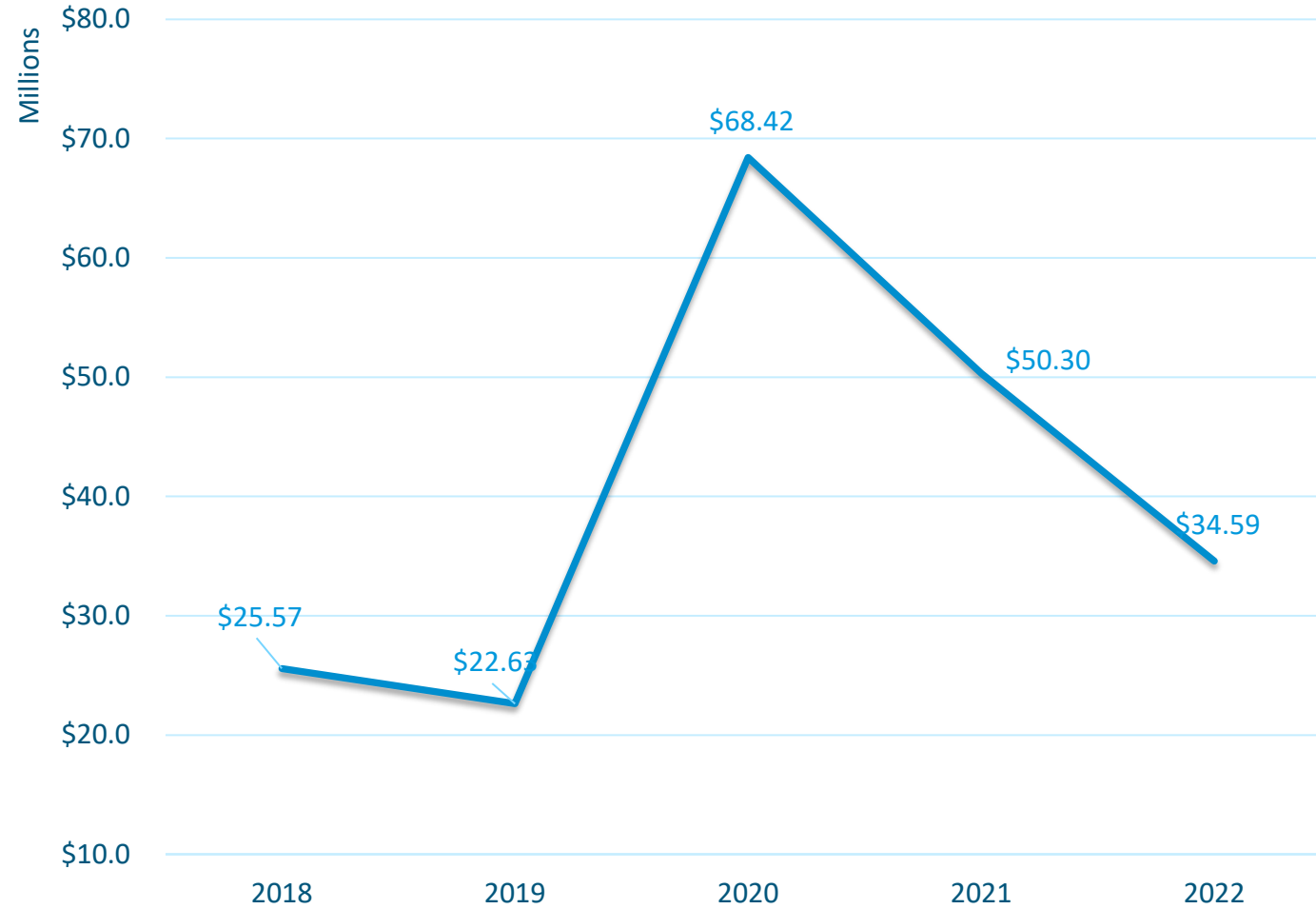
Cash and Unrestricted Net Position



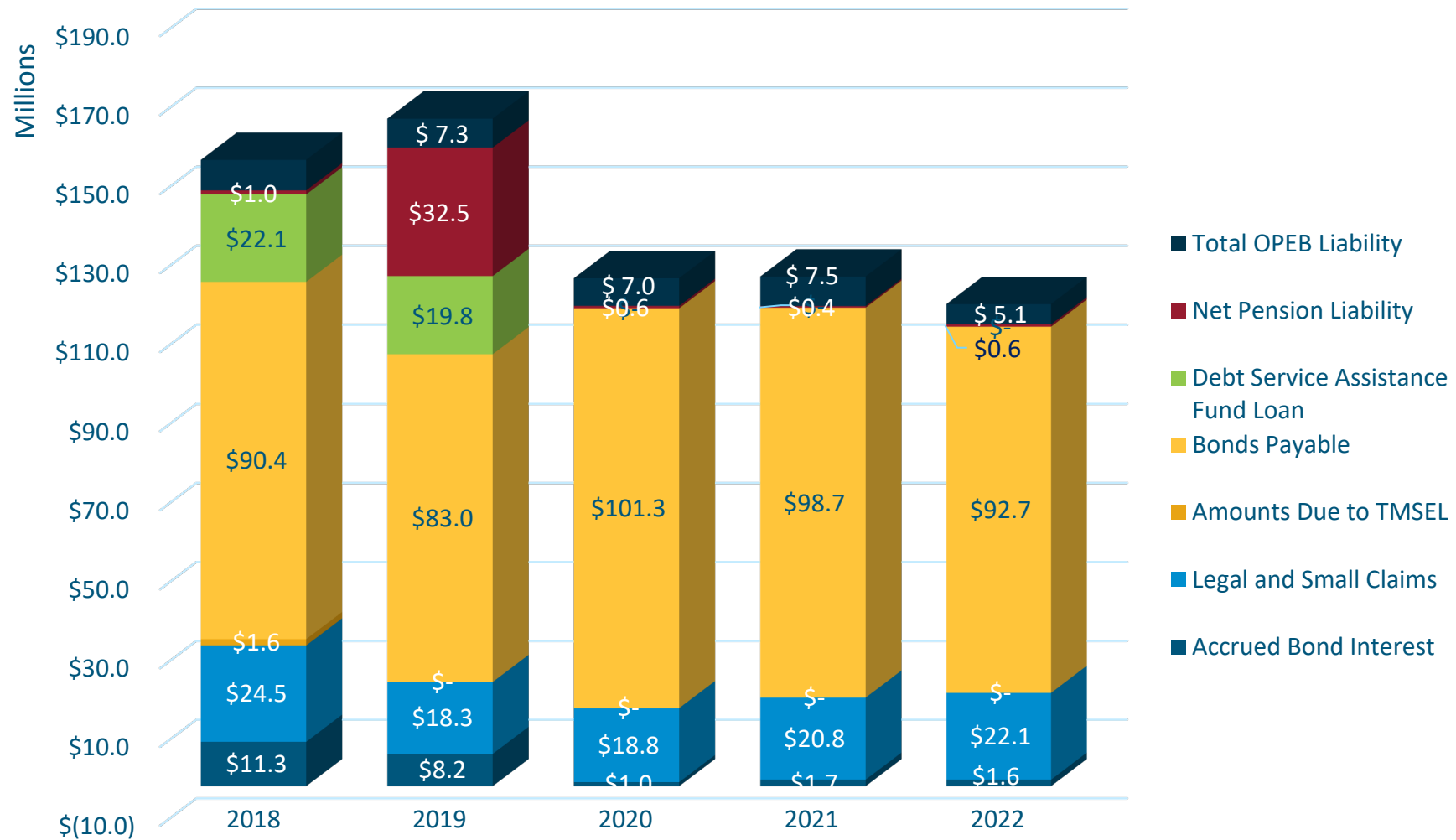
Revenues and Expenditures



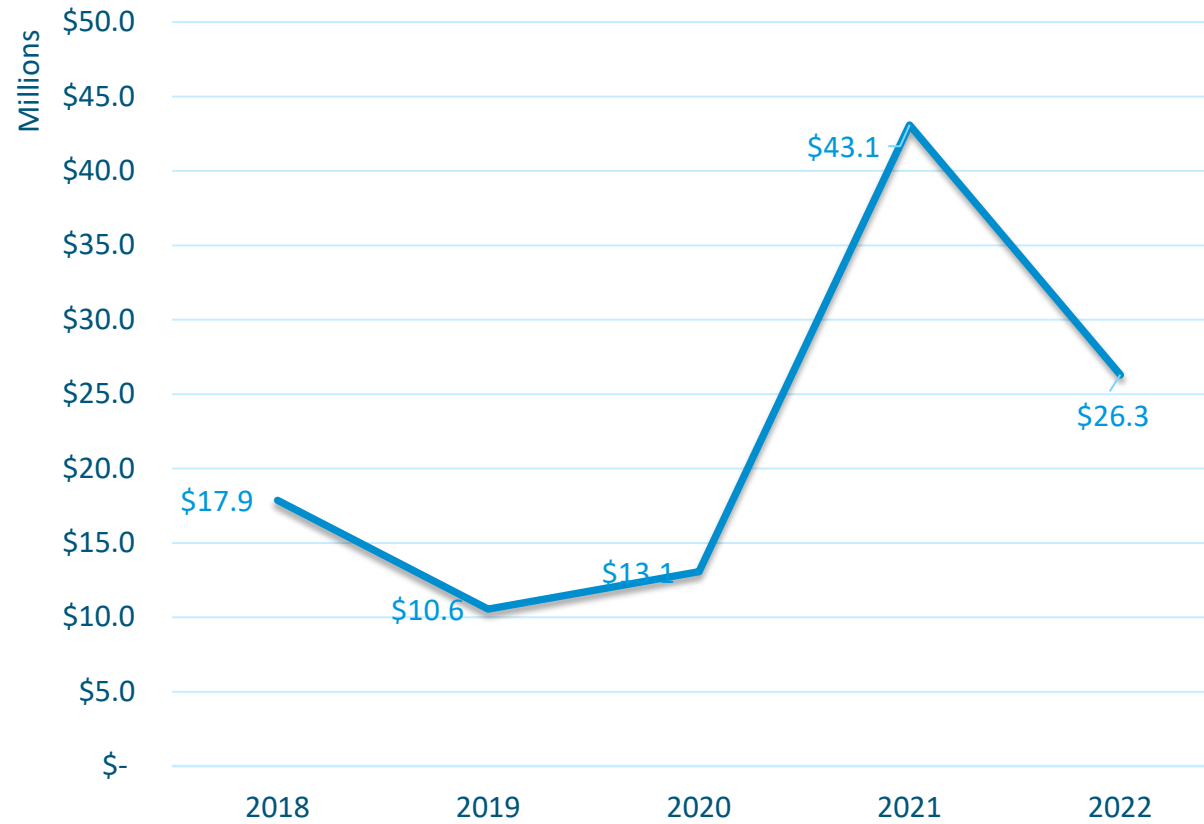
Federal Expenditures



Long-Term Liabilities



Capital Additions



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6. Procurements

A. Authorizations:

RTA Compensation Schedule	23-086
Contract to Purchase 21 New Flyer Transit Buses	23-107
New Contract for Emergency Onsite Fleet Service	23-108
New Contract for Transit Security Services	23-111
Renewal of Excess Liability and Automobile Physical Damage Insurance [2023-2024]	23-115



Various Insurance Coverages

COVERAGE TYPE	PREMIUMS- EXPIRING COVERAGES CY22-23	PREMIUMS- RENEWAL COVERAGES CY23-24	DOLLAR VARIANCE	INCREASE (%)
Excess Liability ["AL/GL"]	\$2,182,347.90	\$2,684,160.00	\$501,812.10	23.0%
Automobile Physical Damage ["APD"]	\$1,597,689.63	\$2,257,245.00	\$659,555.37	41.3%
TOTAL	\$3,780,037.53	\$4,941,405.00	\$1,161,367.47	30.7%



Various Insurance Coverages Continued

CY 2023-2024 / EXPLANATION FOR SIGNIFICANT PREMIUM INCREASES IN INSURANCE RATES

- For excess liability, the broker approached 18 markets, but only one (1) was quoted.
- For automobile physical damage, the broker approached 44 markets, but only eight (8) were quoted.
- Current underwriters are reducing and eliminating their positions on risks in Louisiana because of adverse judicial decisions for both liability and automobile physical damage claims.
- Other underwriters are also being more conservative in renewal pricing because of unexpectedly higher payments on claims due to increased costs of labor and supplies.
- The 2022 storm season exacerbated the trend of carrier capacity limitations and rate increases.
- Automobile physical damage coverage is a property placement. Pricing continues to increase because of decreased capacity offered by property carriers.
- The Kennedy Financial Group will work diligently until the day RTA issues its bind order to obtain the best renewals available.



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6. Procurements cont'd

B. Amendments:

Mobile Ticketing Application Contract Extension	23-043
Rampart Streetcar Restoration Phase 2: Amendment Request To Barnes Electric's Contract	23-125



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7. New Business (UNANIMOUS VOTE REQUIRED TO CONSIDER)

8. Audience Questions and Comments

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who wishes to speak at the public meeting must fill out a speaker card. Speakers will get three minutes to pose a question or comment.



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9. Executive Session (2/3rds VOTE To Consider)

Gerard Guter, Robert Hickman, and Darwyn Anderson



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10. Adjournment