

TO: Board of Directors DATE: June 15, 2022

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SUBJECT: May 2022 Ridership Trends

Metra provided nearly two million trips in May 2022, surpassing daily totals of 100,000 trips per day on over half of all weekdays.

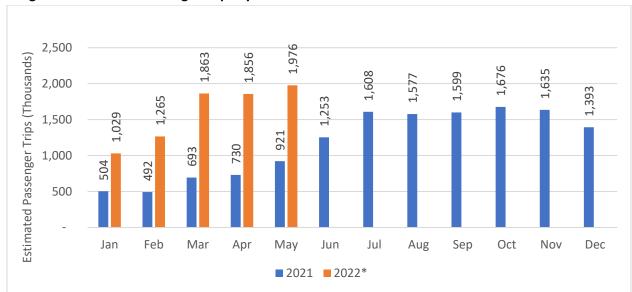


Figure 1: Estimated Passenger Trips by Month

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May Ridership Highlights

- Ridership on the UP-NW grew 11.6 percent in May following a schedule change in late April.
- Tuesday, May 24th was the highest ridership day of the month, with over 114,200 trips per day.
- Bicycle use on trains reached 92 percent of 2019 levels.
- The BNSF operated on a Saturday schedule on Thursday, May 11 following a grade crossing incident the day before. The BNSF carried 47 percent fewer passengers that day compared to other Thursdays in May.
- As temperatures warmed, weekend ridership increased. Based on Ventra App data, the top five non-Downtown stations for May 2022 average Saturday ridership were 53rd St., Hyde Park (520 riders); 55th-56th-57th St. (450 riders); Clybourn (440 riders); Arlington Heights (400 riders); and Naperville (390 riders).

Ridership by Line

A majority of Metra's lines carried twice as many passengers in May compared to January, including: the BNSF, Heritage Corridor, Milwaukee District-North, North Central Service, UP-NW, and UP-W.

The UP-NW and ME had minor schedule adjustments in May.

400 Estimated Passenger Trips (Thousands) 350 256 260 300 198 250 156 151 200 139 116 107 101 150 70 89 100 50 **BNSF** HC MD-N MD-W ME NCS RI **SWS** UP-N **UP-NW** 2021 **2022**

Figure 2: Estimated Passenger Trips by Line (May 2021-May 2022*)

Special Events

There was no special event service in May. The Family Fares program was expanded to weekdays through Labor Day. Metra operated Sunday service for Memorial Day, and offered a \$7 One Day Weekend pass for the day.

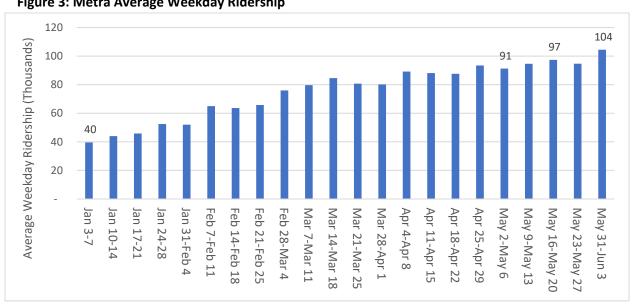


Figure 3: Metra Average Weekday Ridership

Source: Conductor passenger counts

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Ticket Sales

The share of trips from the One Day Weekend Pass grew from 3.8 percent in April to 5.0 percent in May. May had two fewer weekdays, one additional Saturday, and two additional Sunday/holidays compared to April.

Table 1: Ticket Sales and Ridership by Ticket Type (thousands)

Ticket Type	Ticket Sales				Ridership			
	May 2019	May 2022	May 2019 Share	May 2022 Share	May 2019	May 2022	May 2019 Share	May 2022 Share
Monthly Pass	85	10	7.5%	1.2%	3,638	290	58.2%	14.7%
10-Ride Ticket	153	64	13.6%	8.0%	1,533	643	24.5%	32.5%
One-Way Ticket	805	405	71.3%	50.6%	805	405	12.9%	20.5%
Weekend Pass	86	-	7.6%	0.0%	195	-	3.1%	0.0%
One Day Weekend Pass	-	59	0.0%	7.4%	-	99	0.0%	5.0%
Two Day Weekend Pass	-	13	0.0%	1.6%	-	27	0.0%	1.4%
Day Pass	-	249	0.0%	31.1%	-	477	0.0%	24.1%
\$6 Day Pass	-	55	0.0%	6.8%	-	104	0.0%	5.3%
\$10 Day Pass	-	195	0.0%	24.3%	-	373	0.0%	18.9%
RTA Ride Free Permit	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	77	34	1.2%	1.7%
Total	1,129	801	100.0%	100.0%	6,248	1,975	100%	100%

Note: Values do not add to total ridership due to Group Sales, Marketing Sales, and Refund Adjustments; 2019 data may not match previously reported totals due to late-reporting sales and refunds; 2022 data are preliminary and subject to revision as data is continuously reviewed throughout the year. Sales of incremental tickets are not included. Source: Ticket sales

Table 2: Ridership by Sales Channel (thousands)

Sales Channel	Ticket Sales				Ridership			
	May 2019	May 2022	May 2019 Share	May 2022 Share	May 2019	May 2022	May 2019 Share	May 2022 Share
Conductor	189	92	17.0%	11.5%	245	106	3.9%	5.4%
Commuter Benefit	35	6	3.2%	0.7%	1,195	91	19.2%	4.6%
Ventra App	574	595	51.5%	74.3%	2,730	1,388	43.8%	70.3%
Ticket Agent	282	94	25.3%	11.7%	1,794	329	28.7%	16.6%
Ticket Vending Machine	34	14	3.1%	1.7%	199	27	3.2%	1.4%
RTA Ride Free Permit	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	77	34	1.2%	1.7%
Total	1,115	801	100.0%	100.0%	6,239	1,975	100.0%	100.0%

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