

SMART

SOUTH METRO AREA  REGIONAL TRANSIT

OCTOBER 2023 REPORT

Transit/Fleet



Just as sure as the swallows find their way back to the Mission at San Juan Capistrano, the rain has returned to the North Willamette Valley. The parched summer earth awaits the steady hydration that is sure to quench its near insatiable thirst. The muted grey clouds whisk by on the outer wings of the polar jet stream. Much like us, the final destination of the clouds is uncertain and unknown.

Yes, the rain is back with all of its cleansing and rejuvenating properties. It will work diligently to prepare the soil for the growth and greenery that is certain to follow. Share not with the world, Oregonians - Oregon rain is the secret sauce that furbishes the Pacific Northwest; a jewel that shines its scintillating light for all the world to take heed.

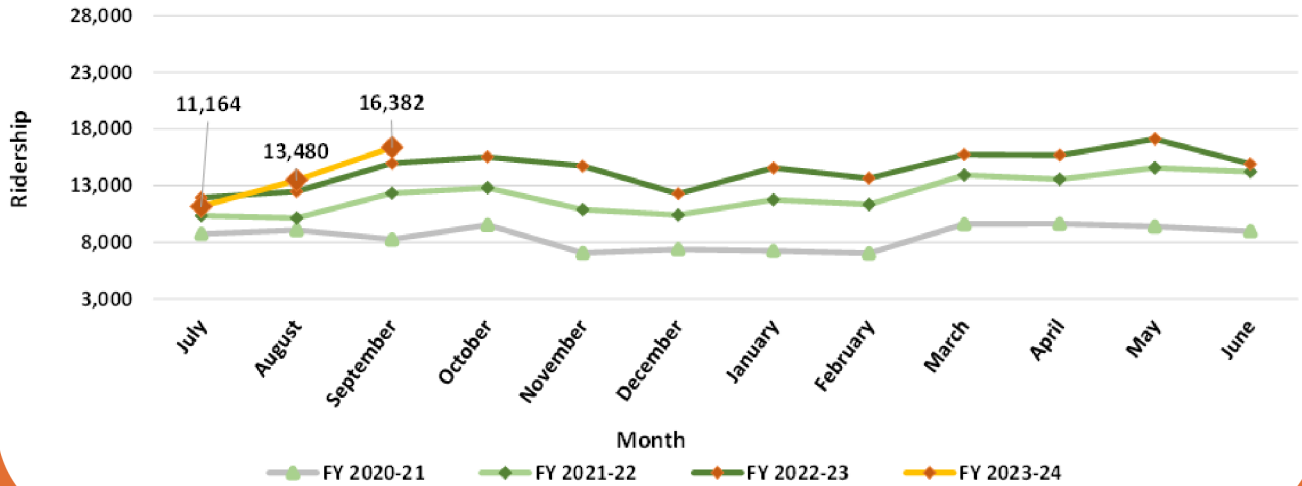
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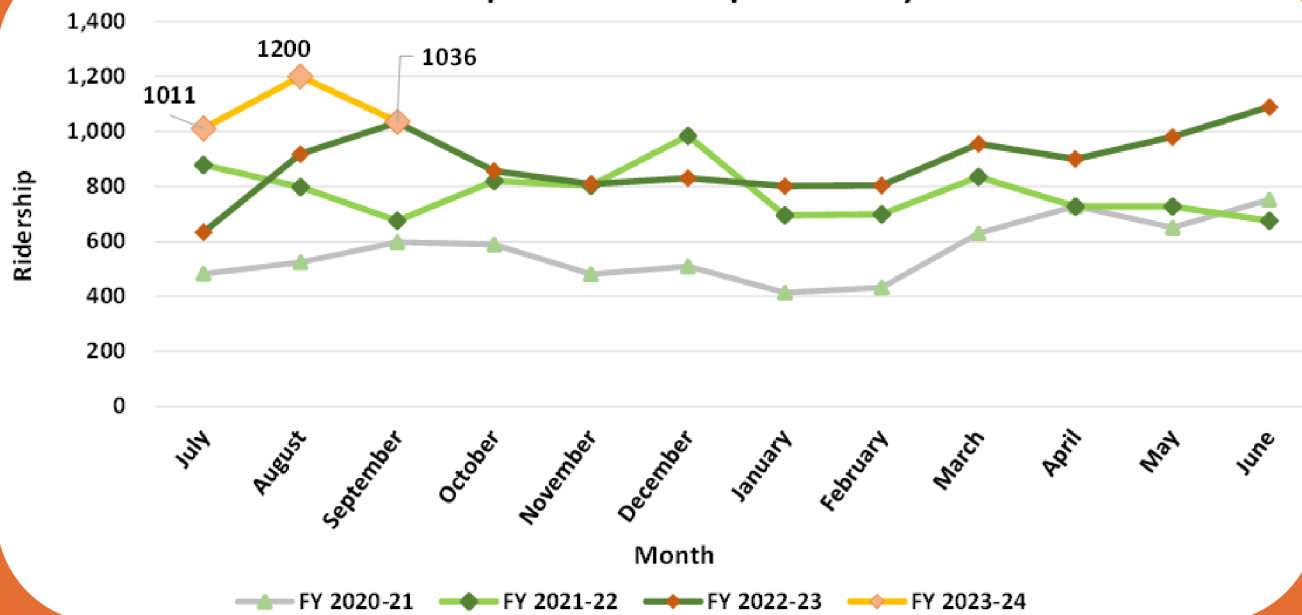
RIDERSHIP TRENDS

Anne MacCracken

Fixed Route Ridership Trends by Month

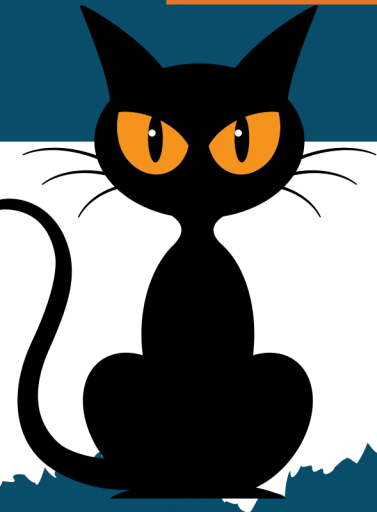


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GRANTS & PROGRAMS

Kelsey Lewis



On October 10, SMART and Oregon Department of Transportation staff came together to conduct a test run driving SMART buses on the shoulder of I-205. This is one of the important steps to start our new route from Wilsonville to Clackamas Town Center, so naturally it was an exciting day!



Safety is the first priority in implementing this project, with reliable trip times for our riders as the second. We found many sections of I-205 as good opportunities for using the shoulder to avoid congestion. Once the shoulder areas are finalized, ODOT will make signage and other improvements to prepare the shoulder for use for transit.

The Oregon Transportation Commission will consider new rules to allow bus on shoulder on highways statewide this winter. Once the shoulder improvements and rulemaking are in place, we will need enough drivers and buses to open this service. It is a challenge, and we will continue pushing ahead to accomplish this goal.



FLEET SERVICES

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*Liquid anti-icing application truck,
serviced and ready for use.*

Fleet employees have been focusing on winter preparations, ensuring readiness of equipment needed for potential snow and ice response. The City owns two trucks equipped with snow plows and sand spreaders, and one truck equipped to spray magnesium chloride for ice prevention. All units have been serviced and prepared for the season, and necessary spare parts have been procured.

This fiscal year, as part of our annual equipment replacement program, we purchased a replacement sand spreader, and installed it on one of our existing trucks. This is the smaller of the two sanding units, replacing a unit we have operated since 2003.



New sand spreading unit, installed and ready for service.



COMMUTE OPTIONS

Michelle Marston



The 2023 took place Oct 1-15. The primary focus this year was Team Competition!

Week 1

Each member of the team who logged the first 40 trips or remote work days won a \$50 Ruffwear gift card.

Week 2

Each member of the team who logged the first 40 trips or remote work days won a \$25 Cafe Yumm gift card and Get There swag.

Grand Prizes

The grand prize of \$1,000 went to the team with the highest score at the end of the Challenge!

Each member of the team who reduced the most drive-alone miles won a \$100 gift card from Clever Cycles, a water bottle, and Get There swag.

Each member of the team who saved the most CO2 won a \$100 River City Bicycles gift card and Get There swag.

Each member of the team who logged the most vanpool trips won a \$25 Visa gift card.



[GETTHEREOREGON.ORG/CHALLENGE](https://getthereoregon.org/challenge)

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Patty Tiburcio



In October, Lowrie Primary and Wood Middle School participated in International Walk+Roll to School Day. Walk+Roll events are a great initiative to promote physical activity and reduce traffic congestion around schools.

SMART staff collaborated with school staff and parent-teacher organizations to help organize the events. The West Linn-Wilsonville School District created a video of Wood Middle School's event.

View here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaH-XRTGIYM>

SMART staff completed the final weeklong Learn-to-Ride Bike Clinic (LTRBC) for the Fall season. Students aged six to eleven learned how to balance, steer, pedal, and, most importantly, how to be confident and independent riders.

Work is in progress to help participating schools plan for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day scheduled for Tuesday, November 14.

