

# CAPITOL CORRIDOR

## Monthly Performance Report



### SERVICE PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

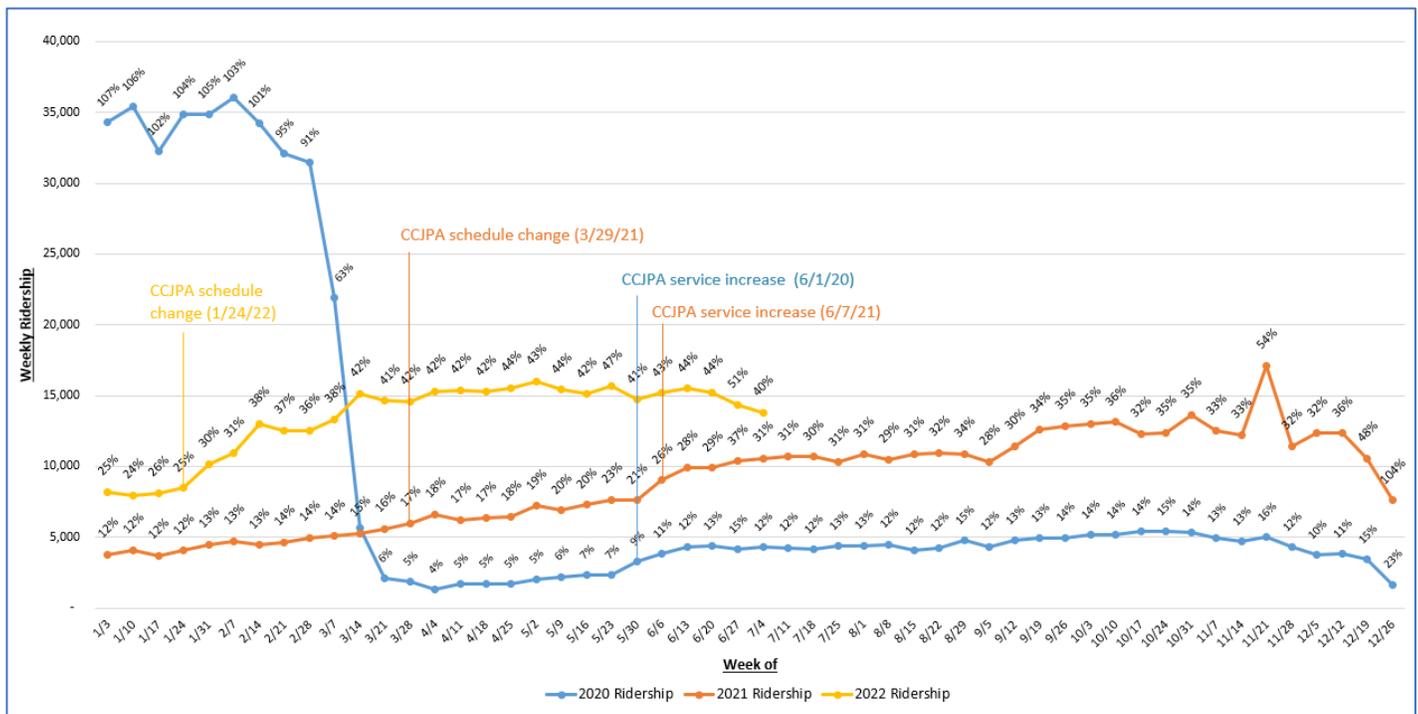
#### SEPTEMBER 2022

During September 2022, the Capitol Corridor experienced an increase in ridership in comparison to recent months, with ridership up 45.2% as compared to one year prior. End point on-time performance was 79% as multiple trespasser and vehicle incidents resulted in long-term delays and cascading service impacts.

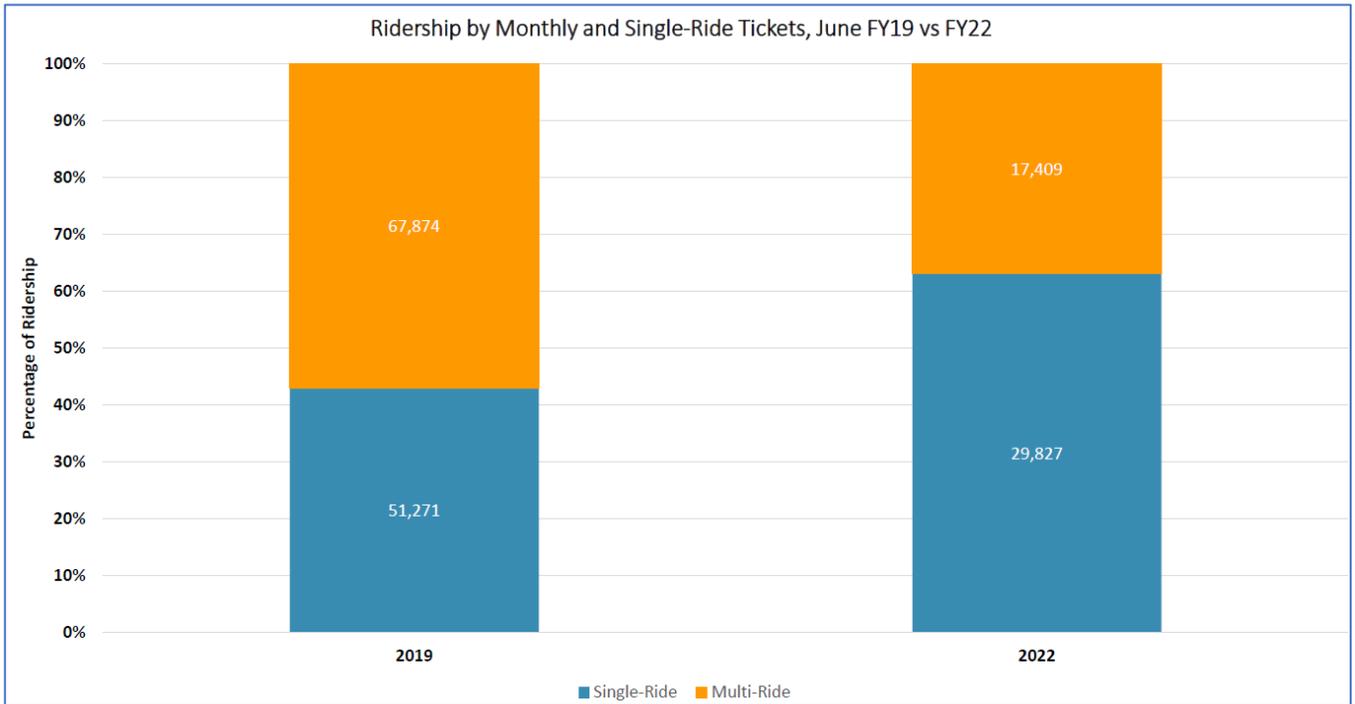
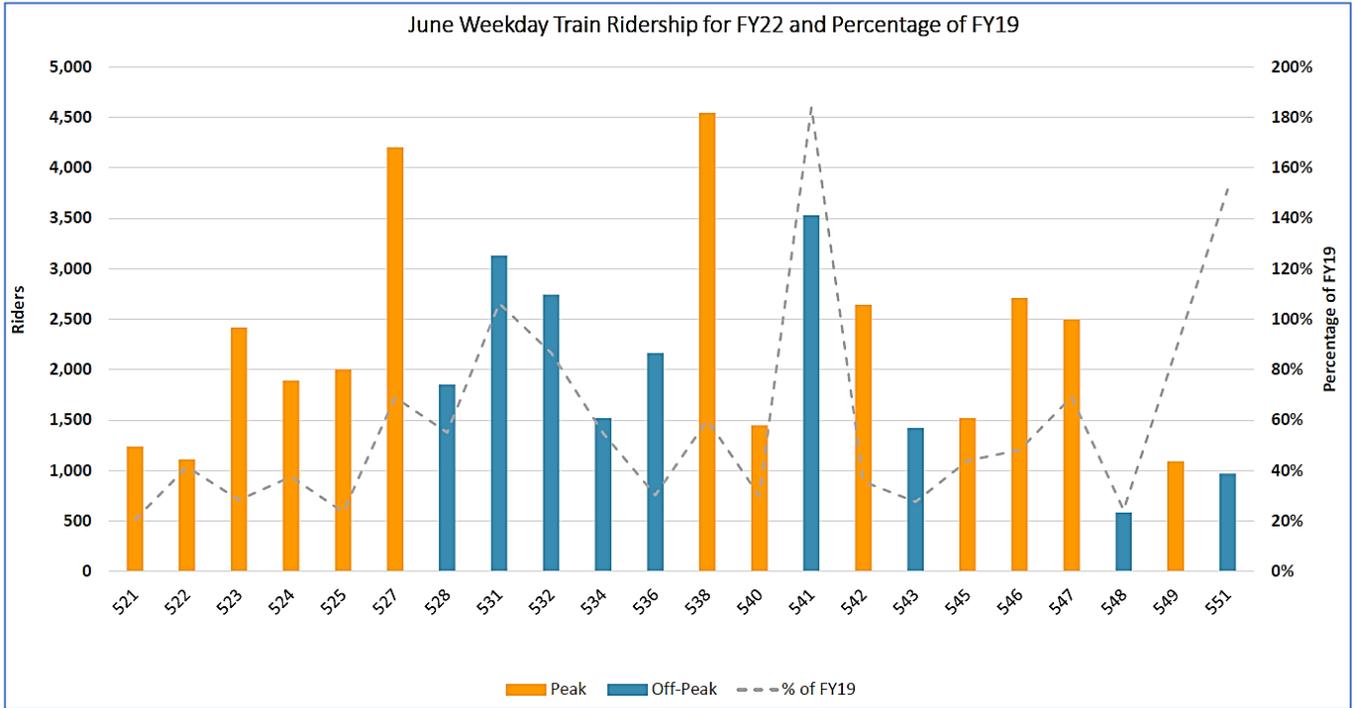
Performance Measure	SEP 2022	vs. SEP 2021	vs. SEP 2019	FY 22 YTD	vs. FY 21 YTD	vs. FY 22 ABP
Ridership	69,392	45%	-54%	705,365	99%	-11%
Revenue	\$1,777,071	37%	-46%	\$17,795,622	101%	-9%
End-Point OTP	79%	-10%	-10%	83%	-9%	-8%
Passenger OTP	80%	-11%	-8%	84%	-8%	-6%

\*Numbers are preliminary

#### Weekly Ridership and % of 2019 Ridership During COVID Pandemic



### September Ridership Data Analysis



## TIRCP Cycle 6 Draft Guidelines Announced

The California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) has released the formal draft guidelines for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Cycle 6 for public and legislative review. The formal draft is available on the [CalSTA website](#).

The public and legislative review is available for more than the 30 days required by statute, with workshops planned for November 3 and 4, and comments due no later than November 7, 2022. CalSTA expects to release final program guidelines and a call for projects on November 15.

### **Federal Legislation and Funding**

#### **Surface Transportation Board Establishes Office of Passenger Rail**

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) announced that it has established the Office of Passenger Rail (OPR), effective October 1, 2022. OPR will be responsible for investigating and analyzing issues regarding Amtrak on-time performance (OTP). Complaints may be brought by Amtrak, by an entity for which Amtrak operates intercity passenger rail service, by an intercity passenger rail operator, or by a host freight railroad over which Amtrak operates. To prepare for these new enforcement obligations, in April 2021, the Board formed a passenger rail working group consisting of STB staff. The working group was charged with developing plans to enhance the agency's capacity to fulfill its passenger rail oversight efforts and to ensure it will fully meet its obligations to enforce OTP requirements. The STB will be hiring a director for the new office, and the agency is also in the process of creating a passenger rail advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to advise the Board on passenger rail transportation issues.

Source: <https://www.stb.gov/news-communications/latest-news/pr-22-46/>

#### **Federal Notices of Funding Opportunities, Proposed Rulemaking, or Requests for Information**

The following federal notices have been issued announcing Funding Opportunities, Proposed Rulemaking, or Requests for Information. Click on the link in the last column to be directed to additional information.

Notice	Issued By	Program	Deadline for Comments/ Application	Link for Information
Notice of Funding Opportunity	U.S. Department of Transportation	SMART Grants	November 18 2022	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Notice of Funding Opportunity	U.S. Department of Transportation	Thriving Communities Program	November 22 2022	<a href="#">More Info</a>
Notice of Funding Opportunity	Federal Railroad Administration	Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program	December 1 2022	<a href="#">More Info</a>

Notice of Funding Opportunity	Federal Transit Association	Competitive Grants for Rail Vehicle Replacement Program	January 5 2023	More Info
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**PROGRAM UPDATES**

**San Francisco 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks**

Fans not only flocked to Levi’s® Stadium to watch a highly anticipated matchup between the San Francisco 49ers and the Seattle Seahawks, they also took to the Capitol Corridor trains in masse. Ridership for the day saw record-breaking, post-pandemic figures with trains 727 and 729 carrying 647 riders to the game, and 742 added a trainset to get 632 passengers back home after the game.



**Freight Railroad Strike Communications**

A national freight railroad strike that would have meant a cease of service for the Capitol Corridor was averted by a tentative agreement. Regular communication to riders went out to riders to keep them appraised of the potential impacts to our service. While Thursday, September 15 did have some planned schedule modifications, regular service was restored promptly on Friday, September 16. The possibility of a strike still remains with action as early as mid-November. We will continue to watch the situation closely.

**Rail Safety Month**

September is the official month to bring attention to rail safety throughout our communities. Content was developed for social media to keep this top of mind for our riders and those who travel near railroad crossings. Throughout the month, we shared rail safety related posts from our partner, California Operation Lifesaver as a part of our longstanding partnership with the organization.



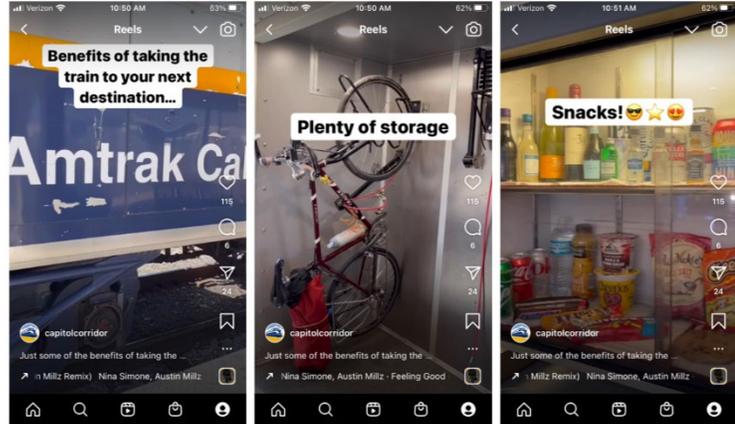


### BART 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In September, BART, our managing agency, celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Among the activities to recognize this milestone, an event was held at the Lake Merritt Station where managing director, Rob Padgette, as well as some of our shared Board Members attended this milestone celebration.

### New Social Media Firm

If you've noticed that there's a whole new vibe to our Instagram and Facebook feeds, it's because the Marketing and Communications team has onboarded a new vendor to assist with developing fresh and engaging content centered around our service, our amenities, and suggested itineraries. Their approach has been to present a rider experience through fresh eyes to help grow a more engaged audience.



## OUTLOOK - CLOSING

As the month of September came to a close, we looked forward to the return of full service on weekends and 24 trains on weekdays beginning in the early October. We have watched our riders steadily return the service and are actively working to continue our service recovery. We also remain on track to start a pilot of the California Integrated Travel Project, using an open-loop payment system, beginning in early February. As we make improvements on the service, we are also continuing to make substantial progress on several capital project investments, including the Sacramento to Roseville Third Track, South Bay Connect, Link21, Agnew Siding, and a rebuild of the Davis station. Stay tuned for more details on significant milestones in the coming months.