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FY21 Application Process/Outreach Update

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Outreach

- Hosted 7 workshops in October/November with over 200 attendees
 - Electric Vehicles (webinar)
 - 5310/Human Service (2 in person workshops)
 - Urban and Rural Transit (2 in person workshops)
 - Transportation Demand Management (in person/webinar)
 - MPO/Planning (webinar rescheduled for Dec. 18)
- Rollout of revised program application guidance and technical documentation
- Launch new application interface to support MERIT capital prioritization

Application Cycle

- Application cycle opened on December 1st, closes on February 3rd
- DRPT Program Managers are available to provide technical assistance with capital applications – encouraging early coordination/requests
- Reminders
 - TDP/TSP update letters due to DRPT on January 15th
 - TransAM inventory data and applications will lock down when the cycle closes on February 3rd



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FY19 Ridership Trends

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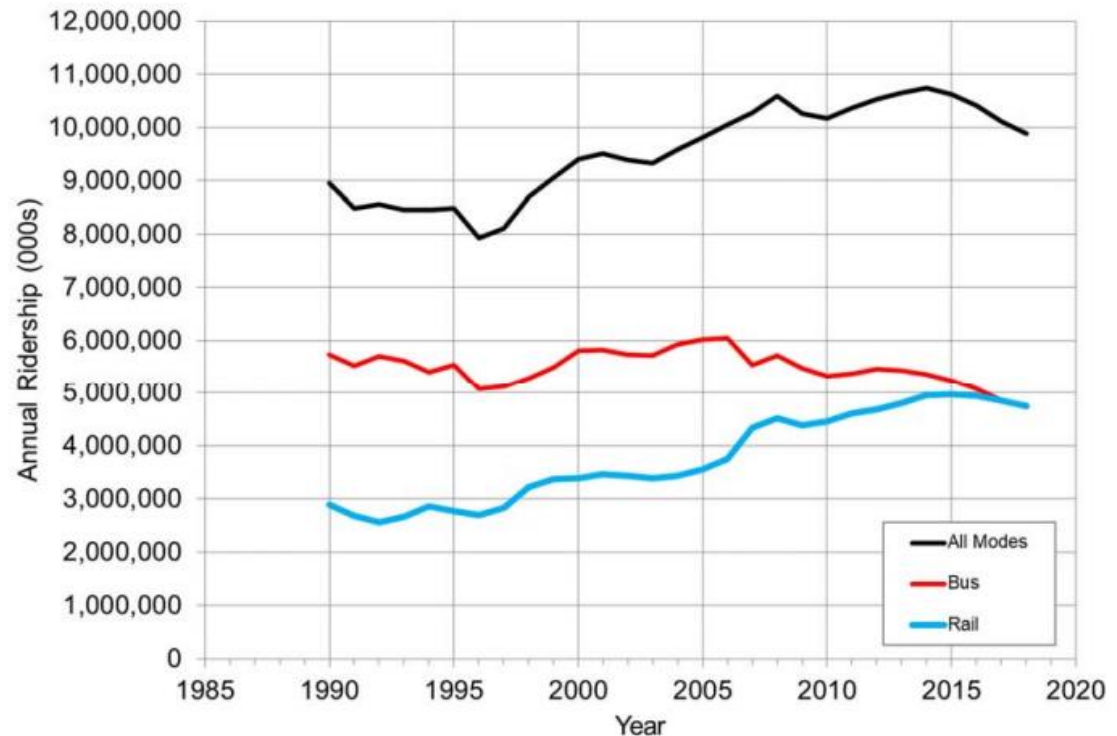


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National Ridership Trends

- Transit ridership has declined nationally for six straight years
- Bus ridership has seen the most significant declines, with ridership at its lowest level since 1990

TCRP Research Report
209 – Analysis of
Recent Public Transit
Ridership Trends

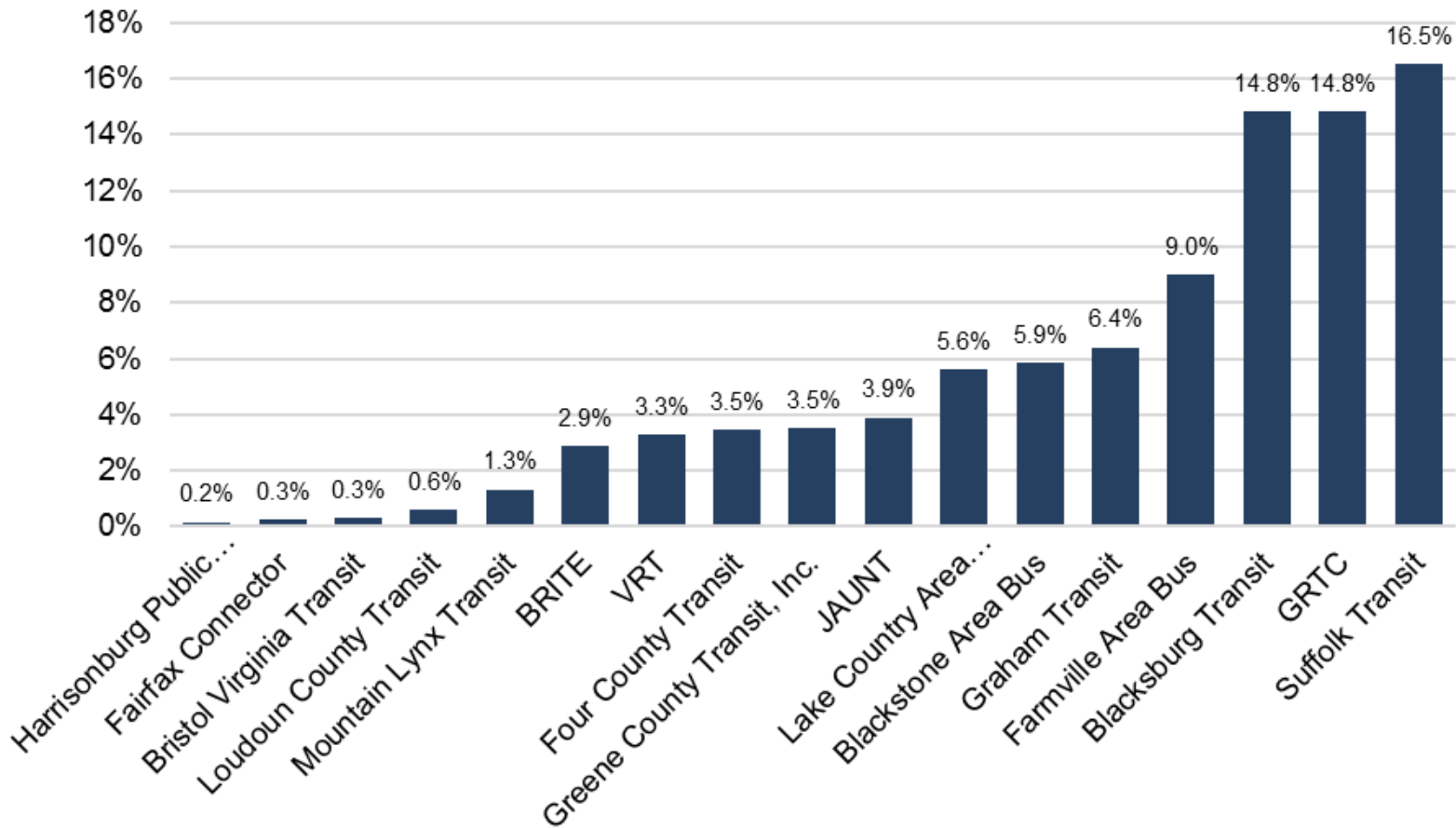


Ridership Trends (non-WMATA)

	FY 18	FY 19	% Change
Commuter Rail	4,631,909	4,408,114	-4.8%
Light Rail	1,417,350	1,416,912	0.0%
Bus	57,065,639	57,485,493	+0.7%
Ferry	327,661	301,321	-8.0%
Paratransit	1,212,456	1,186,631	-2.1%
TOTAL	64,655,015	64,798,471	+0.2%

Ridership Trends

Annual Ridership Change (FY18-19)



Ridership Data Validation

- DRPT has reviewed and validated FY19 ridership data with transit agencies
- Other performance data is being validated now – RVH, RVM, PMT
- Upgrading OLGAs performance data portal to be more helpful to agencies and DRPT in validating data
 - Display data from same month in previous year
 - System will calculate percent change and flag if +/-10%
 - Transit agencies will upload supporting documentation

Ridership Data Reporting

- By having better data submitted through OLGA, DRPT Program Managers will be able to validate reported data on a quarterly basis – allowing for more frequent and more accurate reporting on trends
- Handout – FY2019 Ridership Trends

Transit Estimated Revenues - Update



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Transit Revenues – Change in Estimate from SYIP Projections – FY21

- Overall 4.4% increase for FY 2021 compared to projection in June SYIP
- Sales tax on fuel shows decline despite increase in VMT during past year

Transportation Trust Fund - Revenue Estimates	FY 21		Change	Percent
	June, 2019	Nov, 2019		
1986 Special Session Revenue (14.7%)	\$ 155.7	\$ 166.9	\$ 11.3	7.2%
HB 1887 Recordation Tax	43.6	45.3	1.7	3.9%
Transit - HB 1887 - 3.7% of Sales Tax on Fuel	33.9	33.2	(0.7)	-2.1%
Transit - HB 2313 - State Sales and Use Tax	87.0	88.9	1.9	2.2%
Total Estimated Transit Revenue - \$ in millions	\$ 320.2	\$ 334.3	\$ 14.2	4.4%

Transit Revenues – Change in Estimate from SYIP Projections FY21-FY25

- During five years being compared, transit revenues remain relatively flat

Transportation Trust Fund - Revenue Estimates	FY 21 - FY25		Change	Percent
	June, 2019	Nov, 2019		
1986 Special Session Revenue (14.7%)	\$ 803.9	\$ 835.4	\$ 31.5	3.9%
HB 1887 Recordation Tax	218.0	214.1	(3.9)	-1.8%
Transit - HB 1887 - 3.7% of Sales Tax on Fuel	169.2	163.9	(5.3)	-3.1%
Transit - HB 2313 - State Sales and Use Tax	469.8	460.2	(9.6)	-2.0%
Total Estimated Transit Revenue - \$ in millions	\$ 1,660.9	\$ 1,673.6	\$ 12.7	0.8%