

“Zero Fare for Better Air” Initiative

City Council Work Session

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Background

- Colorado Senate Bill 22-180 created the Ozone Season Transit Grant Program
- Colorado Association of Transit Agencies (CASTA) administered grant funds for 2022



Budget Effects

- Zero net budget effect to the City

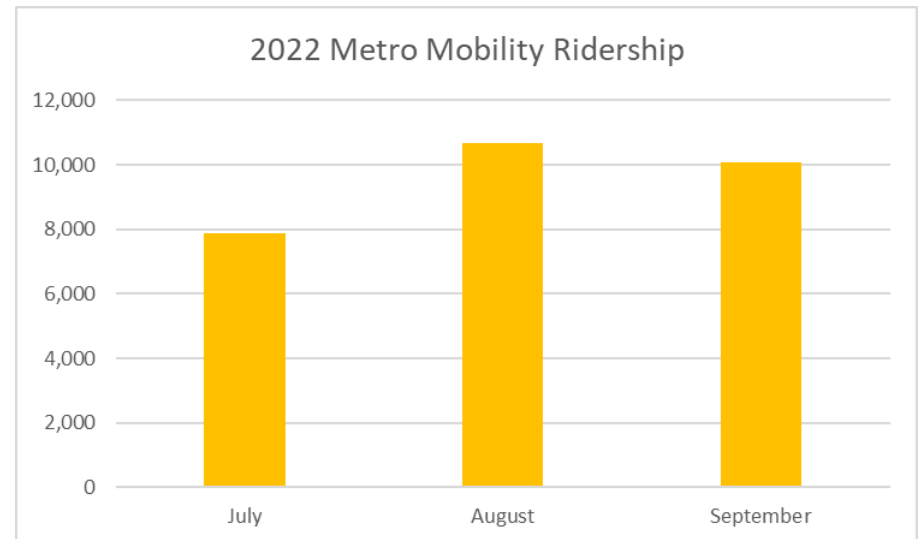
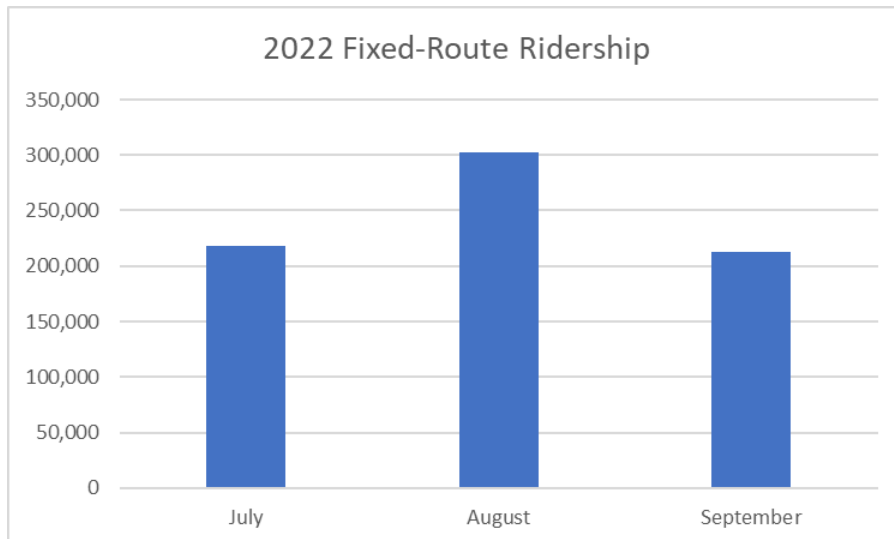
- Eligible expenses for reimbursement under the grant:
 - Foregone fare revenue
 - Operating costs for trips above and beyond normal levels

- Total amount to be reimbursed \$534,674
 - Both fixed-route and Metro Mobility (ADA Complementary Paratransit) services were free during August

Ridership

July, August, September 2022

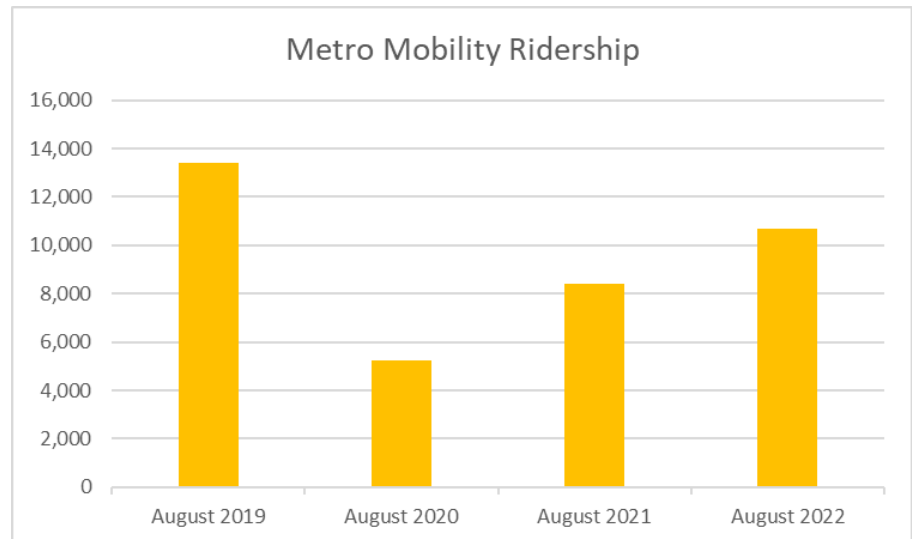
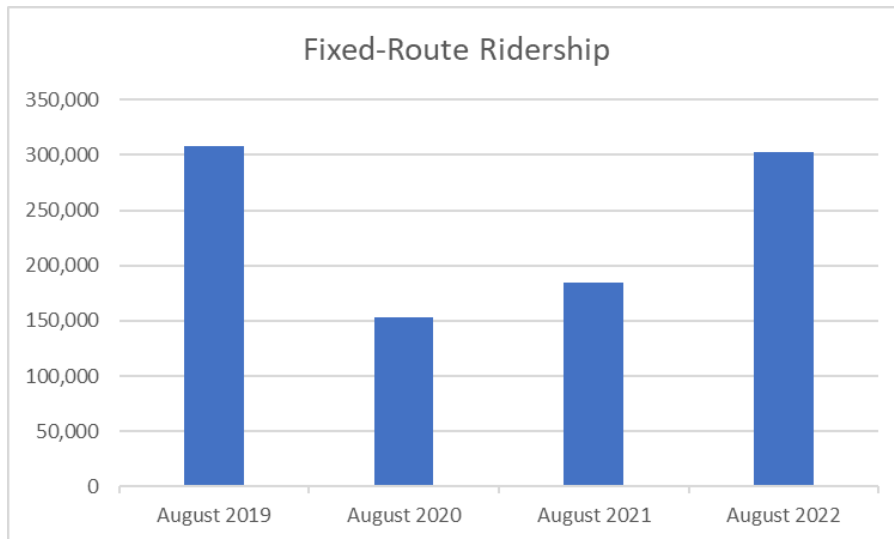
- Fixed Route increased 39% from July and decreased 30% in September
- Metro Mobility increased 35% from July and decreased 6% in September



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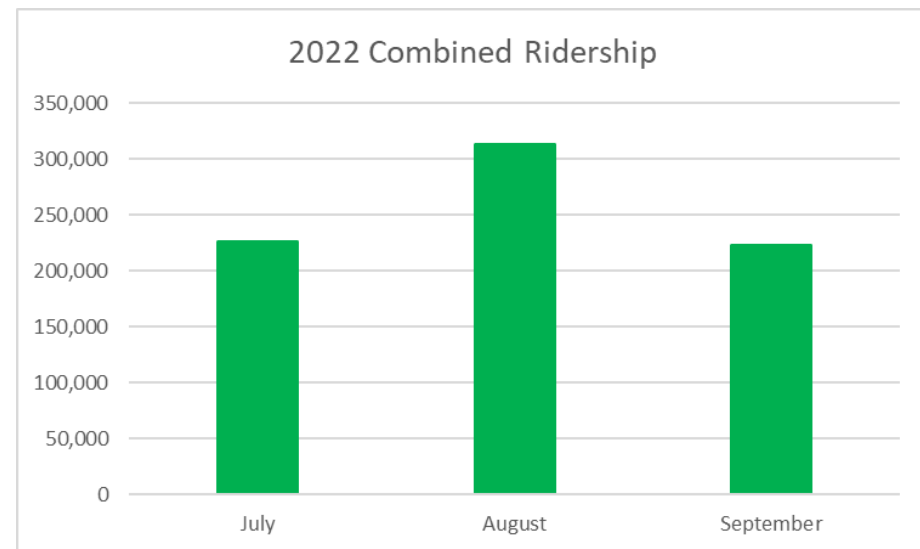
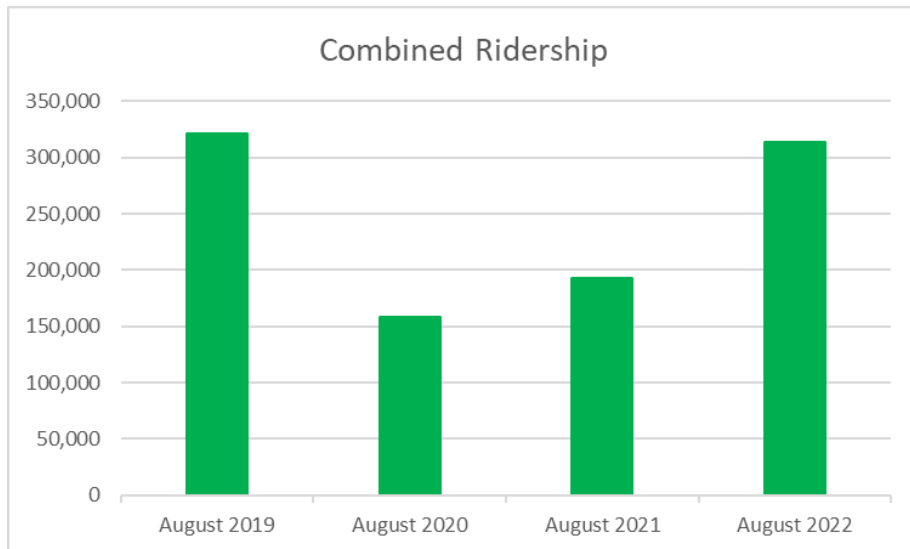
August in 2019-2022

- Fixed-Route: 64% higher than August 2021 and only 2% lower than pre-COVID August 2019
- Metro Mobility: 27% higher than August 2021



Ridership Combined

- Combined ridership increased 39% from July and decreased 29% in September
- 40% higher than August 2021 and only 2% lower than August 2019



Questions?



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