

Program Advisory Committee (PAC)

Thursday, September 18, 2025

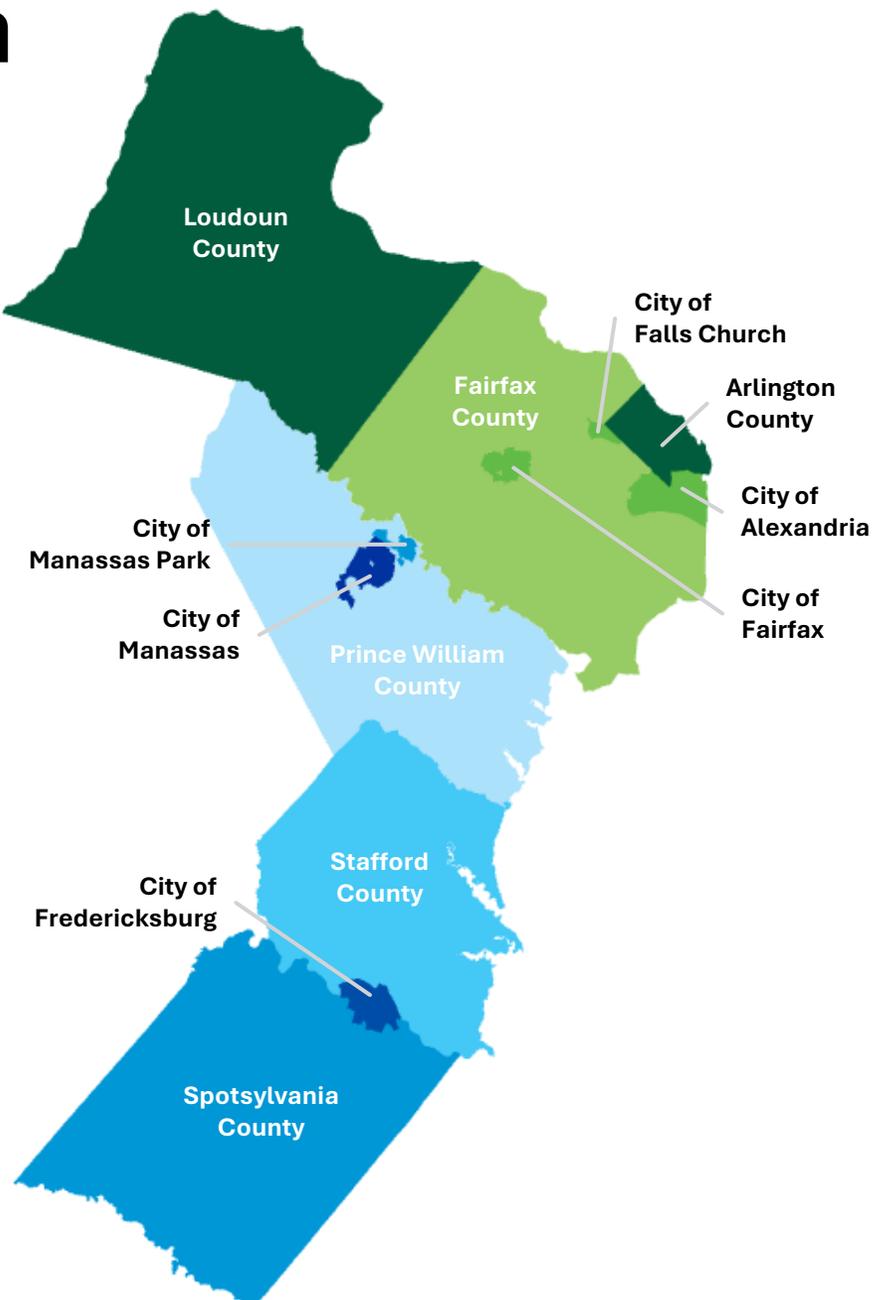




Transit Ridership Update



Northern Virginia Transit



Dashboard Redesign

NoVaTransit Data Dashboard

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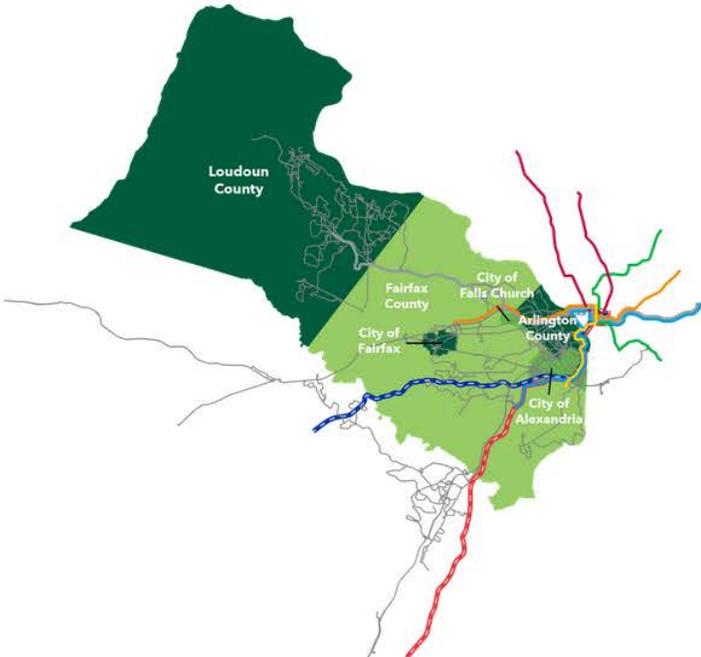
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Home
Ridership
Service
Productivity
Access

Welcome to the NoVaTransit Data Dashboard. Use this dashboard to explore transit trends in the Northern Virginia region. The dashboard includes information on transit ridership, service, productivity and access. Data is updated quarterly. Use the Download Data button to access the raw source data.



Explore Transit Agencies

NVTC has eight transit agencies operating within its boundaries. While Metro and OmniRide are not technically within the NVTC district, they are included in this dashboard because of their integral role in the Northern Virginia transit system.

Agencies	
8	
Routes	
243	
Stops	
7K	
Weekly Riders	
2.1M	

Data includes: **Arlington Transit (ART), DASH - City of Alexandria, CUE - City of Fairfax, Fairfax Connector, Loudoun County Transit, Metro (Virginia Only), OmniRide, VRE,**

Source: DRPT Ridership and GTFS as of September 2025

Explore Demographics

NVTC's jurisdictions include the counties of Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun and the cities of Alexandria, Falls Church and Fairfax.

Population	
2M	
Households	
755K	
Jobs	
1.3M	
Transit Commuters	
7%	

Data includes: **Fairfax County, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, Arlington County, Loudoun County, City of Falls Church**

Source: Census Data as of July 2025



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NovaTransit Data Dashboard

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Today's Transit is Strong



706K

weekly bus riders



1.3M

weekly Metrorail
riders in Virginia



47K

weekly VRE riders



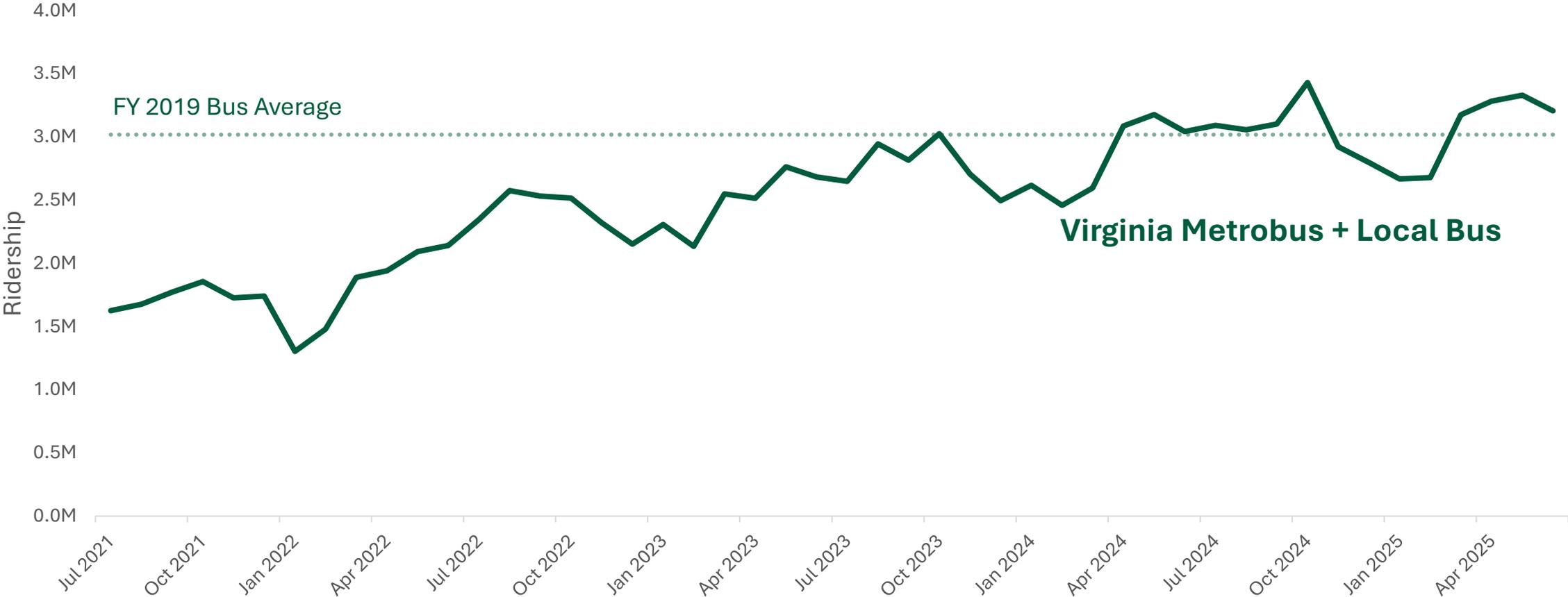
15%

year-over-year
ridership increase



Bus Ridership Grows

June 2025 ridership surpasses 2019 levels



Source: DRPT



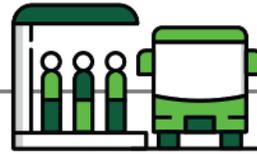
Local Agencies Innovate to Meet Rider Demand

Reliable service and new initiatives foster ridership



Network Redesigns & Restructures

- OmniRide route restructuring
- DASH 2021 redesign
- Fairfax aligning service with Silver Line Phase 2



Service Enhancements

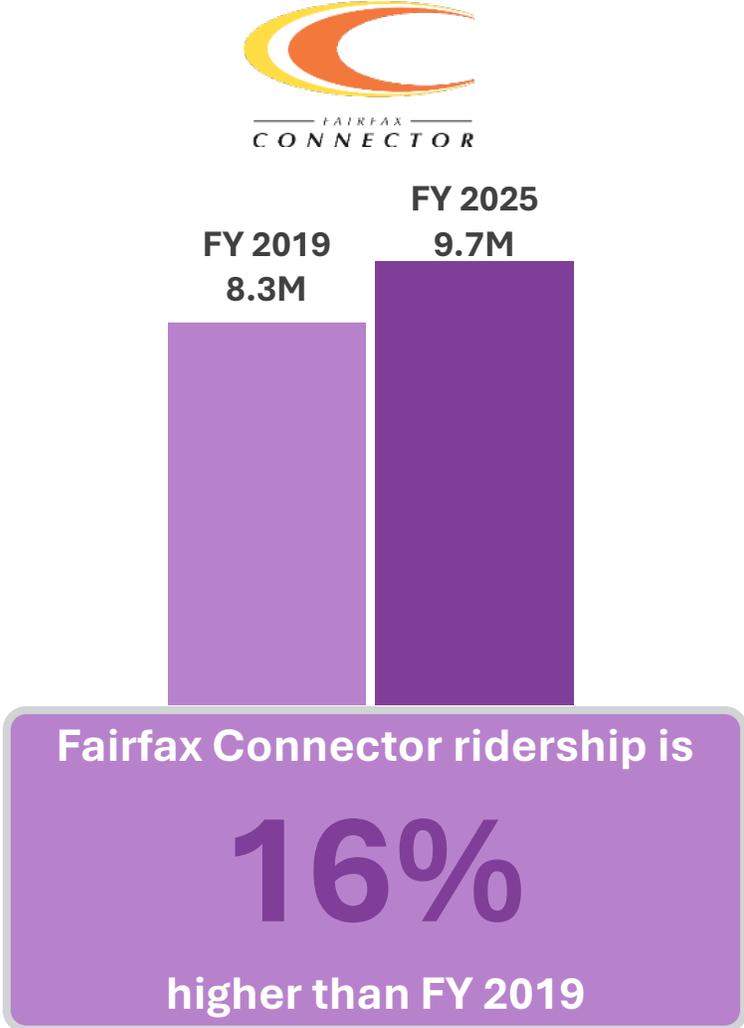
- Loudoun service increases and expansions
- Fleet modernization



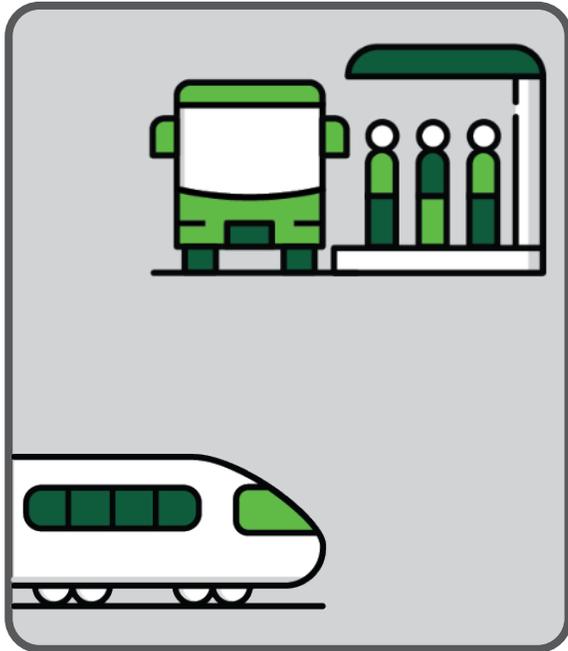
Free and Reduced Fare Programs

- CUE, DASH , OmniRide and Loudoun local service
- Fairfax reduced fare program, Arlington student fare program

Local Bus Agencies Exceed 2019 Ridership Levels



Long Haul Commuters Return



Commuter Bus ridership
DOUBLED
between January and March 2025

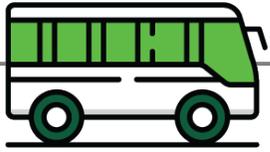
76% higher
VRE ridership in the last 6 months

State Investments Will Help Long-Term VRE Ridership

- Long Bridge
- Manassas Line Rail Agreement



Metro Highlights



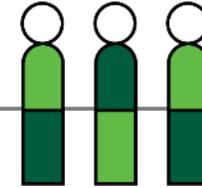
New Bus Network

- Better Bus Network debuted June 29, 2025
- More frequent, reliable, user-friendly bus service
- No budget increase



Service Excellence

- Optimized rail service with more peak trains
- Tap.Ride.Go.
- Automatic Train Operations



Maintaining a Safe System

- Serious crime down 40%
- Rail fare evasion down 82%
- Implemented banning policy



Customer Satisfaction

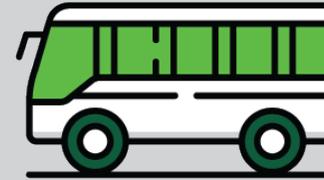
- Customer satisfaction exceeded targets for all modes
- 89% customer satisfaction on Metrorail

Weekend Ridership is Higher than Pre-Pandemic

and more wins by the numbers



20% higher
ridership at Virginia
Metrorail stations
in June 2025 compared to 2024



12 days
with 1M+ trips
this spring

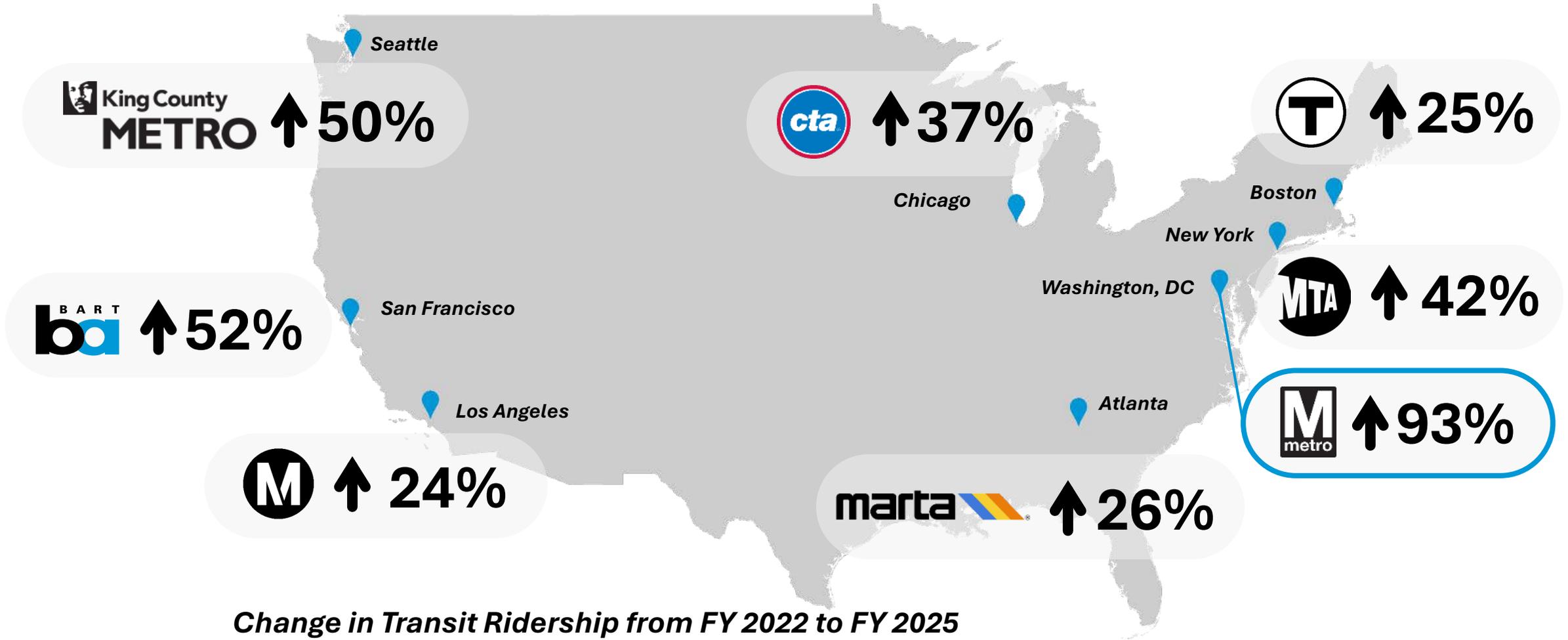
Weekend ridership is
30% higher
at Virginia Metrorail
stations than 2019



24M trips
on bus and rail
each month
March-June 2025

**57% more parking
transactions**
at Virginia Metrorail
stations from last year

WMATA Ridership Has Returned at a Higher Rate Compared to Peer Systems



Funding Uncertainty Threatens Ridership Gains

Northern Virginia is excelling compared to rest of state on transit recovery

- ↳ But funding uncertainty puts these gains at risk
- ↳ That's what DMVMoves and SJ 28 are working towards



Questions

