

TOPEKA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Board of Directors Meeting – Agenda Item

| ITEM | Operations Department Monthly Report (for August 2022) | | | | | |
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| CONTACT | Denise Ensley, Chief Operations Officer | | | | | |
| RECOMMENDATION | Accept report as presented. | | | | | |
| SUMMARY | In August, there were no shelters vandalized other than the West Ridge Mall shelter being "egged" on August 3 rd . With the school year beginning at Washburn University, Washburn Tech, and the USD #501 schools, operations and marketing were busy with outreach including a "How to Ride" for the Washburn international students, participating in Washburn's Market Daze event, and student outreach on the West 10 th Specials which are scheduled to be eliminated in September. The Specials were temporarily extended at the beginning of the school year to allow time to communicate directly with students, explain the elimination of the Specials, inform them how to transition to the fixed route, and to provide them with a route brochure specific to their school. Outreach began on August 23 rd with Operations Supervisors riding the Specials to speak with students to provide information and answer questions. The outreach continued into September. Human Resources and Operations continue to interview applicants to fill open Operations positions, which include bus operators, a dispatch clerk and a customer service specialist. | | | | | |
| FISCAL IMPACT (Current and Future) | | | | | | |
| PRIORITY/GOAL | Continue to work on hiring additional personnel. Monitor bi-weekly operator overtime and pad time. | | | | | |
| ATTACHMENTS | Operations Reports. | | | | | |

Topeka Metro Operations Report

August 2022

August Operating Days:

27 Normal operating days
4 Sundays (no service)
0 Holiday with no service
0 Limited holiday service
31 Total days in August

Passenger Comments:

| 17 | Fixed Route | 2 | Capitol City Transportation | 18 | Complaints |
|----|----------------|----|-----------------------------|----|----------------|
| 3 | Lift | 18 | Topeka Metro | 2 | Compliments |
| 20 | Total Comments | 20 | Total Comments | 0 | Incidents |
| | | | | 20 | Total Comments |

Comment Issues:

Other/General (8)

Operator (5)

Passed By (2) - not valid

Lift Missed Trip (2)

Route (2)

Unsafe Driving (1)

Operations Accidents & Incidents (as of August 31st, 2022):

| | Month of | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|------|---------|
| | August | 2022 | FY 2023 |
| TMTA Chargeable accidents | 1 | 6 | 2 |
| TMTA Non-chargeable accidents | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Contractor accidents | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Passenger incidents: | | | |
| - regular incidents | 22 | 156 | 50 |
| - boarding refusals due to no mask | 0 | 148 | 0 |
| | 23 | 317 | 53 |

Current Self-Insurance Files:

10 Open files against Topeka Metro

11 Open files against others

3 Other

24 Total open files

August Promotions and Events

Washburn Students (8/1 thru 8/31):

6,151 fixed route trips

FREEdom Pass Ridership (8/1 thru 8/31):

 2013
 945

 2014
 3,876

 2015
 6,058

 2016
 7,511

 2017
 8,115

376 fixed route trips

2018 8,879
 2019 8,951
 2020 1,623 (until free fares due to COVID-19 in March 2020)
 2021 3,849 (fares/program resumed 2/1/21)
 2022 2,752

Amtrak (8/1 thru 8/31):

O rides in August

Flex Zone Ridership (8/1 thru 8/31):

23 Flex rides (0 provided by CCT & 23 provided in-house)

Bikes on the Bus Ridership (8/1 thru 8/31):

845 bikes on the fixed route

Kids Ride Free (5/15 thru 8/15):

12,696 fixed route trips

May 15-31 1,703 Jun 1-30 4,313

Jul 1-31 3,834

Aug 1-15 2,846

Other Operational and Promotional Activities:

Kids Ride Free Program Continues (8/1 thru 8/15)

Monthly Operator Policy Meeting (8/2)

August Operator Roster in Effect (8/7)

Temporarily Extended the West 10th Specials (8/11)

Kids Ride Free Program Ends (8/15)

Cool Science Project at QSS (8/16)

Washburn University International Student How to Ride (8/18) - 37 participants

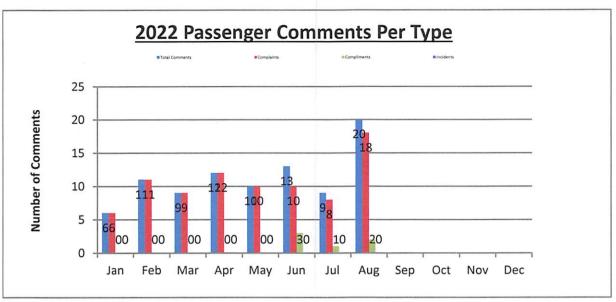
Management Meeting with USD #501 Superintendent & Officials (8/22)

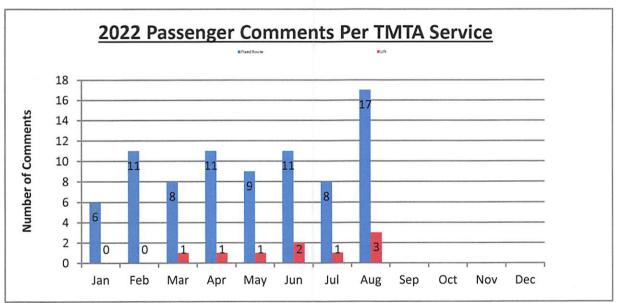
"Dialogue with Denise" Operator Newsletter (8/22)

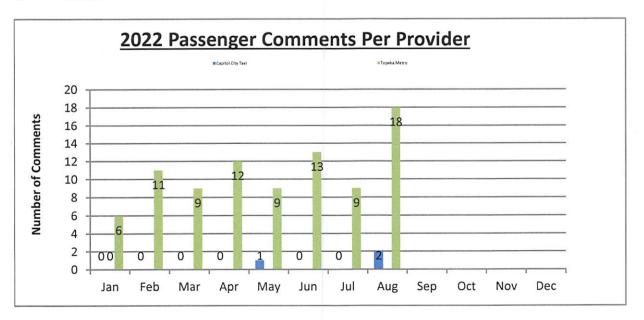
Began Supervisor On-Route Outreach to Transition Students Off the West 10th Specials (8/23)

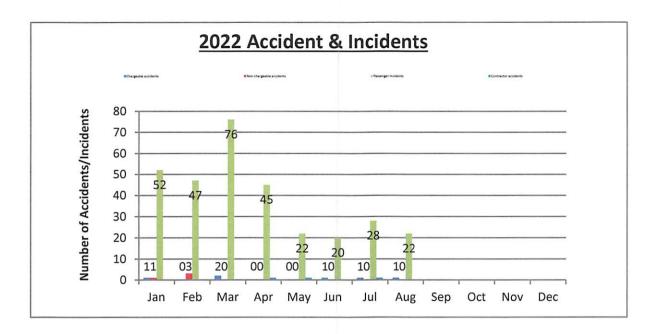
Participated in Washburn University's Market Daze Event (8/24)

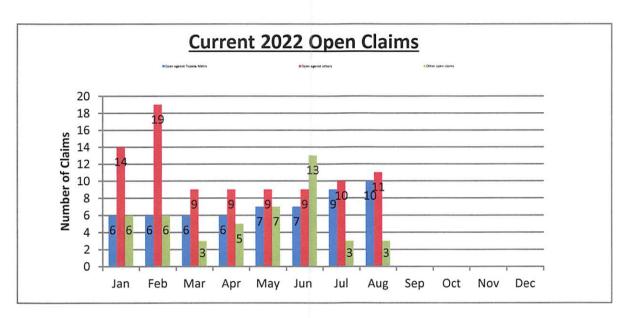
Received Updated Ride Guide & Began Distributing to Agencies, Schools & Businesses (8/30)











Lift Service Application Statistics

| | <u>Eligible</u> | Recertified | Temporary | <u>Denied</u> | TOTAL | <u>Appeals</u> | (Appeals app) | (Appeals den) | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|-------|----------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Jan 2022 | 16 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Feb 2022 | 11 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Mar 2022 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Apr 2022 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| May 2022 | 11 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Jun 2022 | 15 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Jul 2022 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Aug 2022 | 20 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 1 | COVID-19 Continues |
| Sep 2022 | | | | | 0 | | | | |
| Oct 2022 | | | | | 0 | | | | |
| Nov 2022 | | | | | 0 | | | | |
| Dec 2022 | | | | | 0 | | | | |
| Year 2022 Total | 90 | 96 | 7 | 1 | 194 | 1 | 0 | 1 | |