

Planning Board Report

April 15, 2019

Ridership Table Notes

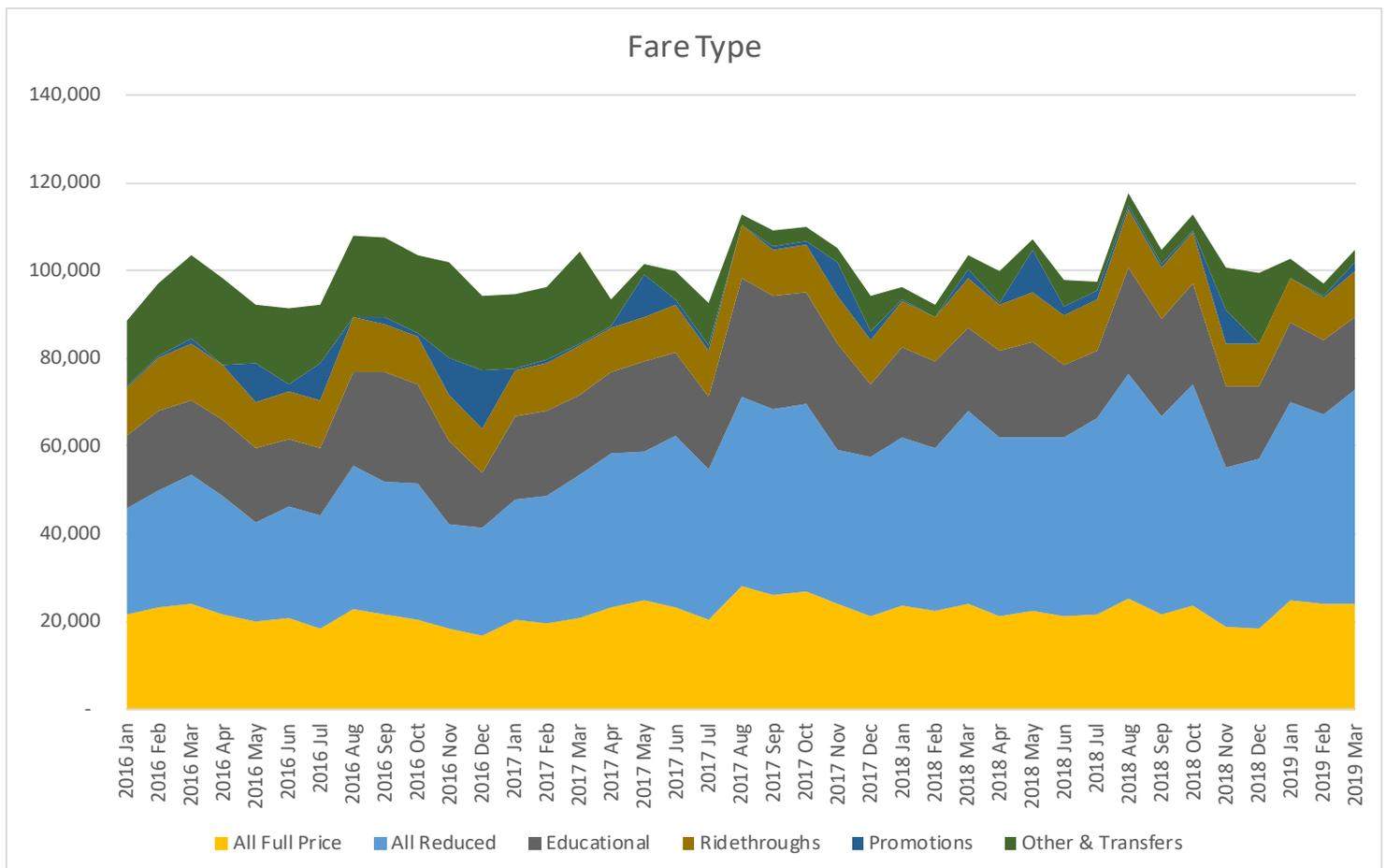
- Line 10: 501 student ridership was low due to Spring Break, but the drop from last year needs to be watched.
- Line 13: Flex rides are down from the February level, still above the FY monthly average of 65.
- Line 16: Freedom Pass riders remain low, likely due to continued winter weather.
- Lines 21-28: Paratransit usage is flat. Capital City Taxi rides continue to be low due to a lack of available drivers.
- Total ridership FY YTD is up 2.3% compared to a year ago.

Long-Range Transit Plan Update

- Final version was approved by MTPO on March 28, 2019, and is posted on the website

Fare Increase Impact on Ridership

- \$0.25 fare increase for full-price single-trip passengers
- Assumptions: 12.5% fare increase, 0.4-0.6 fare pricing elasticity
- Average fare category monthly ridership over last 18 months = 22,728
- Estimated lost rides monthly: 1,135 - 1,705



Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority

Passengers, Hours and Miles
FY2019

Ridership Table

		Mar 2019	% Change	FY2019 To Date	% Change	Mar 2018	FY2018 To Date	Mar 2017	FY2017 To Date
Passengers									
Fixed Route									
Line #									
1	Adult Cash	9,017	-19.6%	81,819	-20.8%	11,219	103,279	20,927	180,437
2	24Hr	14,618	18.4%	115,246	5.6%	12,343	109,177	0	0
3	Annual	532	2.9%	5,097	23.2%	517	4,138	0	0
4	<i>Full Fare Subtotal</i>	24,167	0.4%	202,162	-6.7%	24,079	216,594	20,927	180,437
5	Reduced	31,417	5.0%	265,584	5.6%	29,918	251,588	32,522	256,472
6	24Hr Reduced	17,083	23.5%	138,286	35.1%	13,834	102,321	0	0
7	<i>Reduced Subtotal</i>	48,500	10.9%	403,870	14.1%	43,752	353,909	32,522	256,472
8	Student	12,148	-14.4%	134,846	-8.8%	14,191	147,786	13,046	125,606
9	Student 24Hr	586	0.7%	4,549	-7.0%	582	4,889	0	0
10	<i>Student Subtotal</i>	12,734	-13.8%	139,395	-8.7%	14,773	152,675	13,046	125,606
11	Washburn	3,914	-8.0%	32,033	-23.8%	4,255	42,046	4,970	46,499
12	City Employees	80	-44.8%	1,133	681.4%	145	145	0	0
13	Flex	73	204.2%	582	77.4%	24	328	46	442
14	Transfers	0	-			0		14,251	
15	Promotions	2,018	-14.3%	14,700	-4.4%	2,354	15,370	335	34,168
16	Freedom Pass	501	-44.3%	5,860	-10.2%	899	6,529	655	5,945
17	Other Non-Rev	12,506	-5.4%	136,366	6.4%	13,215	128,157	17,631	133,708
18	<i>Non-Revenue Subtotal</i>	15,025	-8.8%	156,926	4.6%	16,468	150,056	32,872	293,038
19	Total Fixed Route	104,493	1.1%	936,101	2.2%	103,351	915,608	104,383	902,494
Paratransit									
20	TMTA Operated	2,232	15.9%	16,669	2.3%	1,926	16,299	2,260	18,973
21	<i>Ambulatory</i>	400	64.6%	1,536	-39.0%	243	2,516	264	2,255
22	<i>Wheelchair</i>	1,639	9.6%	13,579	11.0%	1,496	12,229	1,784	14,724
23	<i>PCA</i>	193	3.2%	1,554	0.0%	187	1,554	212	1,994
24	Taxi Service	1,881	-18.4%	20,765	14.0%	2,304	18,213	2,460	19,347
25	<i>Ambulatory</i>	1,676	-23.3%	18,798	8.6%	2,186	17,307	2,337	18,450
26	<i>Wheelchair</i>	136		1,189		0	0	0	0
27	<i>PCA</i>	69	-41.5%	778	-14.1%	118	906	123	897
28	Total Paratransit	4,113	-2.8%	37,434	8.5%	4,230	34,512	4,720	38,320
Revenue Hours									
29	Fixed Route	5,076	-3.5%	44,971	0.2%	5,262	44,877	5,373	44,942
30	TMTA Paratransit	1,003	12.6%	7,728	3.9%	891	7,438	1,119	9,617
31	Taxi Paratransit	563	-7.9%	5,655	19.7%	612	4,723	613	4,812
32	Total Revenue Hours	6,642	-1.8%	58,354	2.3%	6,765	57,038	7,104	59,371
Revenue Miles									
33	Fixed Route	73,742	-5.7%	669,866	0.0%	78,207	670,157	76,683	644,332
34	TMTA Paratransit	12,395	5.5%	101,882	4.2%	11,747	97,759	13,833	116,680
35	Taxi Paratransit	7,932	-18.6%	86,734	13.7%	9,740	76,288	13,768	110,377
36	Total Revenue Miles	94,069	-5.6%	858,482	1.7%	99,694	844,204	104,284	871,389
Speed MPH									
37	Fixed Route	14.5	-2.2%			14.9		14.3	
38	TMTA Paratransit	12.4	-6.3%			13.2		12.4	
39	Taxi Paratransit	14.1	-11.5%			15.9		22.5	

Ridership Highlights

through March 31, 2019

- Ridership for FY 2019 Q3 totaled 316,656, up 4.1% from the same time period in FY 2018. The first three quarters of FY 2019 totaled 974,668, up 2.3% from 2017.
- On track to serve 1,300,500 rides in FY 2019
- 115,464 - **Student** rides taken in FY 2019 Q1-3; 109,539 of those using USD 501 student passes
- 5,860 – **Freedom Pass** trips in FY 2019 Q1-3, down 10.2% in same timeframe in FY 2018
- 1,133 – **City of Topeka** employee rides in FY 2019 Q1-3
- 582 - **Flex** trips in FY 2019 Q1-3, up from 328 in the first nine months of FY 2018