

# **Capital Metro Monthly Ridership Report**

**January 2016  
(Fiscal Year 2016)**



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# Ridership Summary

This is a summary of Capital Metro system-wide ridership statistics for the month of January 2016 by mode of service.

## Total Boardings by Mode

Mode	Jan-15	Jan-16	Jan 15 to Jan 16	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD Change
Total Fixed Route	1,792,344	1,760,732	-1.8%	8,018,252	7,406,724	-7.6%
Total Special Events	1,899	327	-82.8%	185,546	184,376	-0.6%
Total MetroAccess <sup>1</sup>	53,056	54,064	1.9%	214,667	221,414	3.1%
Total UT Shuttle	241,131	200,366	-16.9%	1,437,193	1,297,447	-9.7%
Total Rideshare	32,414	34,302	5.8%	108,851	130,495	19.9%
Total MetroRail	53,485	54,523	1.9%	244,544	240,331	-1.7%
Total MetroRapid	203,401	202,689	-0.4%	913,994	901,798	-1.3%
<b>Total System</b>	<b>2,377,730</b>	<b>2,307,003</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>11,123,047</b>	<b>10,382,586</b>	<b>-6.7%</b>

<sup>1</sup> MetroAccess partially estimated (Access-a-Ride & Taxi Overflow data not in as of 2/17/2016)

## Average Daily Boardings by Mode

Mode	Weekday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Jan-15	Jan-16	Jan 15 to Jan 16	Jan-15	Jan-16	Jan 15 to Jan 16	Jan-15	Jan-16	Jan 15 to Jan 16
Total Fixed Route	68,728	69,277	0.8%	44,582	43,556	-2.3%	30,057	30,525	1.6%
Total Special Events	62	9	-86.1%	54	-	-100.0%	69	27	-60.3%
Total MetroAccess <sup>1</sup>	2,164	2,165	0.0%	994	965	-2.9%	762	794	4.2%
Total UT Shuttle <sup>2</sup>	25,942	21,182	-18.3%	-	-	-	949	1,052	10.9%
Total Rideshare	1,046	1,107	5.8%	1,046	1,107	5.8%	1,046	1,107	5.8%
Total MetroRail	2,433	2,630	8.1%	803	759	-5.4%	-	-	-
Total MetroRapid	8,123	8,422	3.7%	4,364	4,221	-3.3%	2,953	2,889	-2.1%

<sup>1</sup> MetroAccess partially estimated (Access-a-Ride & Taxi Overflow data not in as of 2/17/2016)

<sup>2</sup> UT Shuttle: Weekday Full Class days not a full month, Sunday not full month

***All tables reflect ridership data as of February 17, 2016.***

The table below shows the factors that have potential impacts on ridership in the current month. Other peer agencies have shown that this type of information is useful to explain ridership changes.

### Factors Affecting Ridership this Month

Factor	Service Level	January 2015	January 2016	Impact
<b>Calendar Mix (FR, Rail, Rapid)</b>	Weekday	20	19	<b>-1</b>
	Saturday	6	6	<b>0</b>
	Sunday	5	6	<b>1</b>
<b>Calendar Mix (UT Shuttle Full Service)</b>	Weekday	9	9	<b>0</b>
	Sunday	1	2	<b>1</b>
<b>Weather Impact</b>	Weekday	5	2	<b>-3</b>
	Saturday	3	1	<b>-2</b>
	Sunday	2	0	<b>-2</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	Fixed Route	0	0	<b>0</b>
	MetroRail	0	0	<b>0</b>
	MetroRapid	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Fuel Prices*</b>	All	1.96	1.81	<b>-8%</b>

\* Average monthly Gulf Coast All Grades Reformulated (<http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/gasdiesel/>)

**Red** indicates potential negative impact on ridership

**Green** indicates potential positive impact on ridership

### Ridership Overview

#### *January 2016*

System-wide ridership was down 3.0% compared to January 2015. Average weekday showed a decrease of 0.6%. Factors affecting the fourth month of FY2016 ridership include low fuel prices and one less weekday compared to January 2015. Weather was also more favorable this January compared to last. Capital Metro is working on Connections 2025 to comprehensively review the system including other factors that may be contributing to ridership changes.

### **Fixed Route**

Total month Fixed Route ridership was down 1.8% from January 2015. Average weekday was up 0.8%. Fixed Route ridership is similarly affected as system ridership.

### **MetroAccess**

MetroAccess showed an increase for January 2016 and was up 1.9% compared to last January. The number of registered passengers is increasing due to aging baby boom population and population increase in general. Also, registered riders are taking more trips on average.

### **UT Shuttle**

For January 2016, UT Shuttle showed a 16.9% decrease from last January. UT Shuttle services have undergone reduction in service levels over the past several years.

### **RideShare**

The vRide program continues to see increases in ridership over the previous year, up 5.8% from last January. The program is successfully attracting new groups with fare structure more attractive to "regional" riders.

### **MetroRail**

MetroRail ridership was up 1.9% from January 2015. Average weekday ridership was up 8.1% from the same period. MetroRail is at capacity ridership during the peak period and has been for many months.

### **MetroRapid**

For the month of January MetroRapid was down 0.4% from 2015. Average weekday was up 3.7%.