

Capital Metro Monthly Ridership Report

**October 2018
(Fiscal Year-End 2019)**



Ridership Summary

This is a summary of Capital Metro system-wide ridership statistics for the month of October 2018 by mode of service.

October Total Boardings by Mode

Mode	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct 17 to Oct 18	FY2018	FY2019	FY Change
Total Fixed Route	1,889,883	1,893,714	0.2%	1,889,883	1,893,714	0.2%
Total Express	50,564	68,567	35.6%	50,564	68,567	35.6%
Total Special Events	122,061	89,222	-26.9%	122,061	89,222	-26.9%
Total MetroAccess	58,400	61,399	5.1%	58,400	61,399	5.1%
Total Innovative Mobility ¹	1,948	8	-99.6%	1,948	8	-99.6%
Total UT Shuttle	348,802	296,591	-15.0%	348,802	296,591	-15.0%
Total Rideshare	42,361	51,542	21.7%	42,361	51,542	21.7%
Total MetroRail	82,921	82,466	-0.5%	82,921	82,466	-0.5%
Total MetroRapid	398,441	469,335	17.8%	398,441	469,335	17.8%
Total System	2,995,381	3,012,844	0.6%	2,995,381	3,012,844	0.6%

¹ Innovative Mobility - Pickup Pilot Service ended in June and Ride Austin Exposition began in June

October Average Daily Boardings by Mode

Mode	Weekday			Saturday ²			Sunday ²		
	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct 17 to Oct 18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct 17 to Oct 18	Oct-17	Oct-18	Oct 17 to Oct 18
Fixed Route	69,717	67,012	-3.9%	43,586	48,914	12.2%	31,534	39,198	24.3%
Express	2,298	2,981	29.7%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Events	764	294	-61.5%	14,334	10,056	-29.8%	6,400	10,558	65.0%
MetroAccess	2,278	2,317	1.7%	947	1,046	10.4%	866	980	13.1%
Innovative Mobility ¹	76	0	-	46	-	-	-	-	-
UT Shuttle ³	15,678	12,794	-18.4%	784	-	-	770	575	-25.4%
Rideshare	1,881	2,190	16.5%	124	190	52.8%	80	102	26.9%
MetroRail ⁴	3,217	3,019	-6.2%	1,686	2,192	30.0%	1,176	1,421	20.8%
MetroRapid	14,458	16,590	14.7%	10,056	12,167	21.0%	6,677	9,772	46.4%
Total System	110,368	107,198	-2.9%	71,562	74,565	4.2%	47,503	62,604	31.8%

¹ Formerly counted under MetroAccess

² Oct 2017 - 6 Sat, 3 Sun / Oct 2018 - 4 Sat, 4 Sun

³ UT - 2 Sundays in Oct 2017 were Saturday level service

⁴ Rail operated 3 Sundays each year

All tables reflect ridership data as of November 16, 2018.

The table below shows the factors that potentially impact ridership in the current month. Peer agencies have shown this type of information is useful for explaining ridership changes.

Factors Affecting Ridership this Month

Factor	Service Level	October 2017	October 2018	Impact
Calendar Mix (FR, Rail, Rapid)	Weekday	22	23	1
	Saturday	6	4	-2
	Sunday	3	4	1
Calendar Mix (UT Shuttle Full Service)	Weekday	22	23	1
	Sunday	5	4	-1
Weather Impact	Weekday	3	13	10
	Saturday	0	2	2
	Sunday	1	2	1
Special Events	Fixed Route	0	0	0
	MetroRail	10	10	0
	MetroRapid	3	0	-3
Fuel Prices*	All	2.35	2.63	12%

* 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

October 2018 – Cap Remap

Cap Remap continues to play a role in the ridership changes along with other factors that have affected the change year-over-year for October.

Just like September 2017, October 2017 was also a rather dry month. October 2018 was much different with total rainfall of over 7 inches over 17 days in the month with major floods in the region. There were also many fewer event goers served for ACL and F1 this

year compared to last with regards to Special Events charter service. For this October however, there was one additional weekday of service compared to last October.

System-wide ridership was up 0.6% compared to October 2017. Average weekday however, was down 2.9%.

Fixed Route and MetroRapid

Looking at Fixed Route (minus Express), including MetroRapid, ridership was up 3.3% from October 2017. Average weekday was down 0.7%.

MetroRapid by itself saw a 17.8% increase from October 2017. Average weekday ridership was up 14.7%.

Fixed Route (minus Express) monthly total was in positive territory, up 0.2%. Average weekday ridership was down 3.9%.

MetroExpress

Express ridership was up 35.6% compared to October 2017. Additional service and Mopac Express lanes are encouraging riders on this service. Average Weekday was up 29.7%

Round Rock

For October, Round Rock was down 6.1%. Weather may have played a role.

Georgetown

Georgetown was up 13.1% for October 2018.

MetroAccess

MetroAccess showed an increase of 5.1% for October 2018 compared to last year.

UT Shuttle

For October 2018, UT Shuttle showed a decrease of 15.0% from last year. Two primary factors are weather and many students shifting to mainline routes with the system redesign. Average weekday was down 18.4% from last October. Service was also further reduced with the elimination of route 653.

RideShare

The vRide program continues going strong and showed a 21.7% increase over October 2017.

MetroRail

Important construction projects continue along the entire length of the line. These construction projects will enhance safety, add frequency and capacity to existing service and will be ongoing until the end of 2018 and may affect existing operations.

MetroRail ridership was down just 0.6% from October 2017 and average weekday ridership was down 6.2% from the same period. Weather may have played a role in the decrease.