

# ***FY2026 Annual Ridership Report***

**JPB TOPS Committee  
September 23, 2026**



# Agenda

1. Background
2. Key Findings
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# Ridership Reporting Background

- Caltrain does not have fare gates or Automatic Passenger Counters (APC)
  - EMU-based APC system currently being tested and validated
- Caltrain historically conducted an annual passenger count, discontinued in 2020 due to cost and shifting travel patterns due to pandemic
- In Fiscal Year 2024, Caltrain began estimating ridership from the Caltrain Fare Media Sales Based Ridership Model, which uses ticket and pass sales data to estimate ridership by day and origin station

# Ridership Growth

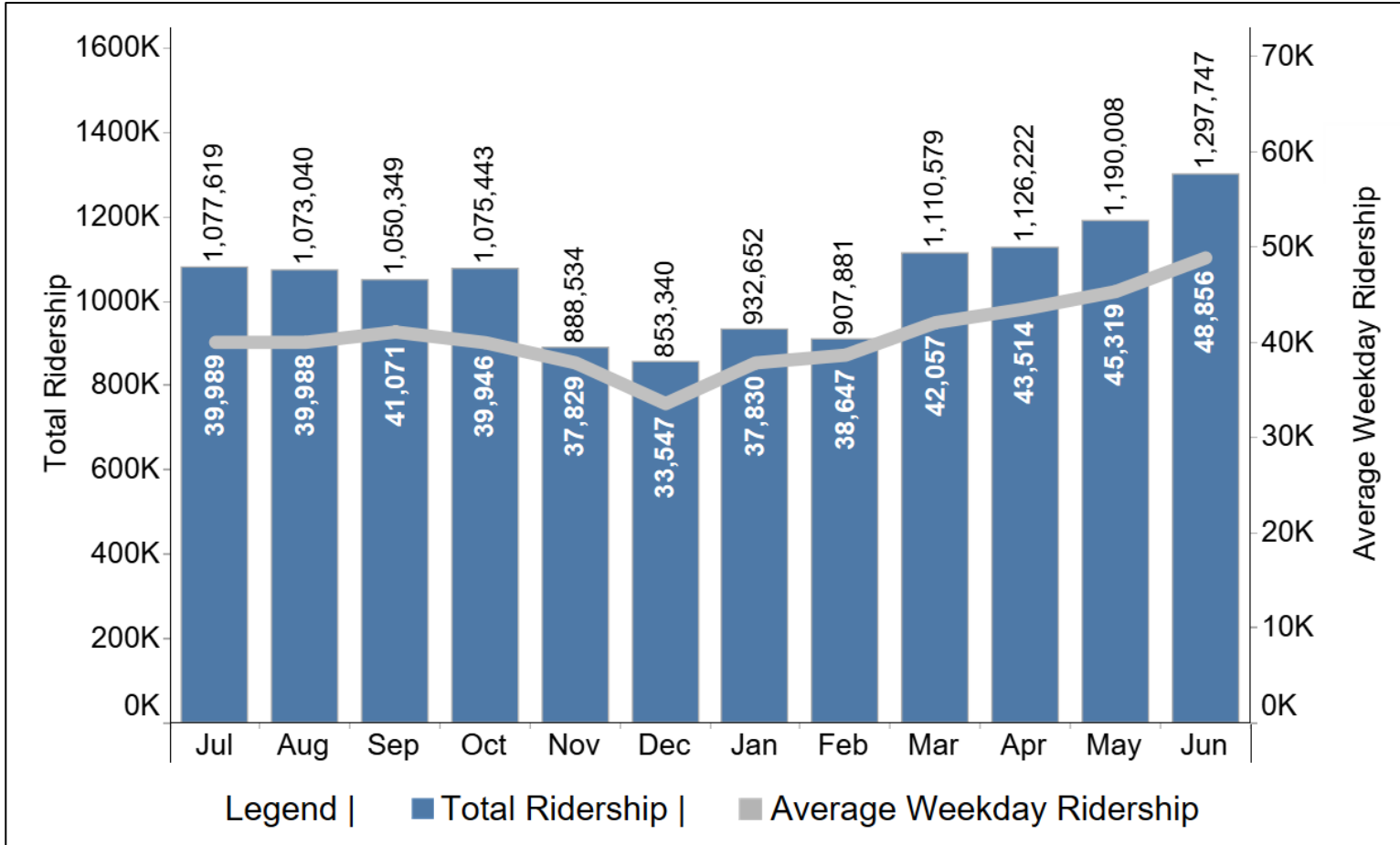
- **FY2026 Total Ridership reached 12.6 million, a 38% increase from FY2025**
- **FY2026 Average Weekday Ridership was 40,800, a 37% increase from FY2025**
- **FY2026 Average Weekend Ridership was 21,200, a 40% increase from FY2025 and 50% higher than 2019 levels**

# Factors Contributing to Ridership Growth

- Electrification Service
- Increased gas prices
- Super Bowl LX
- FIFA World Cup
- Concerts (e.g. BTS @ Stanford)

# Annual Ridership Increased 38%

Total and Average Weekday (AWR) Ridership by Month

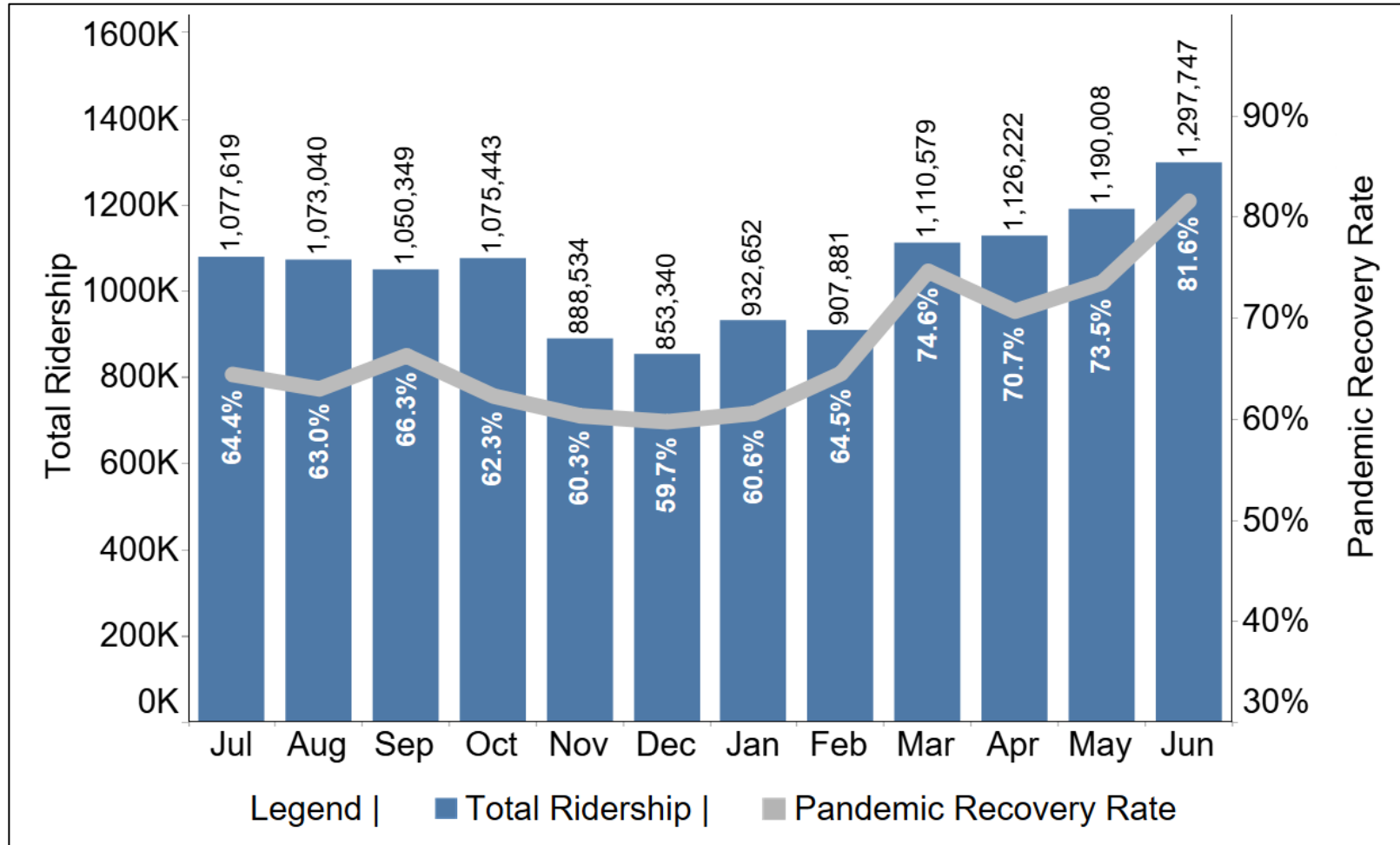


**FY2026 Total Ridership:**  
12.6 million (+37.6% YoY)

**FY2026 Average Weekday Ridership:**  
40,800 (+36.9% YoY)

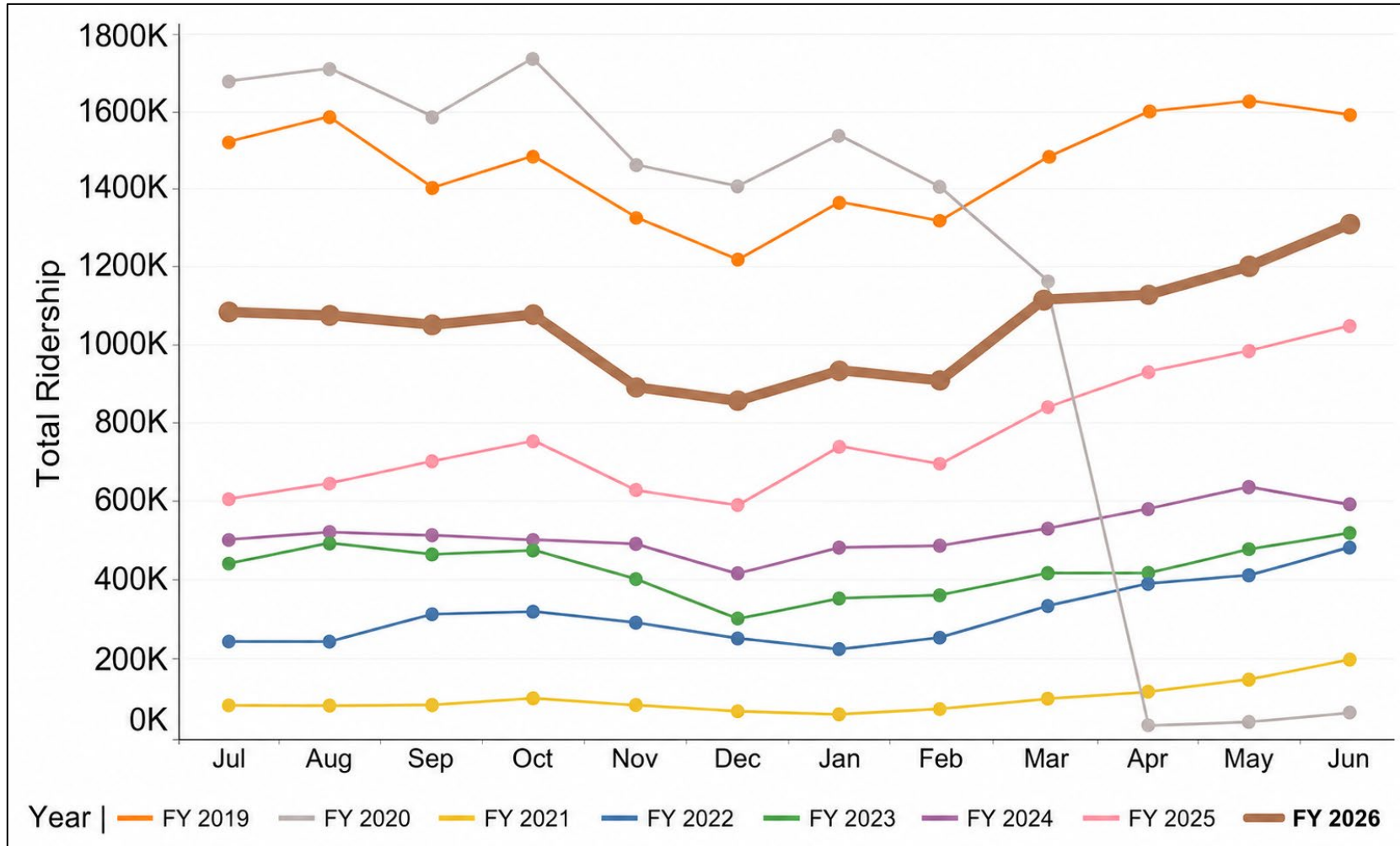
# Since 2019, over 80% recovery in FY26

Total Ridership and Pandemic Recovery by Month



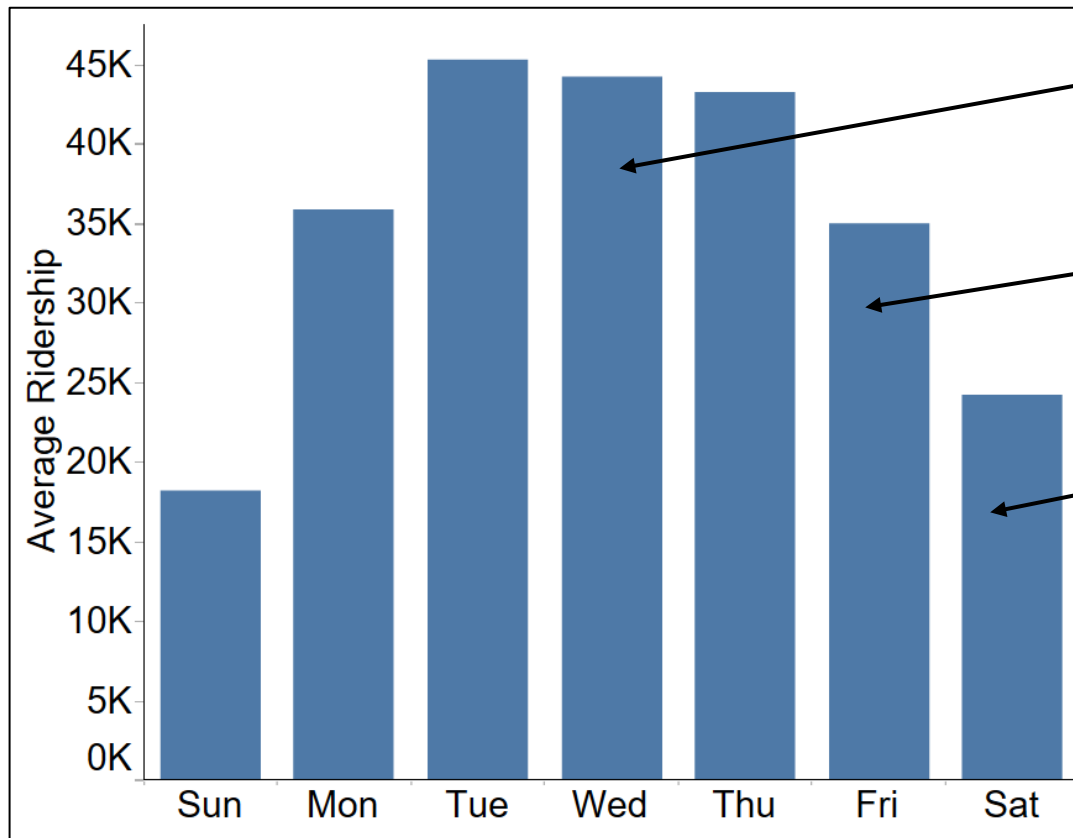
# Ridership by Fiscal Year

## Monthly Ridership by Fiscal Year



# Ridership by Day of Week

Average Ridership by Day of Week



Mid-Week (Tue-Thu) **70%**  
of Pre-Pandemic

Mon. & Fri. **57%** of  
Pre-Pandemic

Weekend **150%** of  
Pre-Pandemic

# Ridership by Station

**Top 10 Stations by Average Mid-Week Ridership**

| Origin Station   | 2019 Count Rank | 2019 Count AMWR | FY2025 Rank | FY2025 AMWR | FY2026 Rank | FY2026 AMWR | % Growth, FY25 to FY26 | FY26 AMWR % of 2019 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| San Francisco    | 1               | 15,027          | 1           | 6,874       | 1           | 9,714       | +41%                   | 65%                 |
| Palo Alto        | 2               | 7,384           | 2           | 3,603       | 2           | 4,486       | +25%                   | 61%                 |
| Mountain View    | 4               | 4,560           | 3           | 2,288       | 3           | 3,048       | +33%                   | 67%                 |
| San Jose Diridon | 3               | 4,795           | 4           | 2,136       | 4           | 2,936       | +37%                   | 61%                 |
| Redwood City     | 5               | 4,220           | 5           | 2,111       | 5           | 2,732       | +29%                   | 65%                 |
| Sunnyvale        | 7               | 3,208           | 6           | 1,770       | 6           | 2,484       | +40%                   | 77%                 |
| Hillsdale        | 6               | 3,217           | 7           | 1,596       | 7           | 2,215       | +39%                   | 69%                 |
| Millbrae         | 8               | 3,194           | 8           | 1,489       | 8           | 1,921       | +29%                   | 60%                 |
| 22nd Street      | 10              | 1,872           | 10          | 1,261       | 9           | 1,800       | +43%                   | 96%                 |
| San Mateo        | 9               | 2,324           | 9           | 1,270       | 10          | 1,720       | +35%                   | 74%                 |

# Ridership by Station

Top 11-29 Stations by Average Mid-Week Ridership

| Origin Station      | 2019 Count Rank | 2019 Count AMWR | FY2025 Rank | FY2025 AMWR | FY2026 Rank | FY2026 AMWR | FY25 to FY26 % Growth | FY26 % of 2019 Count |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Santa Clara         | 16              | 1,074           | 12          | 839         | 11          | 1,215       | +45%                  | <b>113%</b>          |
| California Ave      | 12              | 1,634           | 13          | 817         | 12          | 1,201       | +47%                  | 74%                  |
| Menlo Park          | 11              | 1,639           | 11          | 863         | 13          | 1,116       | +29%                  | 68%                  |
| South San Francisco | 22              | 453             | 14          | 692         | 14          | 1,050       | +52%                  | <b>232%</b>          |
| Lawrence            | 18              | 1,004           | 15          | 686         | 15          | 1,026       | +50%                  | <b>102%</b>          |
| San Antonio         | 17              | 1,017           | 16          | 655         | 16          | 954         | +46%                  | 94%                  |
| Burlingame          | 15              | 1,131           | 19          | 620         | 17          | 901         | +45%                  | 80%                  |
| San Carlos          | 14              | 1,341           | 18          | 644         | 18          | 885         | +37%                  | 66%                  |
| Belmont             | 20              | 718             | 17          | 654         | 19          | 883         | +35%                  | <b>123%</b>          |
| Hayward Park        | 21              | 506             | 21          | 366         | 20          | 518         | +42%                  | <b>102%</b>          |
| San Bruno           | 19              | 751             | 20          | 377         | 21          | 517         | +37%                  | 69%                  |
| Bayshore            | 23              | 260             | 23          | 168         | 22          | 257         | +53%                  | 99%                  |
| Morgan Hill         | 24              | 251             | 24          | 130         | 23          | 155         | +19%                  | 62%                  |
| Tamien              | 13              | 1,422           | 22          | 243         | 24          | 153         | -37%                  | 11%                  |
| Gilroy              | 25              | 187             | 25          | 110         | 25          | 139         | +26%                  | 74%                  |
| Blossom Hill        | 26              | 159             | 26          | 71          | 26          | 94          | +32%                  | 59%                  |
| Capitol             | 29              | 71              | 27          | 49          | 27          | 56          | +14%                  | 79%                  |
| College Park        | 27              | 103             | 28          | 41          | 28          | 45          | +10%                  | 44%                  |
| San Martin          | 28              | 84              | 29          | 25          | 29          | 41          | +64%                  | 49%                  |

# Giants Game Day Ridership

**Average Systemwide Ridership by Day Type and Giants Game Location, FY2026\***

| Day Type | Giants Game Location |        | Difference |         |
|----------|----------------------|--------|------------|---------|
|          | Away                 | Home   | Absolute   | Percent |
| Weekday  | 41,603               | 45,864 | 4,261      | 10.2%   |
| Saturday | 24,478               | 28,367 | 3,889      | 15.9%   |
| Sunday   | 18,047               | 24,284 | 6,237      | 34.6%   |

*\*FY2026 includes parts of the 2025 and 2026 Giants seasons*

# Additional Special Events

## **Sports Teams:**

- San Francisco 49ers
- Golden State Warriors
- Golden State Valkyries
- Stanford Athletics
- Bay FC
- San Jose Earthquakes
- San Jose Sharks
- San Jose Professional Women's Hockey League Team

## **Other Special Events:**

- Fleet Week
- San Francisco Pride
- Bay to Breakers
- FIFA World Cup
- Super Bowl LX
- Concerts (@ Oracle Park, Levi's Stadium, SAP Center, Stanford Stadium)

# Next Steps

- FY2026 Annual Ridership Report to be posted on the ridership webpage
- EMU-based APC system configuration and validation

# Questions?