

FY2026 Annual Ridership Report

**JPB Board Meeting
October 1, 2026**



Agenda

1. Background
2. Key Findings
3. Next Steps

Ridership Reporting Background

- Caltrain does not have fare gates or Automatic Passenger Counters (APC) yet
- 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

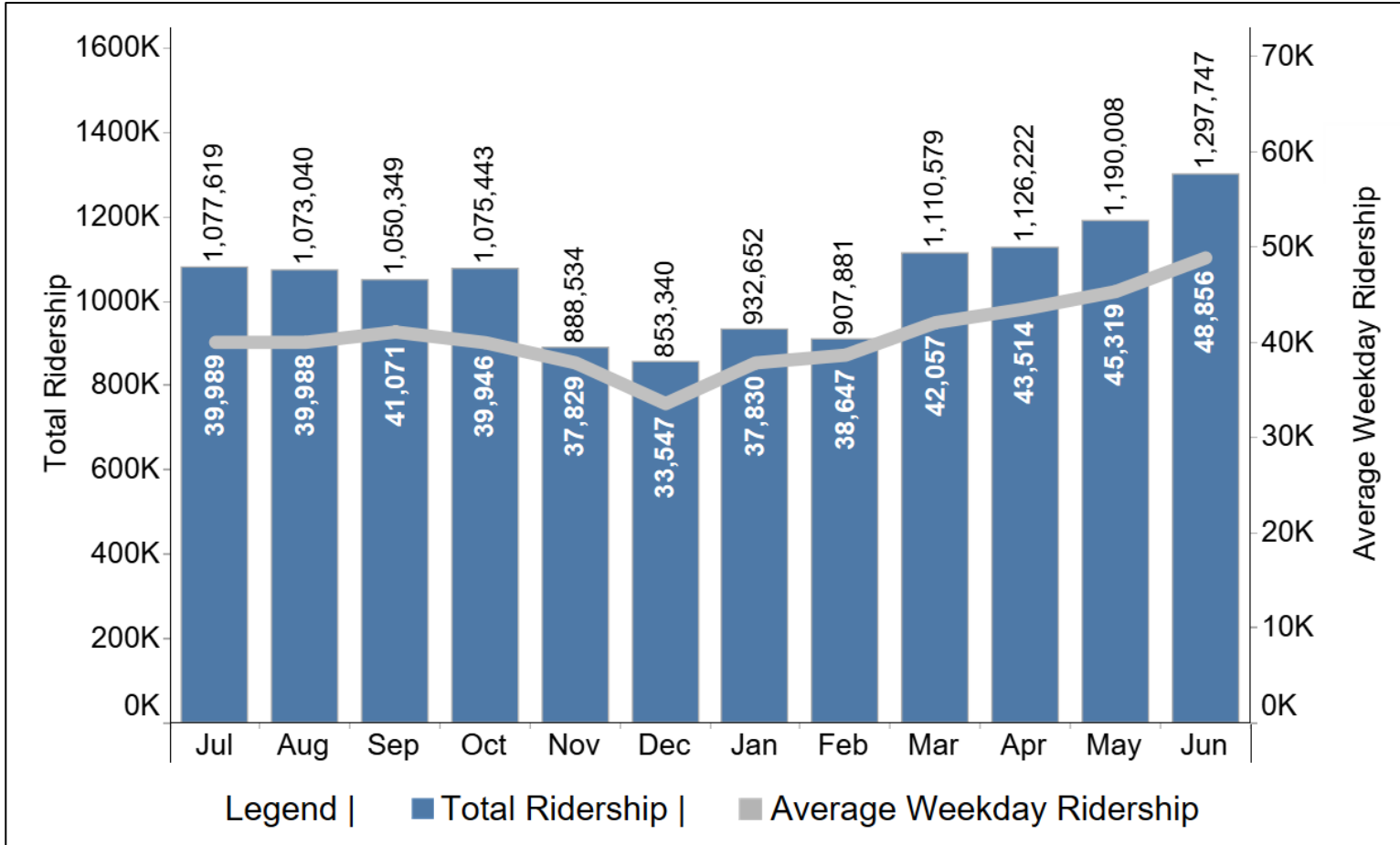
- **FY2026 Total Ridership reached 12.6 million, a 38% increase from FY2025**
- **FY2026 Average Weekday Ridership was 40,800, a 37% increase from FY2025**
- **FY2026 Average Weekend Ridership was 21,200, a 40% increase from FY2025 and 50% higher than 2019 levels**

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

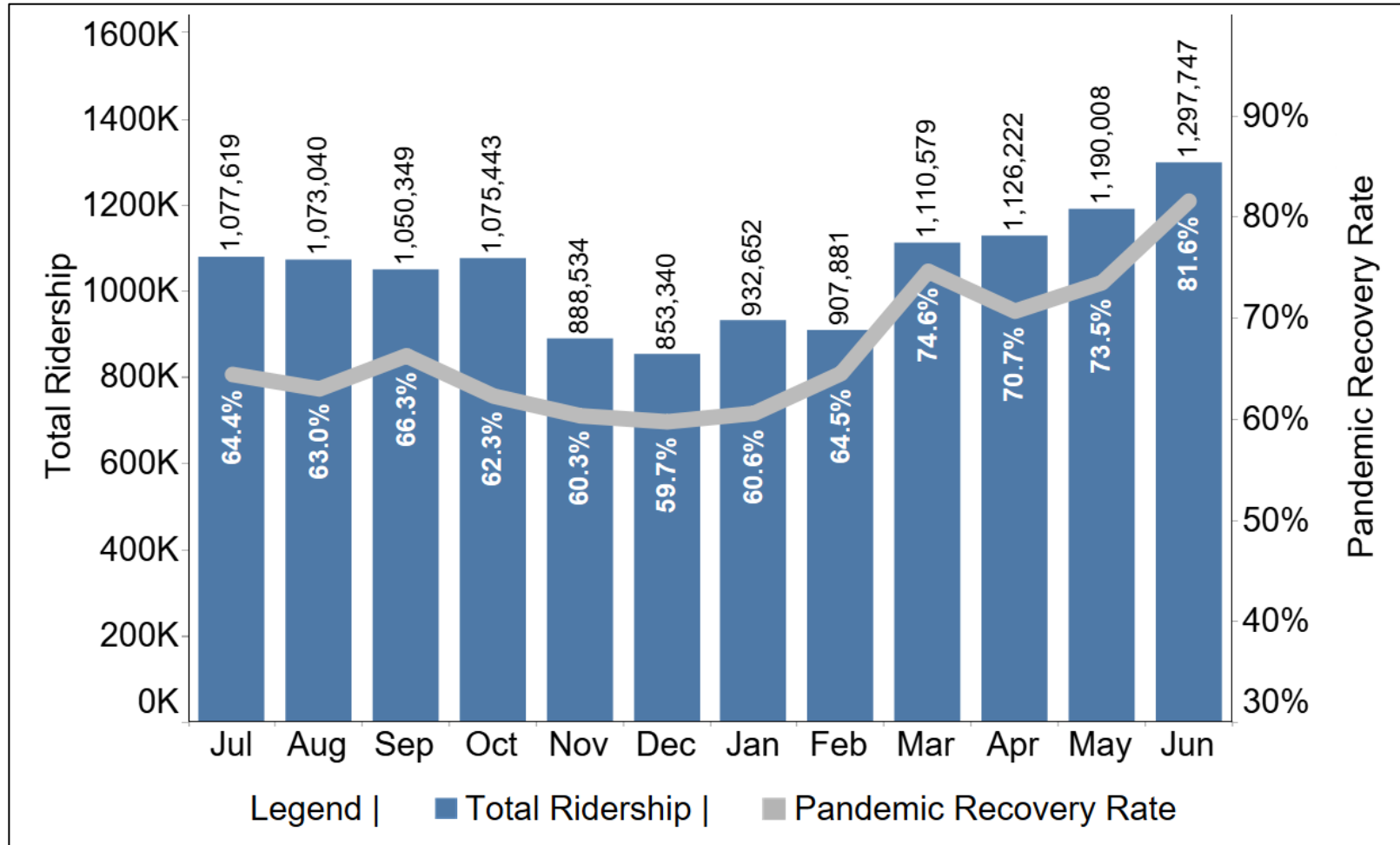


FY2026 Total Ridership:
12.6 million (+37.6% YoY)

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

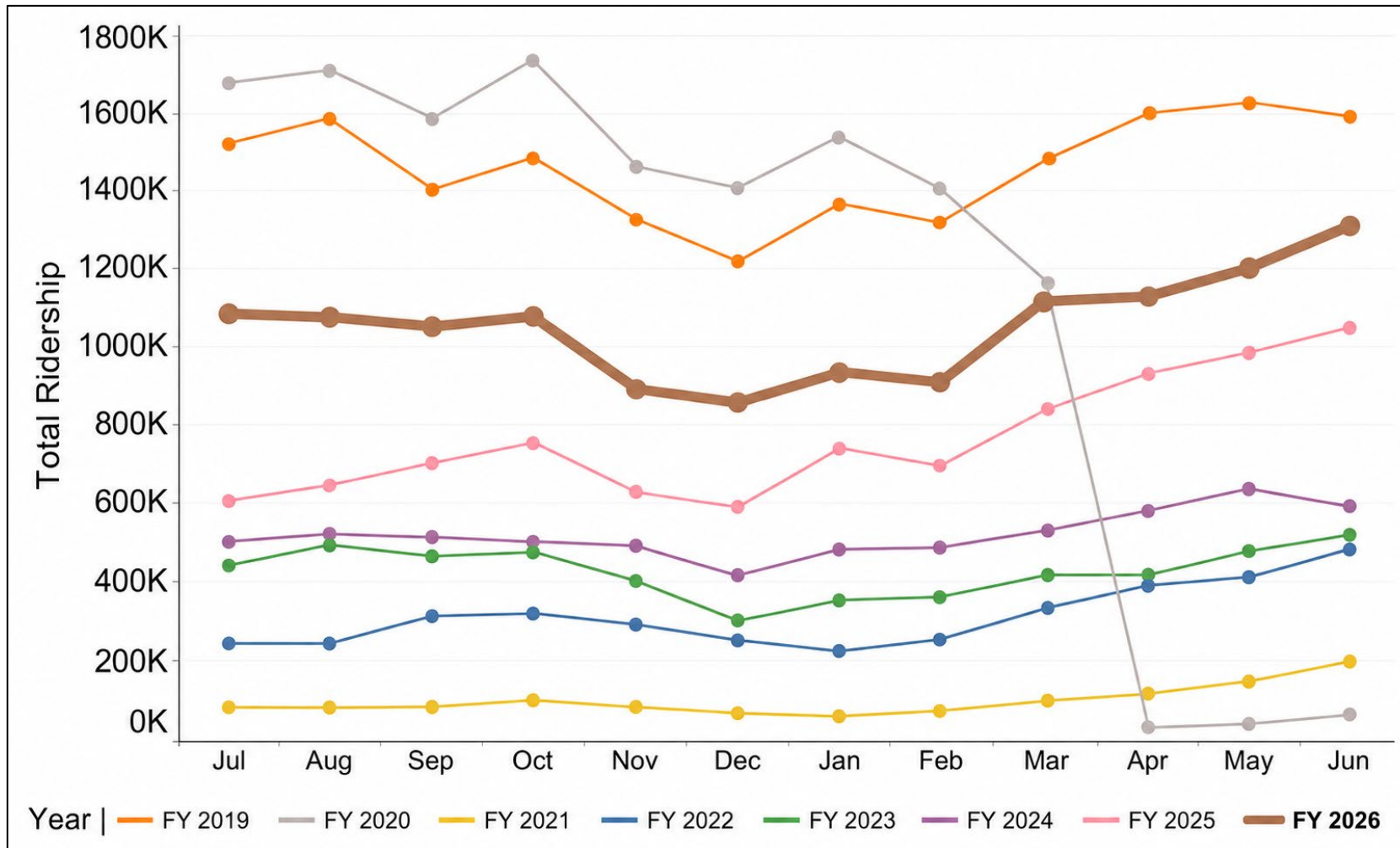
Since 2019, over 80% recovery in FY26

Total Ridership and Pandemic Recovery by Month

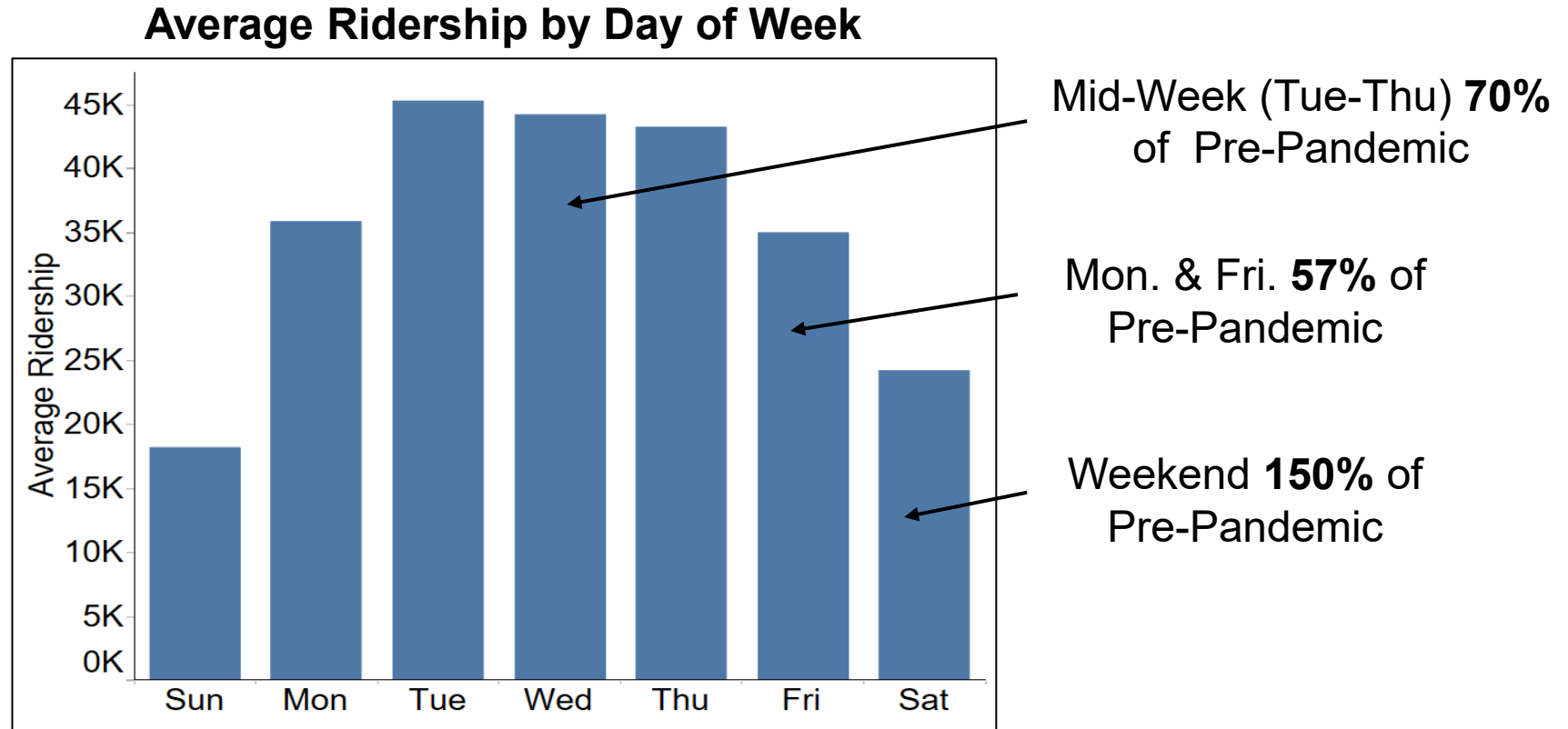


Ridership by Fiscal Year

Monthly Ridership by Fiscal Year



Ridership by Day of Week



- **FY2020 (pre-pandemic):** Midweek ridership **1-9%** higher than Monday & Friday ridership
- **FY2026:** Midweek ridership **20%** higher than Monday & Friday ridership

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%	113%
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%	232%
Lawrence	18	1,004	15	686	15	1,026	+50%	102%
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%	123%
Hayward Park	21	506	21	366	20	518	+42%	102%
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?