



### Q3 2021 Ridership

**Annual Total System Boardings** 

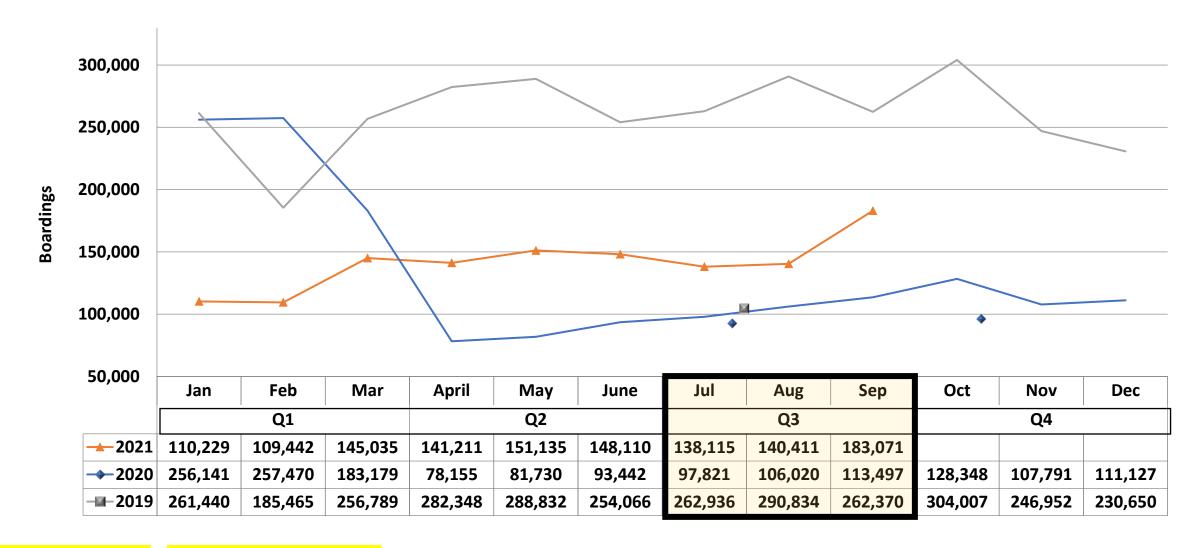
**2021 YTD** 

**1,266,759** 

**2020 YTD** 

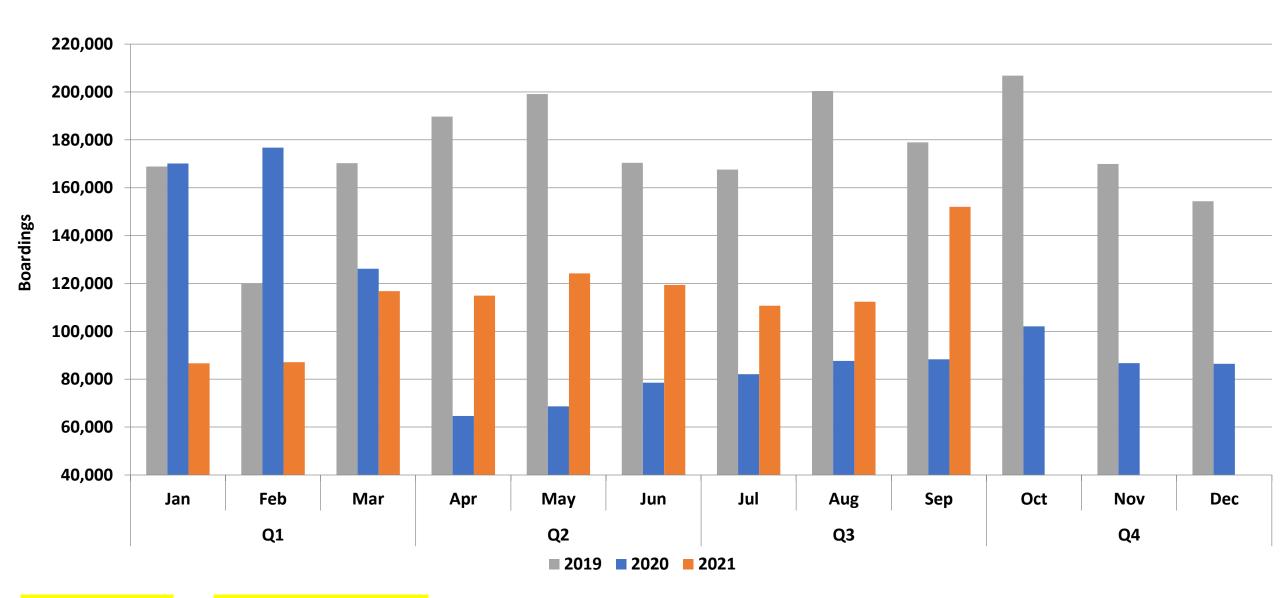
1,267,455

Q3 Highlight: Continued signs of Recovery



### Fixed Route Performance

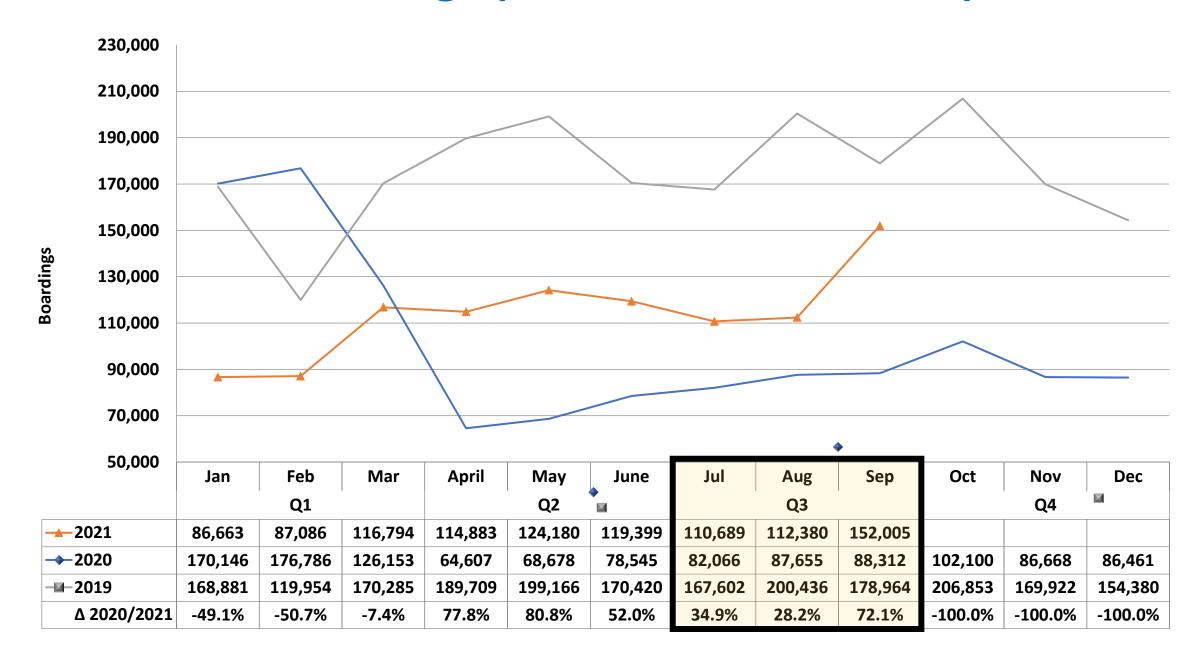




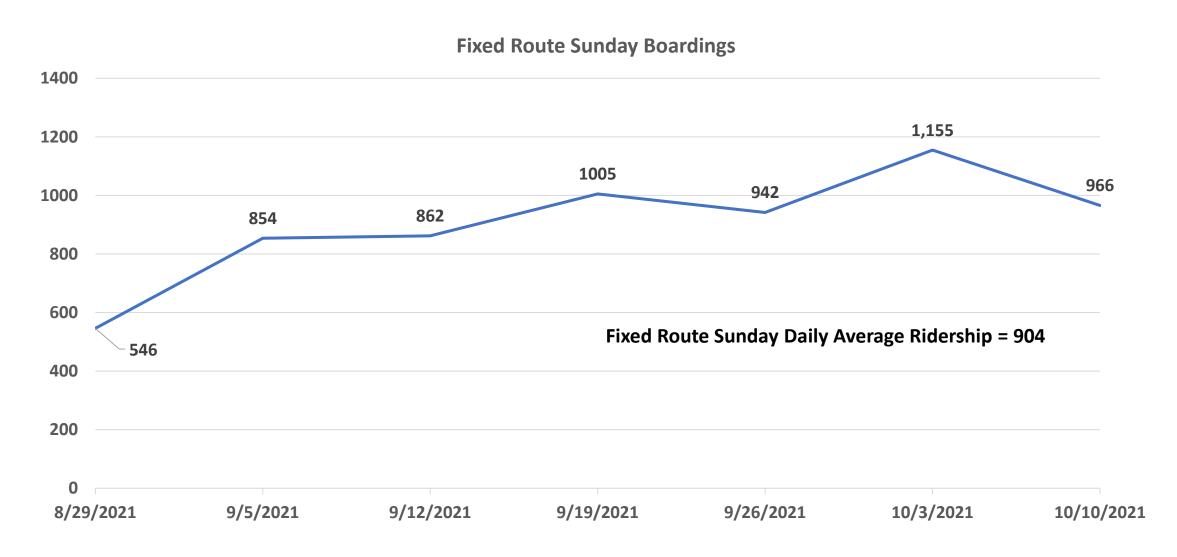
**Ridership Trends:** 

Q3  $\triangle$  2020/2021 = 45.5%

### Fixed Route Boardings (2019 vs 2020 vs 2021)

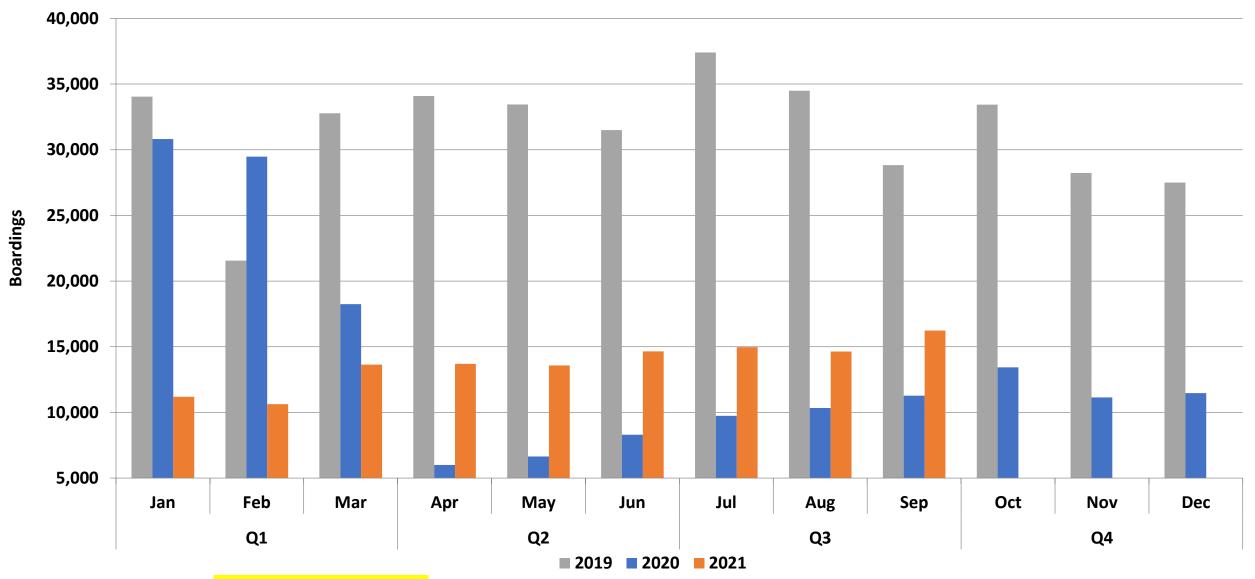


### **Fixed Route Sunday Service Performance**



### Dial-A-Ride Performance

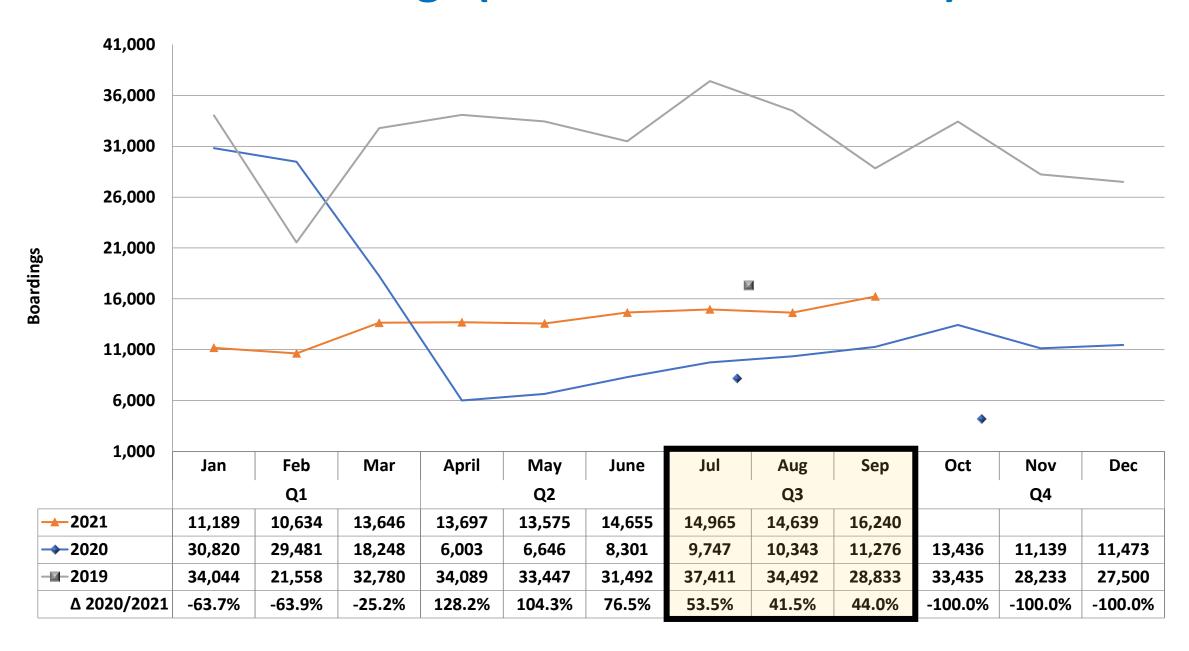




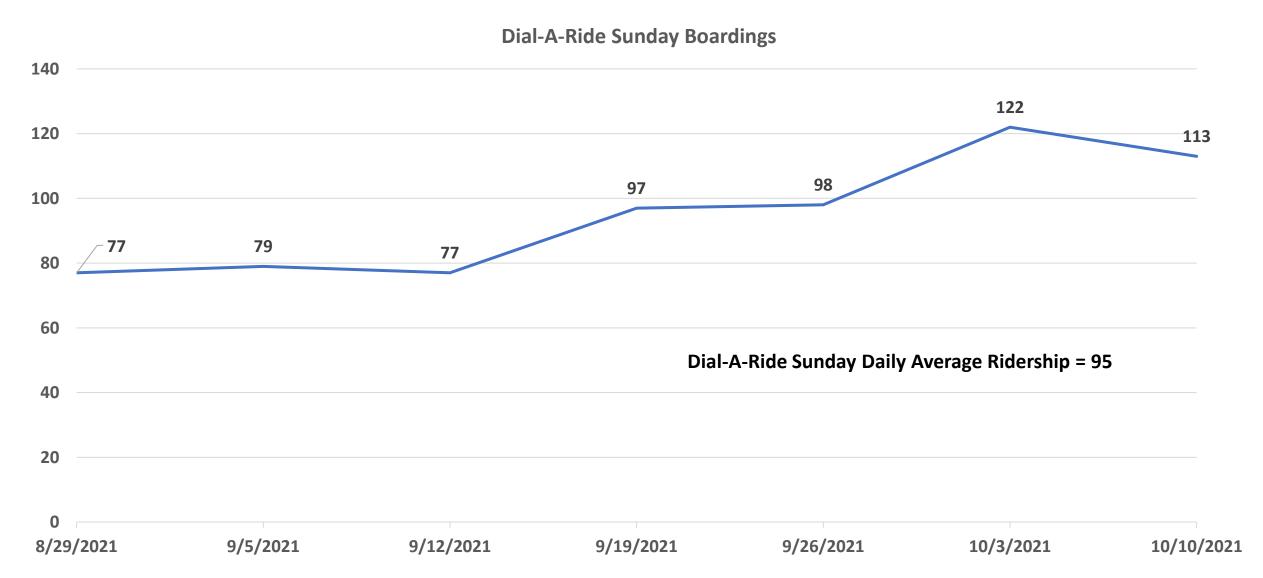
**Ridership Trends:** 

Q3  $\triangle$  2020/2021 = 46.2%

### Dial-A-Ride Boardings (2019 vs 2020 vs 2021)



### **Dial-A-Ride Sunday Service Performance**

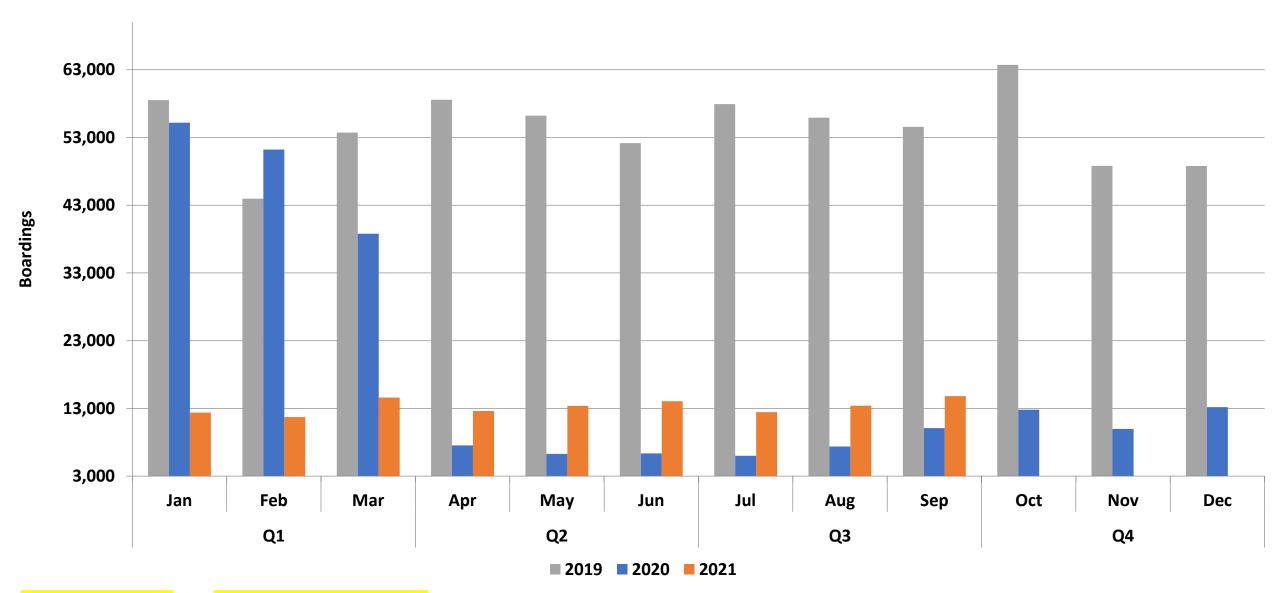


### Covid-19 Ridership Recovery Trends (DAR & FR)



### Vanpool Performance

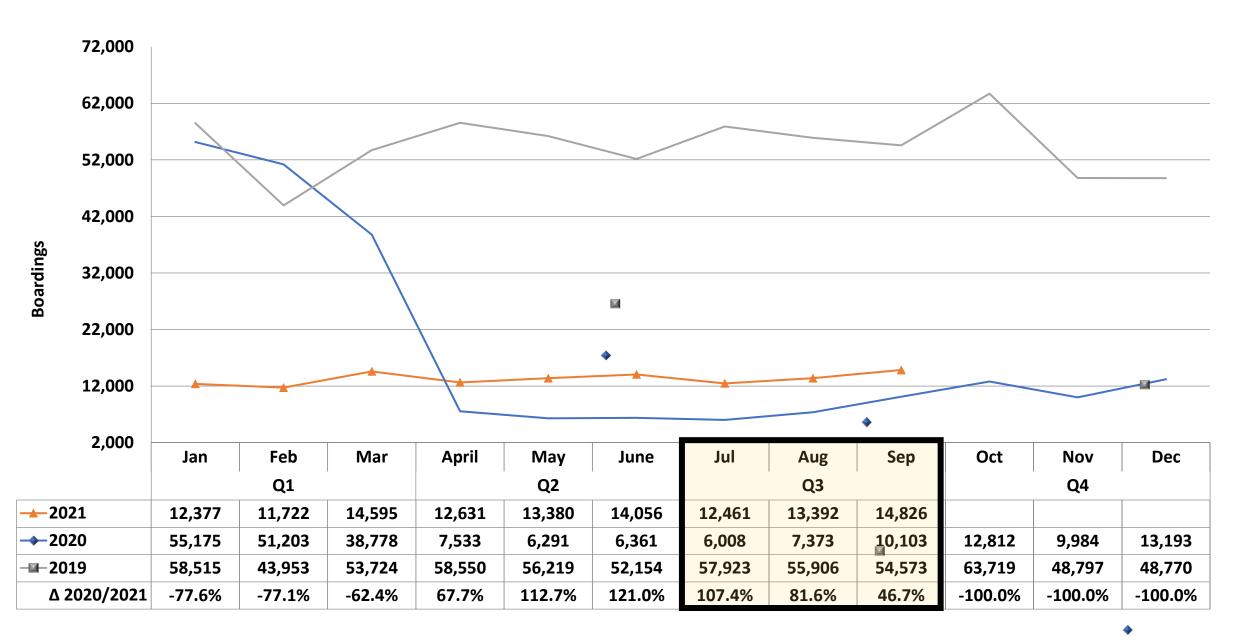




**Ridership Trends:** 

Q3  $\triangle$  2020/2021 = 73.2%

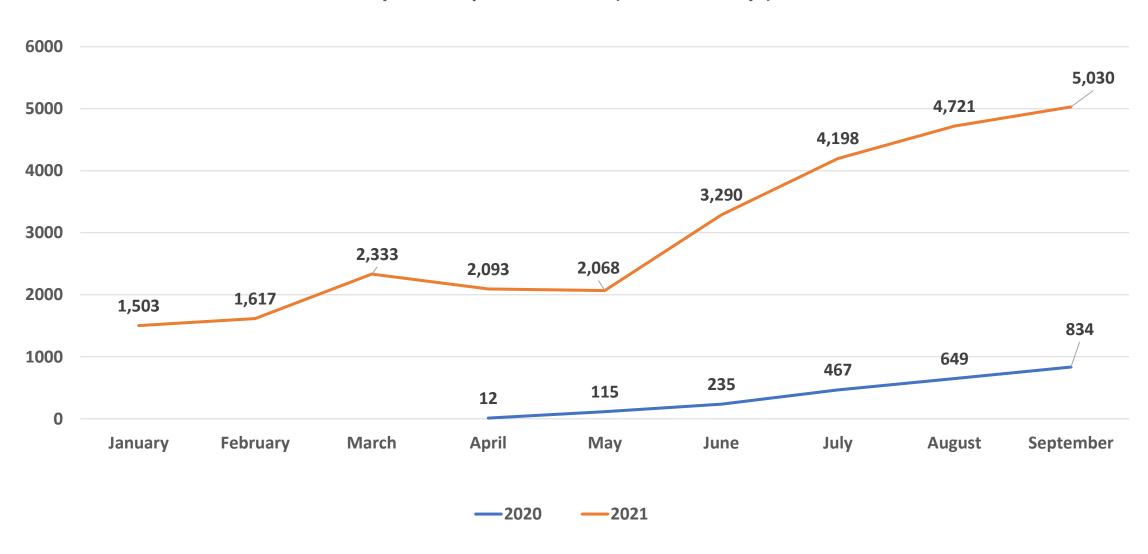
### **Vanpool Boardings (2019 vs 2020 vs 2021)**



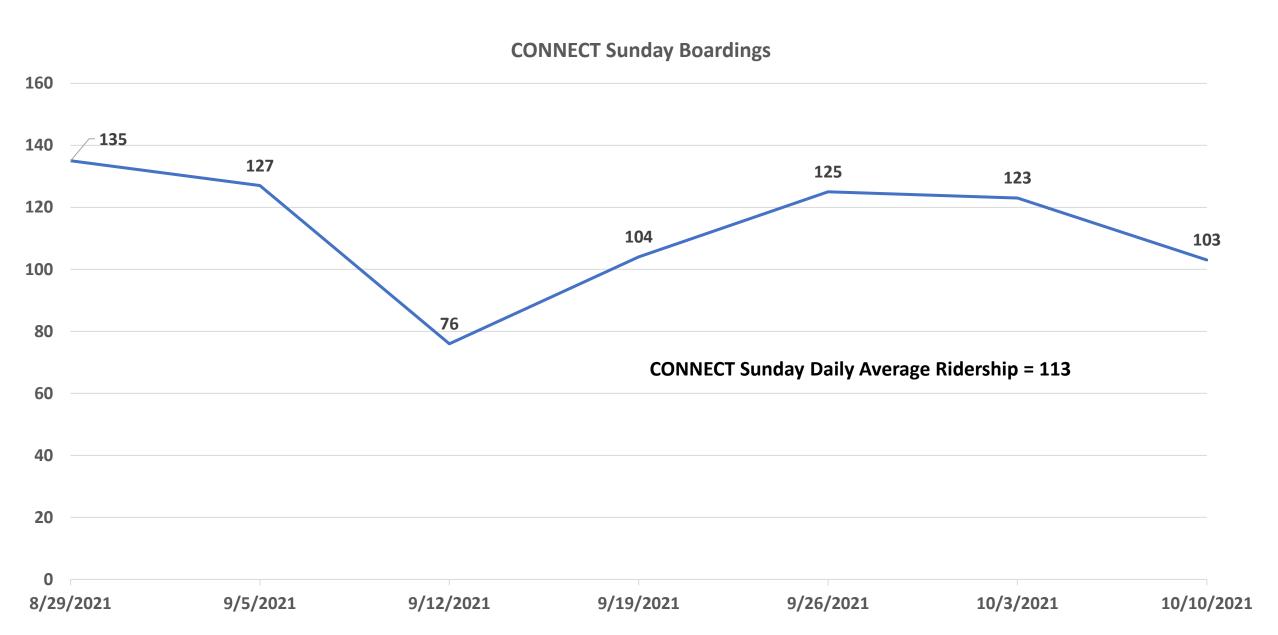
### **CONNECT Ridership Trends**



#### **Monthly Ridership Performance (All Service Days)**



### **CONNECT Sunday Service Performance**



### Marketing & Outreach















### COVID-19 Communications

#### **CONTINUED SAFETY MEASURES**

- Federal Mask Mandate
- Shuttle Capacity Limitation
- Guidance + Requirements
- Disinfection Protocols
- Fares

#### VACCINE TRANSPORTATION

BFT Service Adjustment Reminders



Ecology Grant Commuter Challenge

## **Community Outreach**



National Night Out – Benton City

#### Benton City & Prosser Survey Outreach





Rides to Voting Centers



Rides to Vaccination Sites

### **Back to School**

- Back to School Bash (Communities in Schools event)
- Legacy High School Fall Fest
- School District Outreach
  - School route/schedule info.
  - Safety protocols (masks, rider capacity, etc.)



#### BFT takes you where you want to go!

#### What's New?

- New Routes
- · More Frequent Service
- · Sunday Service
- · Free Rides\*
- · Masks Required

\*BFT remains committed to the safety of our riders and employees. All BFT services remain fare-free until further notice and face masks are required. COVID-19 precautionary measures can be found at bft.org/Safety.

#### iBFT te lleva a donde quieras ir! ¿Qué hay de nuevo?

- Nuevas rutas
- · Servicio más frecuente
- · Servicios dominicales
- Paseos gratis\*
- Se requieren mascaras

\*BFT sigue comprometido con la seguridad de nuestros pasajeros y



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to the KENNEWICK and PASCO side

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FREE SHUTTLE
Every 15 minutes | Masks Required

Friday, July 23 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m Saturday, July 24 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### To Howard Amon Park from Fran Rish Stadium with stops at:

- Knight Street Transit Center
- Knight Street Transit Center
   John Dam Plaza
   Across from Greenies (G. Way & Lee Blvd.)



From West Richland Transit Center to Bombing Range Sports Complex with stops at:

- Enterprise Middle School
   Bombing Range Rd. at Sunglow Ct.
- Please Remember:
- Masks required
- Seated riders only
- · Carry-ons allowed

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. Every 30 minutes



MORE INFO: bft.org/Events | 509

- Art in the Park Shuttle
  - Boat Race Shuttle
  - Hogs & Dogs Shuttle



### **Sunday Service**

Clicks on Sunday Service Maps

Clicks on <a href="mailto:bft.org/newplaces">bft.org/newplaces</a>

17,685

7,926

KAPP/KVEW News Reel on Sunday Service



### Getting the word out to our community







### NEW Sunday Service

Transit
BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT

Wherever you go, we want to take you there.

bft.org/NewPlaces





### **Social Media**





773,811

**★**73,065 Organic **★**700,746 Paid

130

3,203

149

**TOTAL REACH** 

**NEW PAGE LIKES TOTAL FOLLOWERS NEW FOLLOWERS** 



22,557 618

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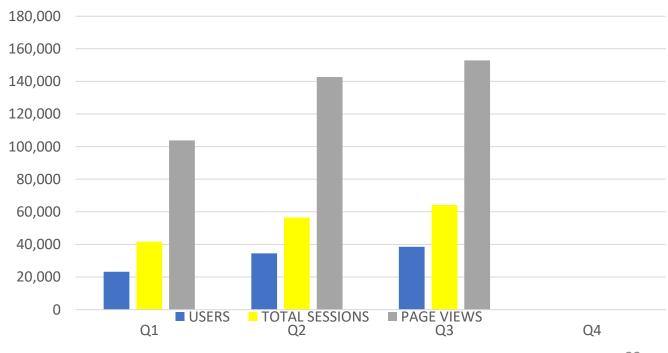
**IMPRESSIONS TOTAL FOLLOWERS NEW FOLLOWERS** 





### Website Analytics

#### **WEBSITE USE GROWTH Q1 THRU Q3**





OUR MOST ENGAGING
SOCIAL POSTS



Ben Franklin Transit

Published by Hootsuite ● - August 8 - ●

Beginning Sunday, Aug. 29, EVERYONE can ride with BFT!

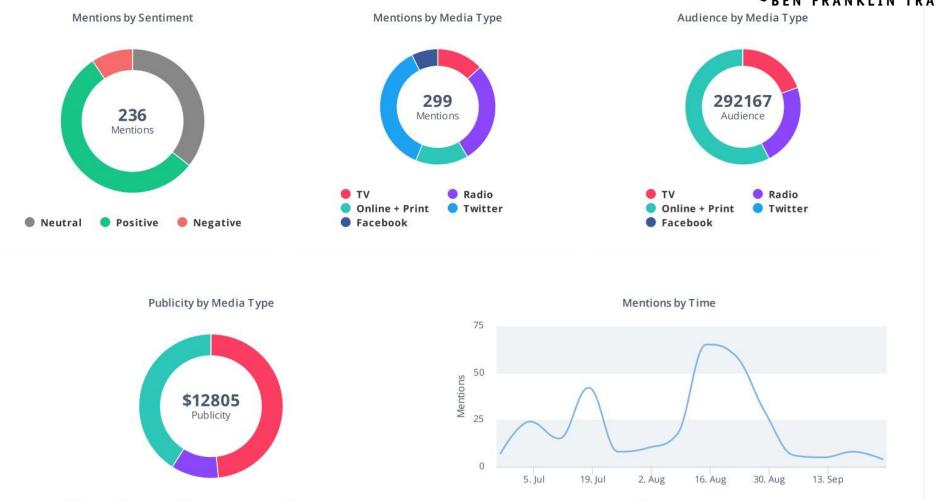
We are just BURSTING with joy to finally announce SUNDAY SERVICE is



### **Publicity Data**

Online + Print Facebook





— Mentions

### **Local News Clips**





Water Follies & Art in the Park Shuttle Service

Working with Amazon & City of Pasco





### 2021 Goals & Initiatives



# BFT STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVES

- 1 Address Community Growth
- 2 Maximize Community Outreach & Involvement
- 3 Implement Succession Planning & Staff Development
- 4 Address Community Demographics
- 5 Participate in Economic Development
- 6 Plan for Paratransit Demographic Shifts
- 7 Integrate Technology
- 8 Pursue Environmentally Friendly Buses

2021 Goals & Initiatives	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Safety First	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ridership Restoration/Growth	✓	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Strategic Planning	✓	✓	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	✓	✓	✓
Implementation of Operational Technology	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Agency Modernization	✓	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	$\checkmark$
Alternative Fuels		$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Labor Relations	Contractual Requirement							

### **2021 Goals & Initiatives Progress**

Q1 Q2 Q3	2021 Goals & Initiatives	Start	End	Revised Date
	Safety First			
	Transit Operations Accident Prevention - Vanpool	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Major Preventable Accidents at Less than .75 per 100,000 Miles	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Update Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Maintain a Safe Work Environment – Facilities/Maintenance	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Ridership Restoration/Growth			
	Restore Fixed Route Ridership	1/2/21	12/31/22	
	Performance Monitoring and Reporting	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Community Outreach to Key Demographics	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Implement and Refine Group Travel Training Curriculum	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Frequent Service Corridor Implementation	1/2/20	6/5/21	
	Contracted Services	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Develop a Program Recovery Plan for Post-Pandemic Vanpool Operation	9/1/20	12/31/21	
	Strategic Planning			
	Develop 2021-2026 Transit Development Plan	2/1/20	9/1/21	
	Long-Range Service Plan and Vision	3/1/21	6/30/22	
	Prosser/Benton City Service Analysis	1/2/20	12/31/21	
	Conduct Comprehensive Fare Policy Study	3/1/21	3/21/22	
	Organizational Infrastructure	1/2/20	12/31/21	

### 2021 Goals & Initiatives Progress (continued)

Q1 Q2 Q3	2021 Goals & Initiatives	Start	End	
	Implementation of Operational Technology			
	Fixed Route	1/2/20	6/30/23	
	Implement Asset Management Module to Track Facilities Maintenance per TAM	1/2/19	6/30/21	12/31/21
	Performance Monitoring and Reporting	1/2/20	12/31/21	
	Identify Operational & Financial Metrics and Indicators	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Implementation of Document Control System	1/2/21	12/31/21	9/30/22
	IT Infrastructure Improvements	9/1/20	12/31/22	
	Evaluate & Upgrade HRIS System	1/2/20	12/31/22	
	Agency Modernization			
	Agency Brand Enhancement	1/2/21	6/30/22	
	Facilities Upgrades	9/3/19	3/31/22	
	New Transit Facilities	10/1/19	12/31/22	
	System Amenities	10/1/19	12/31/22	
	Alternative Fuels			
	Complete Alternative Fuels Plan	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Labor Relations			
	Fixed Route Operators	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	DAR Drivers/Reservationists	1/2/21	12/31/21	
	Administrative Assistants	1/2/20	3/31/21	



# QUESTIONS