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Prince George's County Transit Planning Update

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Presentation Overview

- Trends in Prince George's County
- New Service
- Improving On Time Performance (OTP)
- Bus Stop Improvement Program
- Transit Development Plan (TDP)

Trends in Prince George's County

“The Bus” Ridership declining

- FY 2017: 2.9 Million Passengers
- FY 2016: 3.1 Million Passengers

Potential Reasons

- Gas Prices
- On-Demand Ridersharing Applications (Uber/Lyft)
- MetroRail – Safetrack Projects
- Telework

Well-Performing Routes (Top 3 – June 2017)

- Route 32 – Clinton / Camp Springs
- Route 18 – Langley Park/Addison Road
- Route 16 – Greenbelt / New Carrollton



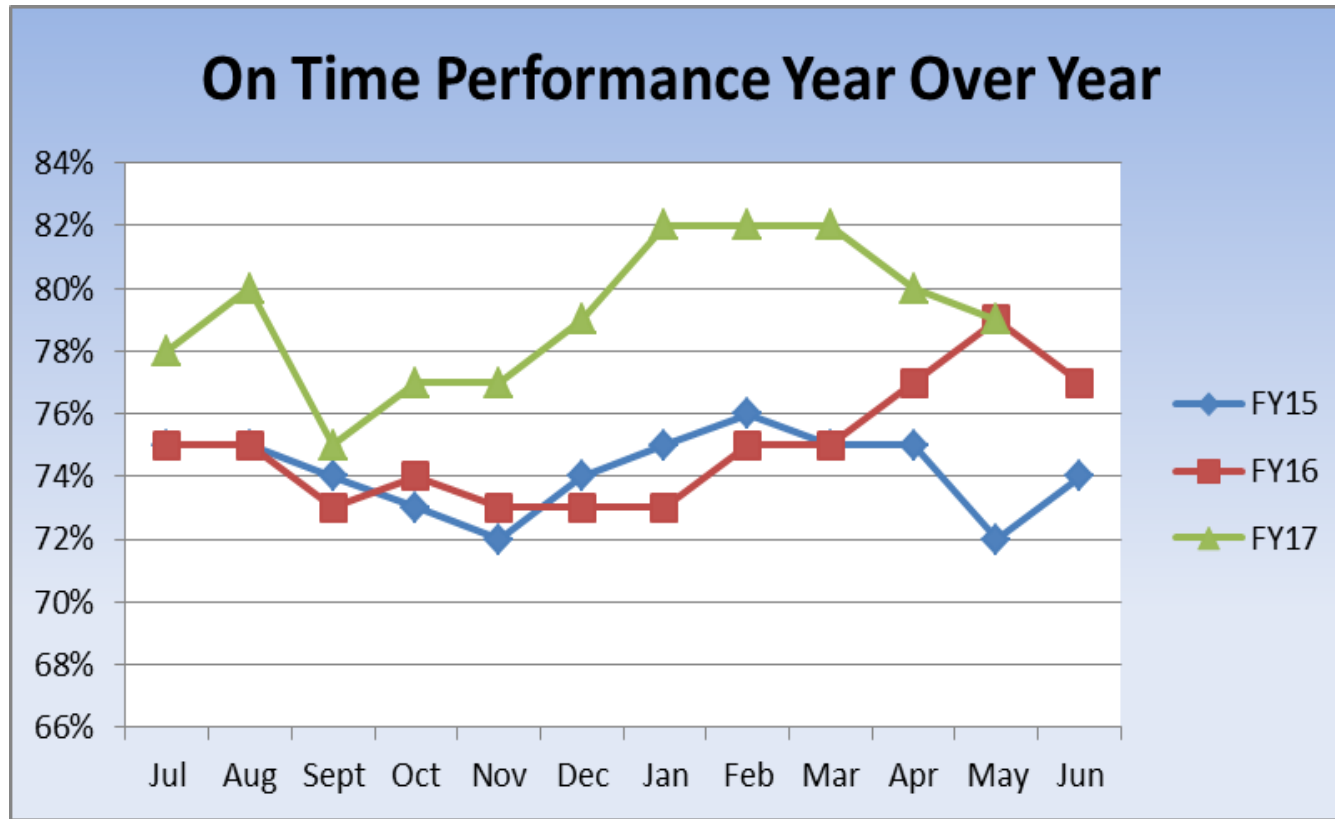
ROUTE 32	THE BUS	Camp Springs/Iverson Mall
Naylor Road Metrorail Station/Iverson Mall/Camp Springs/Clinton		
NORTHBOUND To Naylor Road Metrorail Station		
Clinton Fringe Parking Lot	Branched Towers	Old Branch Avenue @ Convent Way
5:30	6:00	6:30
6:30	7:00	7:30
AM		
ROUTE 18	THE BUS	Langley Park/Prince George's Plaza/ Addison Road Metrorail Station
ROUTE 16		
ROUTE 16	THE BUS	Greenbelt/New Carrollton Station
Greenbelt Metrorail Station/New Carrollton Metrorail Station		
To Greenbelt Metrorail Station		To New Carrollton Metrorail Station
NORTHBOUND		SOUTHBOUND
NEW	REFURB	LAMONT
	HANOVER	57th
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		HANOVER
		LAMONT
		REFURB
		NEW

New Service – Late 2016- Early 2017

- * Expanded Route 18 service to Takoma – Langley Transit Center
- * Added new bus stop at MGM Casino
- * Expanded Route 30 to serve Medstar Southern Maryland Hospital
- * Expanded Route 15x (Greenbelt /NASA/New Carrollton) to serve the Greenbelt Station Residential Community (off of MD -193) – “Pilot Private/Public Partnership”

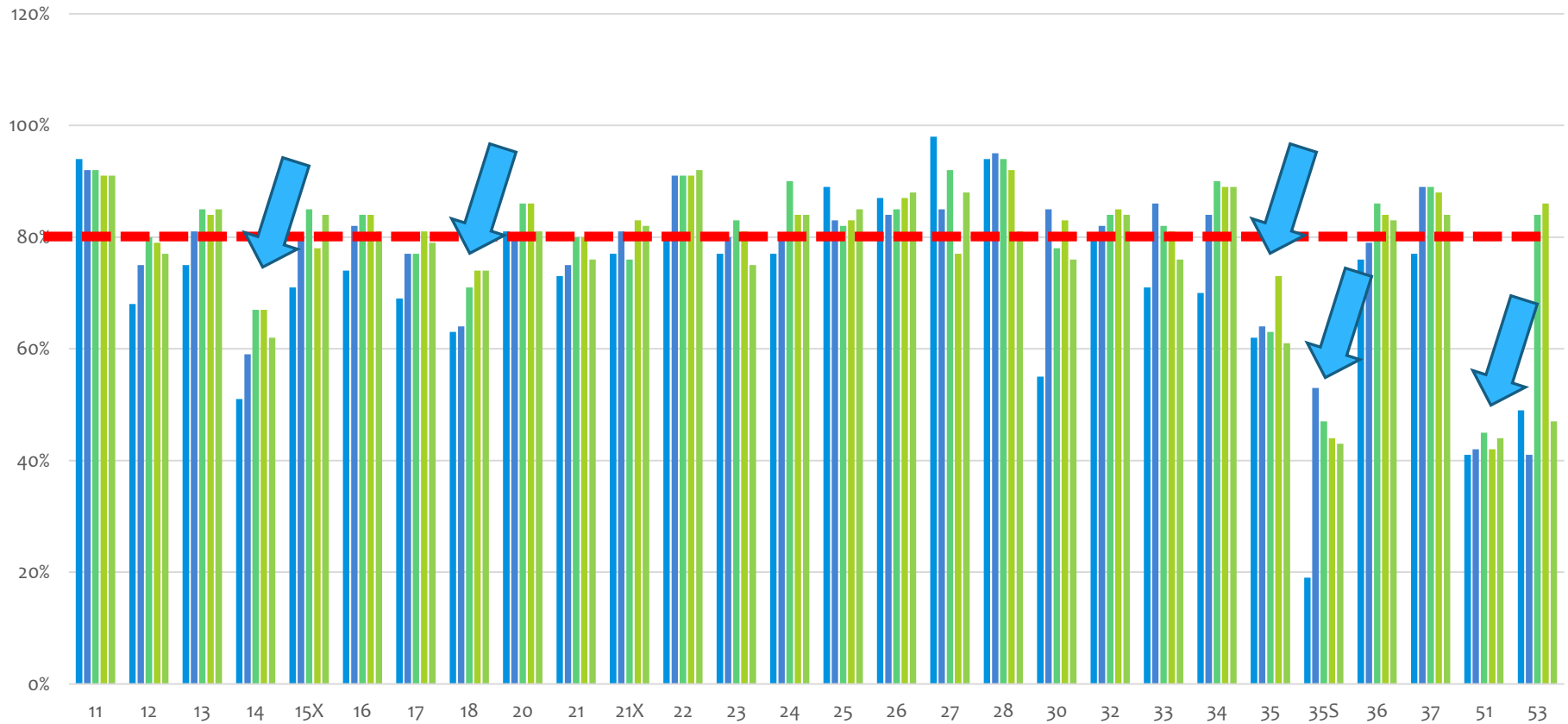


On Time Performance Comparison FY15 thru FY17



Goal:
Increase
overall OTP to
80% or better

On-Time Performance – June 2017



Most Routes performing well or just at 80%; Problematic Routes Still Persist

Targeted Retiming Effort to Address OTP - Routes 18, 21, 23, 24, 35, 35s, & 53

Data Analyses

- OTP statistics and Schedule Optimizer (Nextbus)
- Ridechecks
- Collaboration with TransDev Management
- Bus Operator Feedback

Preliminary Findings

- **Route 18** – Takoma Langley Transit Center – Addison Road Metrorail Station
 - Residual southbound delays in PM Peak around Bladensburg
- **Route 35s** – Fort Washington
 - > 50% of late departures occur during final 2 trips of the evening
 - Route Path Change Needed near National Harbor and Tanger Outlets



Bus Stop Improvement Program

July 2016 thru December 2016 (Phase II)

- * Transit staff prioritized bus stops needing immediate improvements
- * Partnered with DPW&T engineers and their consultants to prepare site design plans and leveraged existing construction contracts to upgrade bus stops
- * Coordinate with SHA on locations needing minor site improvements (e.g., U.S. Route 1/College Park)
- * **120** bus stops upgraded in Phase II

Program Goals

- * Improve connectivity – bus stops , sidewalks, intersections.
- * Improve bus passenger and pedestrian waiting areas.
- * Provide new sidewalk construction connecting bus stops with nearest intersections.
- * Install or upgrade curb ramps and bump tile treatment, as needed
- * Improve infrastructure – curb and drainage inlets.



Bus Stop Improvement Project Examples

Allentown Road @ Wills Lane



The wider pad is noticeable and allows for possible future shelter placement.

Nalley Road @ Nalley Court



Improvements feature standing pad and sidewalk retaining wall guarding the sloping grade behind.

DPW&T Transit Development Plan (TDP)

- Office of Transportation will continue to evaluate *TheBus* service adjacent to WMATA's Service Evaluation Corridors and study areas to identify opportunities to enhance County transit service
- Secured consultant support (URS) for the development of a **Long Range Transit Vision Plan** which will build on recent economic development trends and regional transit initiatives and will include: 1.) Transit Needs Assessment; 2.) Facilities Plan; and 3.) Phased Implementation Plan for short-mid- and long-term investments; and
- Developing other analysis for the Office of Transportation including:
 - **Bicycle & Pedestrian Infrastructure Opportunities**
 - **Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan**



Preliminary Groundwork for DPW&T's TDP

Summer 2017

- Project Kickoff
- Data Collection

Summer / Fall 2017 - Outreach

- On-Board passenger surveys
- Bus Operator interviews
- Stakeholder interviews
 - Pop-up meetings at high ridership stops
 - County Agencies (e.g., MNCPPC, County Exec., Council)
 - Municipalities
 - Senior Citizen Small Group Meetings – Call-A-Bus Experience
 - WMATA Metrobus Planning



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