

# SelectPass Update

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**Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority** 

## **Purpose**

Reminder - what is SelectPass?

• Quick update on SelectPass progress

Is SelectPass changing behavior?



### What is SelectPass?

- A monthly subscription to Metro
- Choose-your-own-value
- Applying to Metro the disruptive business logic of Amazon Prime or NetFlix

### Details:

- All trips at that value or less are included
- Priced at 18 commuting days
- Online only
- Optional bus add-on





# SelectPass Sales Are Up Post-SafeTrack

Particularly after SafeTrack ended, SelectPass sales are growing steadily



- 6,500+ passes and \$800,000 in gross revenue in October
- Passes now 7% of overall rail ridership, up from 3%
- 10% of passes include bus addon

# **Customer Reception**

- "Great value."
- "I do not have to worry about my balance as often."
- "I'm saving money and I don't have to worry about how much is on my account!"
- "Freedom! I don't have to worry about making extra stops during a trip, or running an extra errand, calculating how much each activity will cost me in extra metro fees. I go where I want, when I want, getting to work and exploring the city without worry! Thank you for SelectPass!"
- "It's allowing me to ride the metro more often than I regularly would because of the money I am saving. I'm also able to travel further distances and pay a smaller amount. I love the select pass."
- "Super easy, makes me want to take metro everywhere!"







# Is SelectPass Increasing Ridership?

We analyzed Customer Travel Analytics to see if removing the marginal cost of each and every trip changes customer behavior

Customer Travel Analytics data

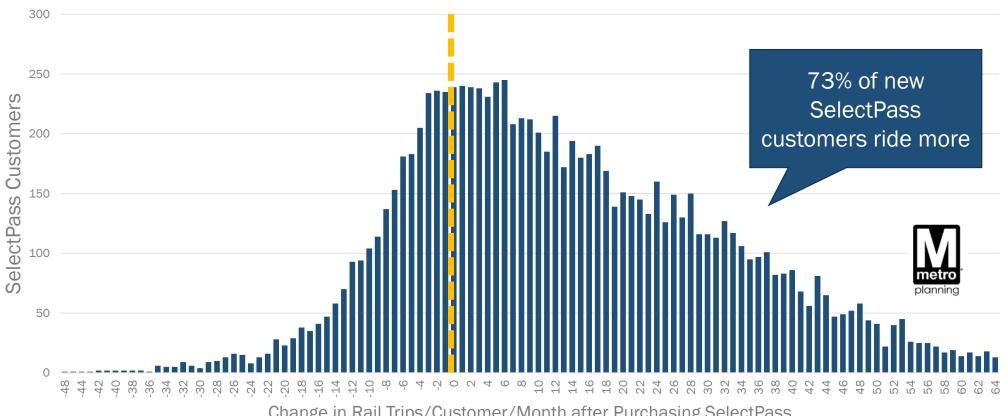
 10,000 instances where a rider switched from Stored Value to SelectPass in last 1.5 years

 Exclude cards whose primary AM Peak Entry or Exit station changed (new job or home)



## **SelectPass Customers Start Riding More**



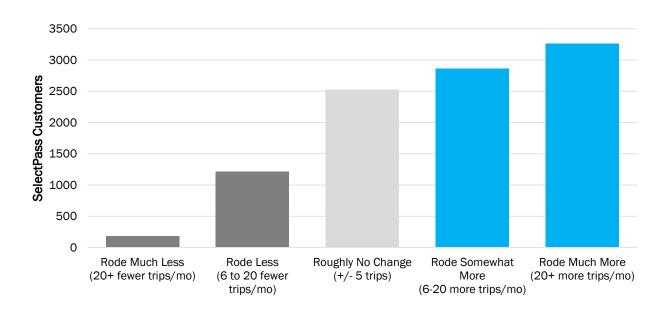






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### Change in Rail Ridership from Customers After Purchasing SelectPass



- One-Month Change in Rail Ridership after Purchasing SelectPass
- n = 10,160 pass sales March 2016-August 2017 Limited to customers whose peak commute stations did not significantly change after pass purchase

- 14 more rail trips per month
  - Over half is on peak
- \$30-50 more per month
- Is it temporary?
- Is it SafeTrack?
- Is it trip-chaining?
- Would they have done this anyways?



Count of SERIAL NBR

100

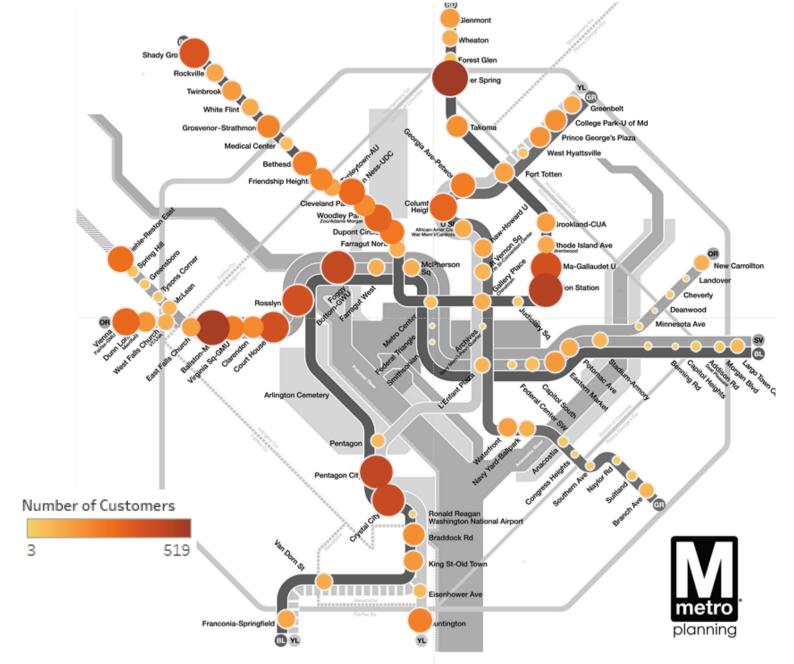
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Showing primary AM Peak entry station for nearly 15,000 customers switching to SelectPass, April 2016 to September 2017. Roughly 2,000 users with no AM Peak usage.

# Where do SelectPass Holders Live?





### A Win-Win?

### For Customers

- Convenience
- Simplicity
- "Set it and forget it"
- Trip-chaining
- Save money

### For Metro

- Insulation from revenue shocks
  - Like a Rainy Day fund
- Predictable revenue
- More ridership and revenue



### **Next Steps**



- More research
  - Customer surveys
  - Bus
- Expand to all Price Points
  - Available now for December passes
- Marketing and SmartBenefits integration

