

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority

Vanpool Program Overview

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What is the Vanpool Program?

- The vanpool program markets and provides vans to individuals who commute together (group larger than 5) on a regular basis to work or school
- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) recognizes vanpools as an alternate mode of transportation
- Each vanpool must meet at least one of the following:
 - The destination (work site or school) is in Cuyahoga County
 - The driver and all the riders are Cuyahoga County residents

How does a vanpool work?

- Volunteer Drivers: 1 Primary & 1 or 2 Alternates
- Contractor provides van, insurance, and maintenance
- RTA provides a subsidy per van mile
- Riders share remaining cost of operating the van
- Group determines daily schedule & route
- Van miles are reported from Contractor to RTA monthly and used in FTA funding formulas

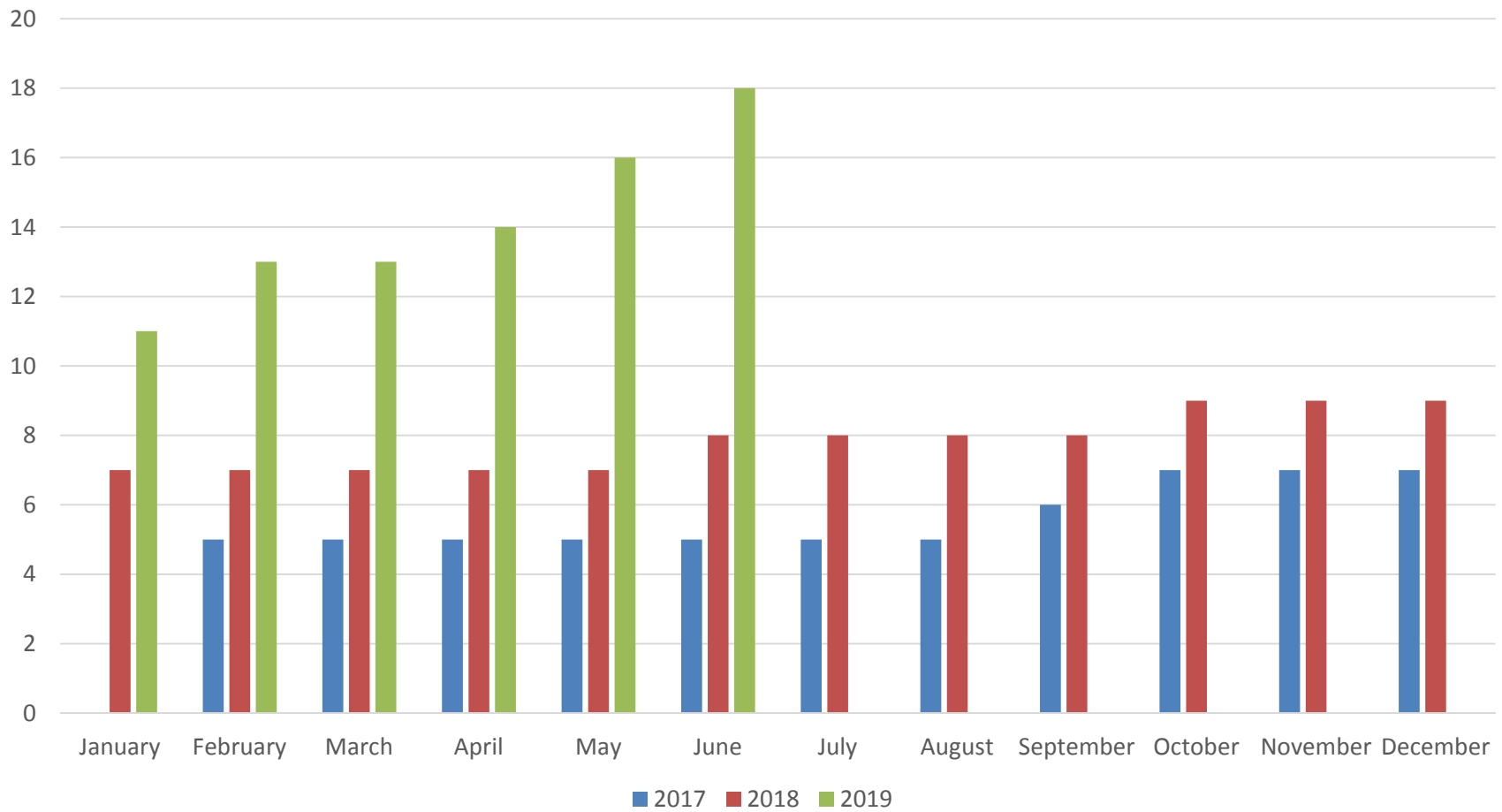
Reasons for GCRTA Vanpool Program

- Offers additional mode in RTA service portfolio
- Can be used to serve off-network locations
- Employers can subsidize their employees that wish to join the program
- Vanpool data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD) will result in higher formula grants to RTA
- Program is cost neutral to GCRTA

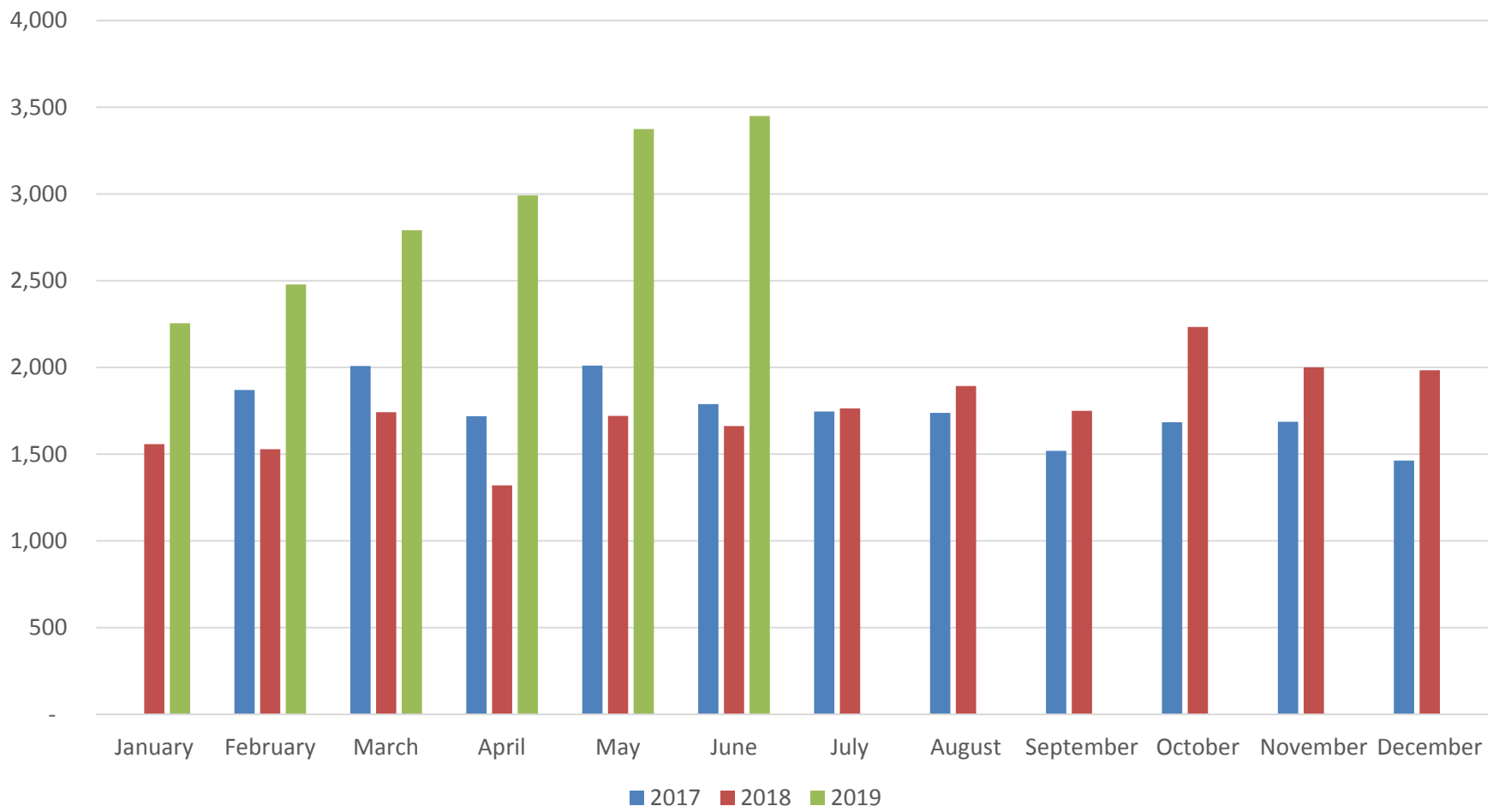
Current Vanpool Contract

- Current vendor is Commute with Enterprise (formerly vRide, Inc.)
- Contract began in October 2016
- First vans went into service in February 2017
- Three year contract will end in October 2019

Vehicles in Operation



Ridership



New Vanpool Contract

- New contract needed to continue program
- RFP issued June 24th
- Proposals received by July 25th
- Proposal evaluations underway
- Anticipate contract award recommendation at September Board Meeting

Questions?



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