

# RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2023



# Public Comments – Agenda Items

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# Committee Reports

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports



# New Hires and Promotions

January 2023



# January 2023 New Hires



Latrell Moats  
Janitor



De'Shawndrae  
Williams  
Janitor



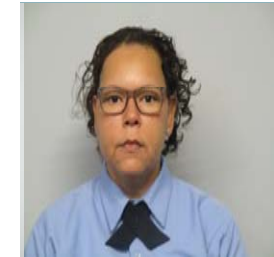
Vanessa Hollaman  
Janitor



Barbara Wilson  
Paratransit Operator



Daniel Foster  
Student Driver Trainee



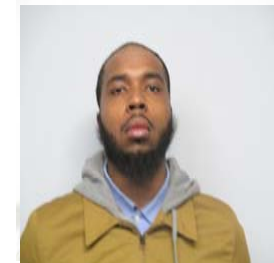
Bobbie Corleone  
Student Driver Trainee



Ava Cook  
Student Driver Trainee



Curtis Brown  
Student Driver Trainee



Shawn Foster  
Student Driver Trainee

# January 2023 New Hires



Stanley Oliver  
Student Driver Trainee



Leon Wells  
Student Driver Trainee



John Whitaker  
Student Driver Trainee



Sanford Vaughn  
Laborer Non Safety  
Sensitive



Taequan Poage  
Laborer Non Safety  
Sensitive



Anita Kochevar  
Telephone Operator/  
Information Clerk



Brady Burns  
Laborer Safety Sensitive

# January 2023 Promotions



**Paul I. Mague**  
Facilities Maintenance  
Crew Leader



**Arnold Shorter Jr.**  
Assistant Supervisor  
Equipment



**Victoria Jedlicka**  
Transit Ambassador



**Brian Pitts**  
Supervisor- Revenue  
Collection



**David Rutledge**  
Senior ITS Specialist



**Ryan Peecook**  
Crew Chief

# Resolutions







# 2022 Fourth Quarter Retirees



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Diane Taylor  
Hostler



Eddie Mae  
McKinney  
Bus Operator



Vernita Bowie -  
Thomas  
Bus Operator



John Morrison  
Bus Operator



Paul Hibbert  
Bus Operator



Dorothy Pass -  
Ashley  
Paratransit Reservations  
Operator

# 2022 Fourth Quarter Retirees



**Anthony Fortino**  
Paratransit Operator



**Jason Woods**  
Operating Instructor



**Kevin Moore**  
Asst. Supervisor -  
Equipment



**Russell Young**  
Material Handler



**Gregory  
Schreiner**  
Material Planner



**Walter Holly**  
Equipment Maintainer

# 2022 Fourth Quarter Retirees



Joseph Bilek  
Maintenance Planner



Jeffrey Beckstrom  
Lead Database  
Administrator



Kim Dian Hill  
Legal Secretary



Sheryl King Benford  
Senior Advisor  
(formerly DGM, Legal  
Affairs/General Counsel)

# Resolutions

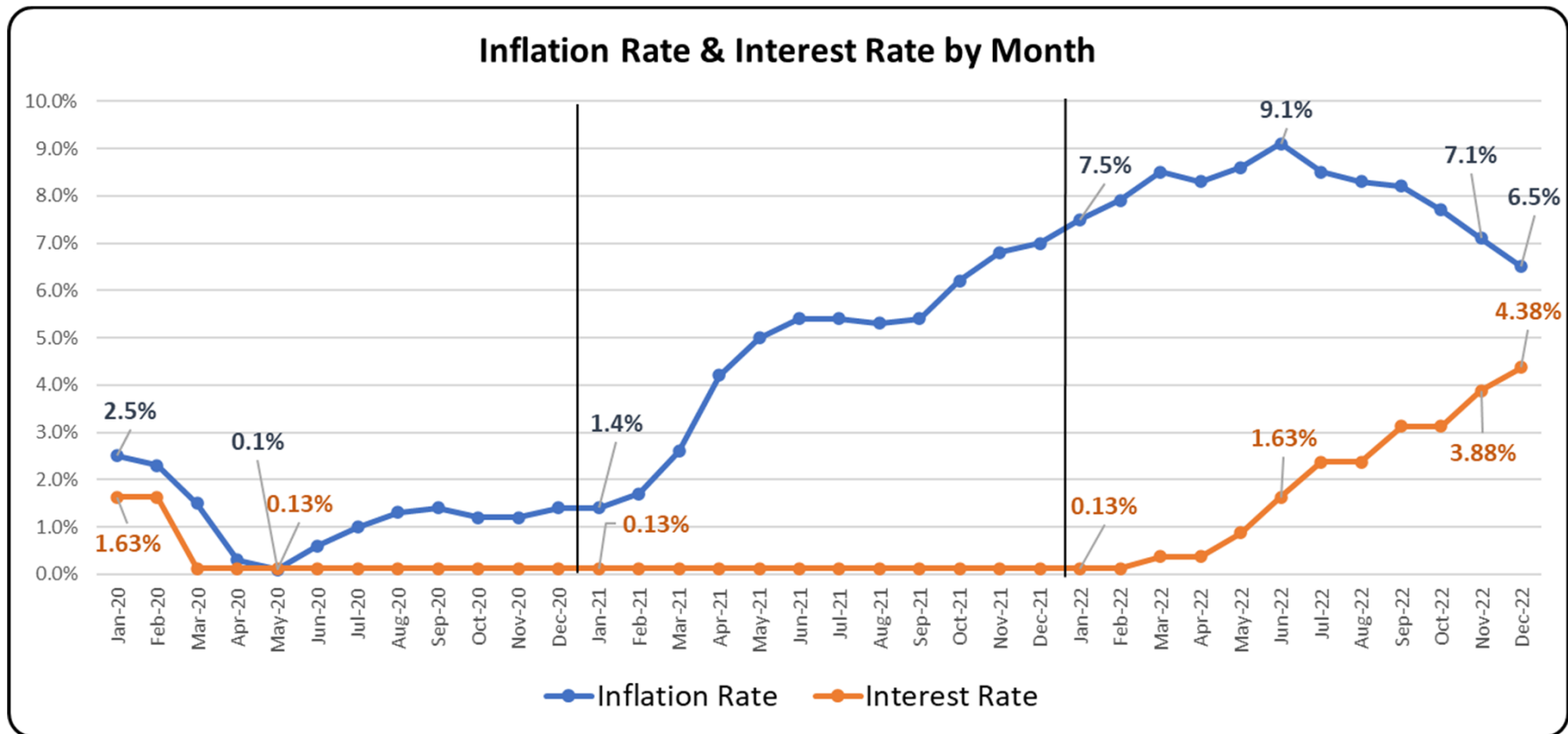


# Secretary/Treasurer Update

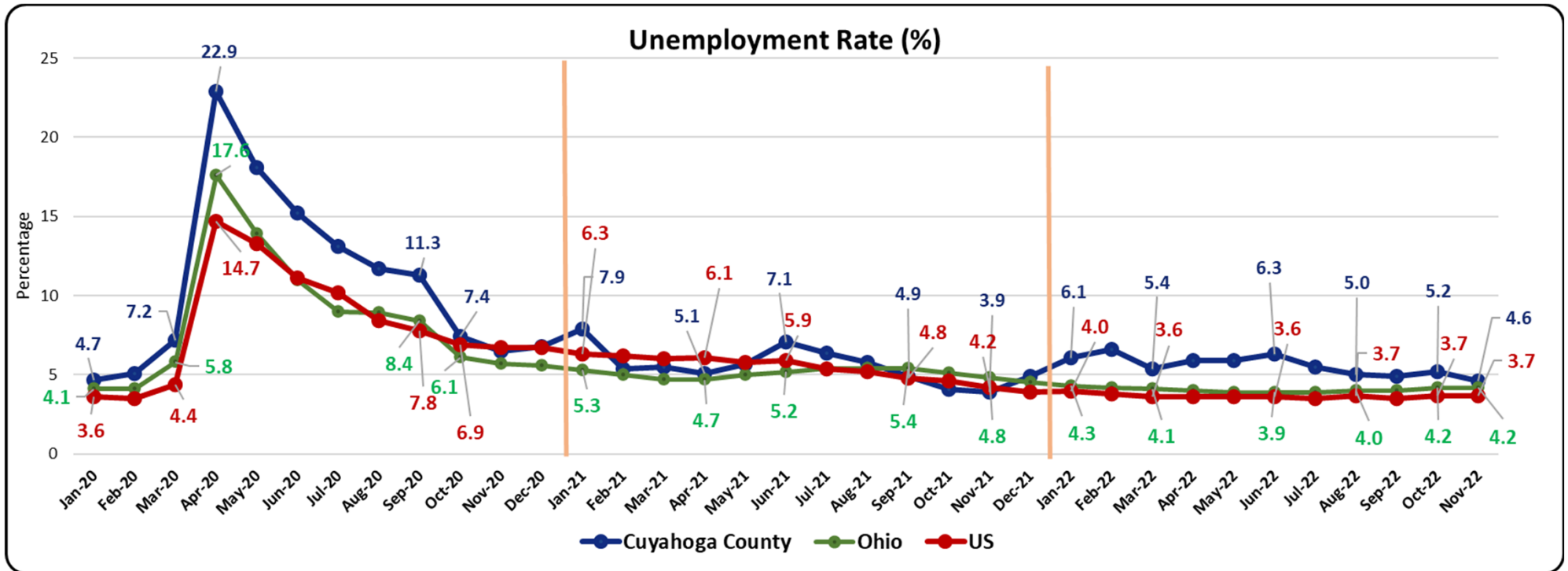
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# Economic Conditions

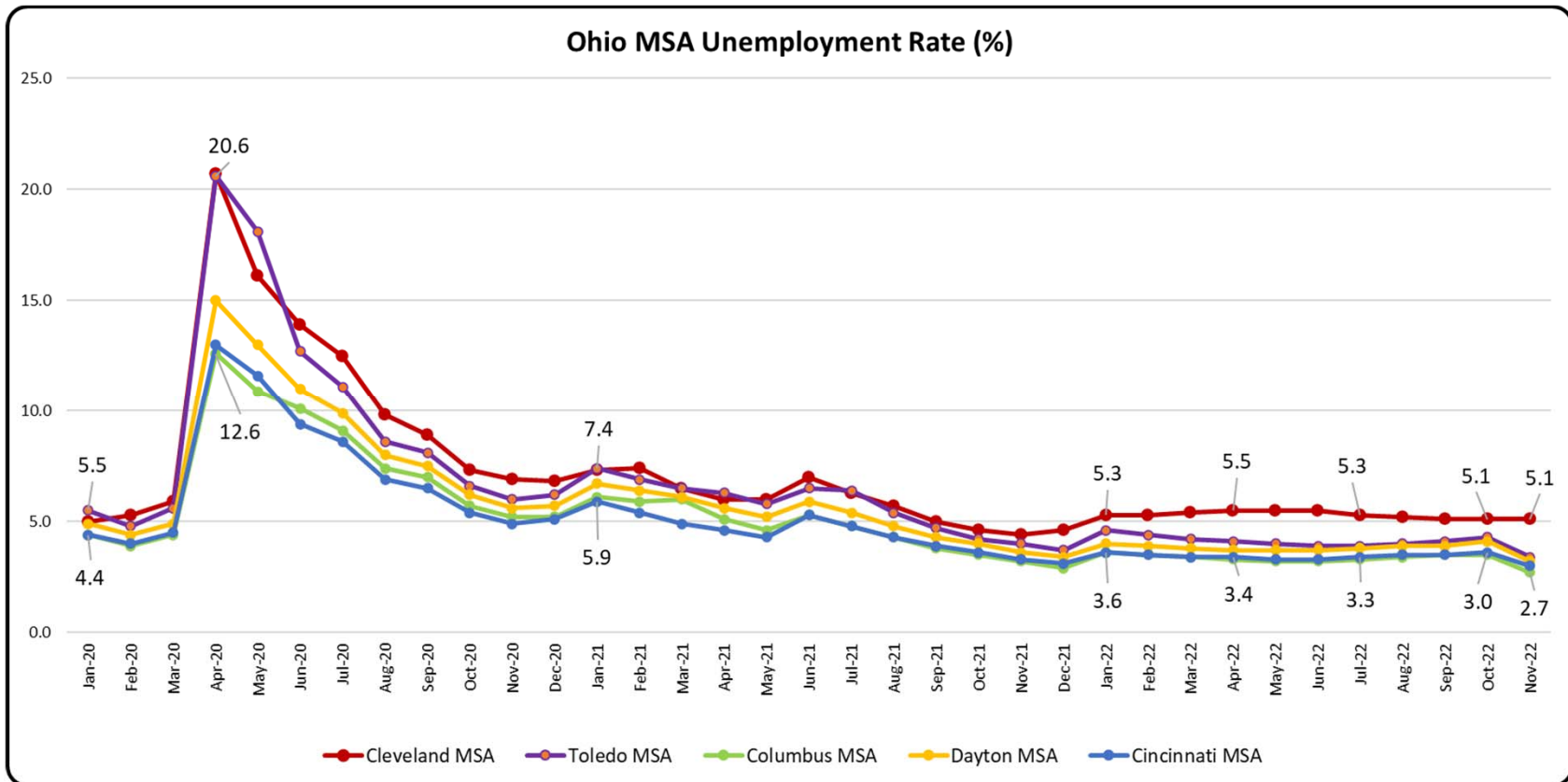


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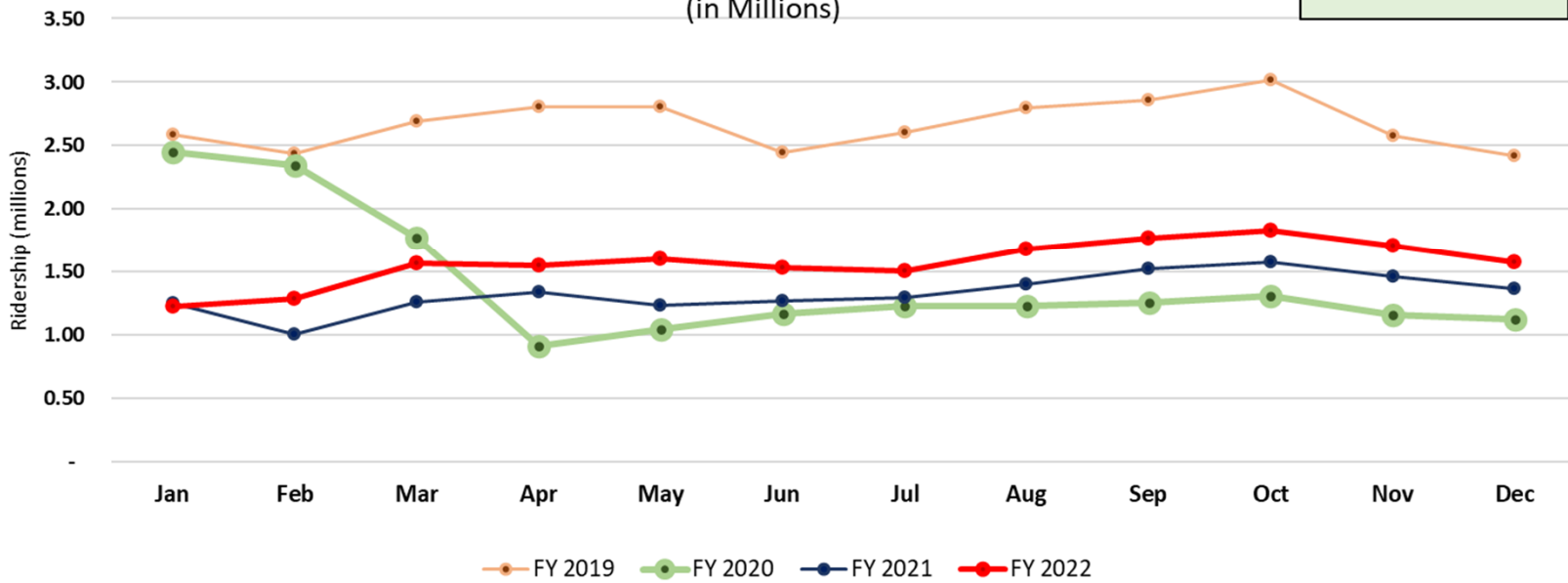
# Economic Conditions



# Ridership

Ridership by Month  
2019 through 2022  
(in Millions)

YTD: 2022 vs. 2021  
18.0%

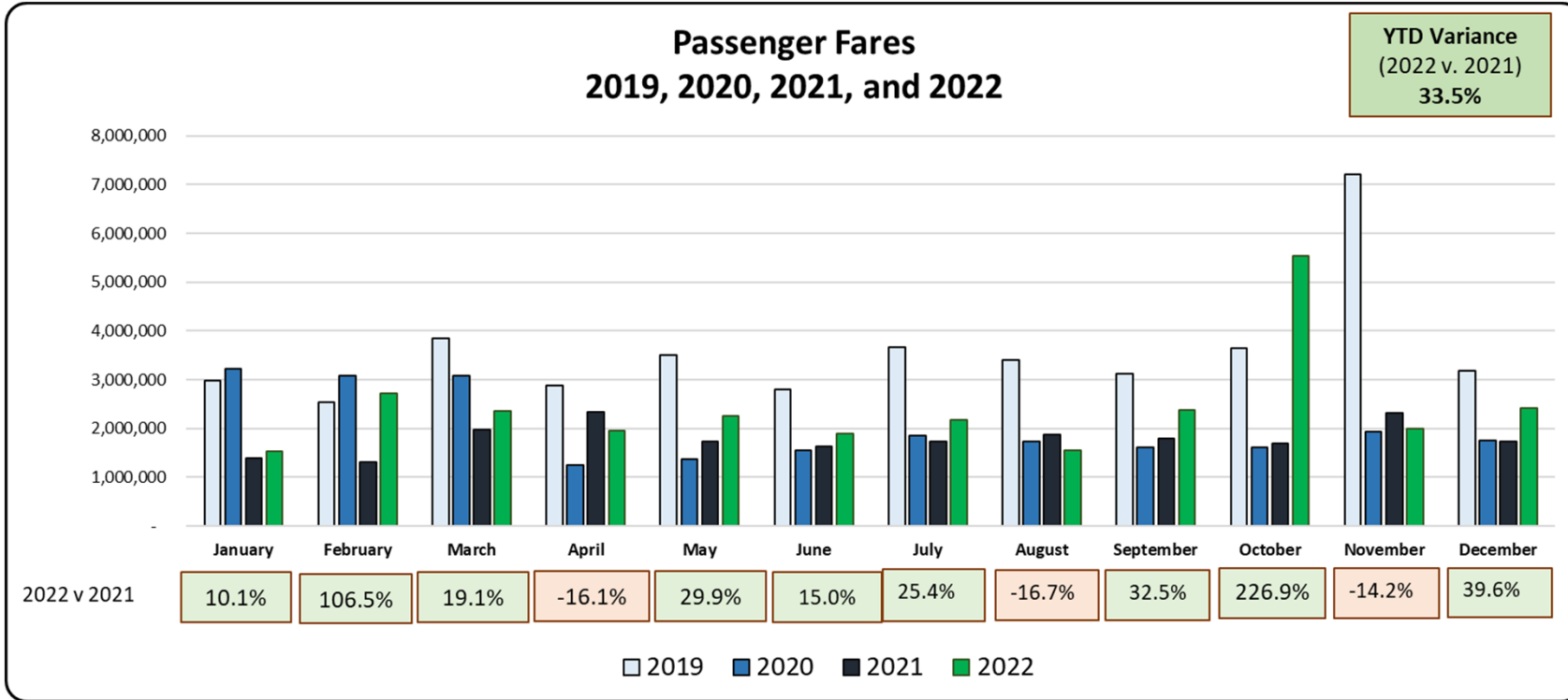


## Year-End Ridership (in millions)

2019: 32.1  
2020: 17.0  
2021: 16.0  
**2022: 18.8**



# Passenger Fares

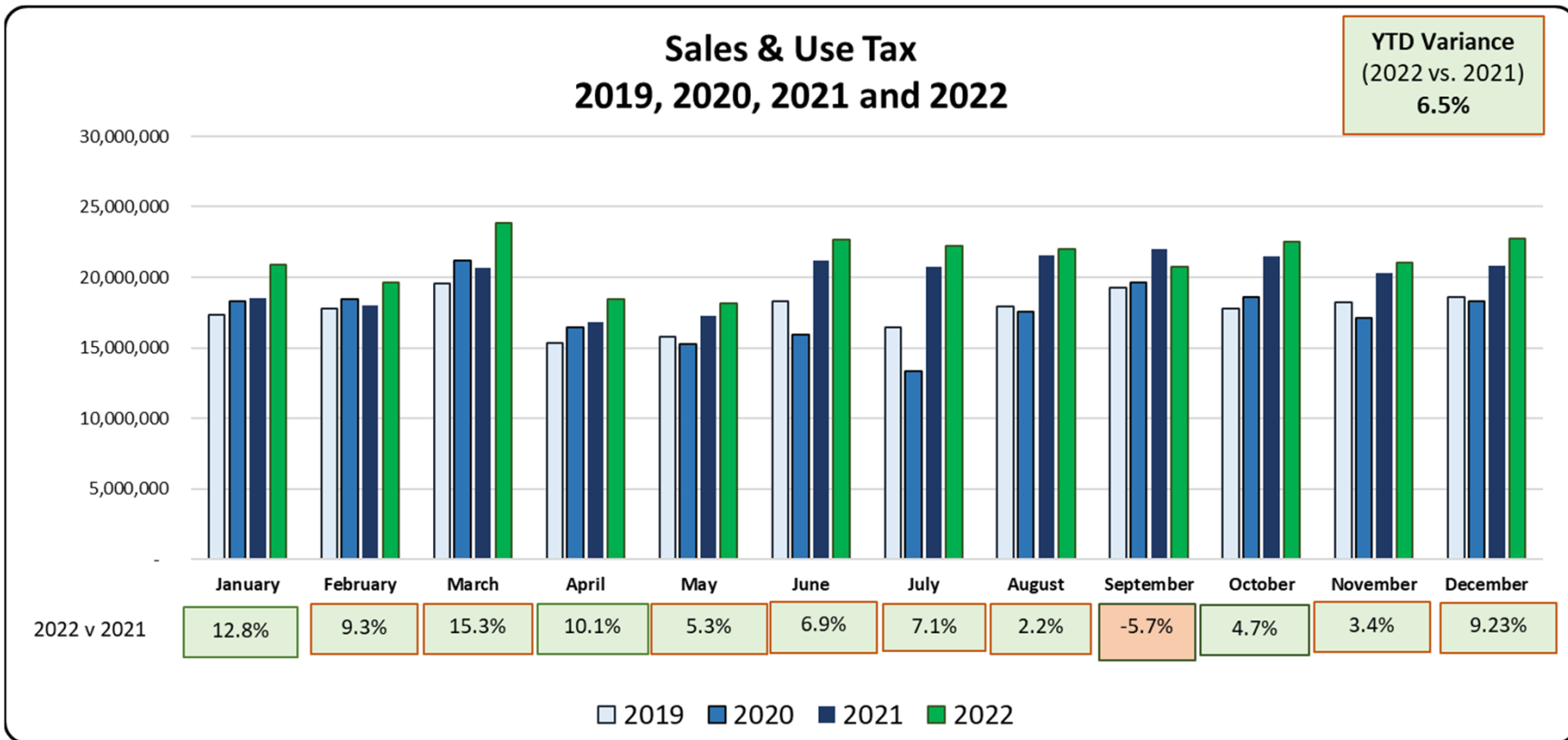


## Year-End Passenger Fares

**2022: \$28.8M**  
**2021: \$21.5M**  
**2020: \$24.0M**  
**2019: \$42.8M**



# Sales Tax



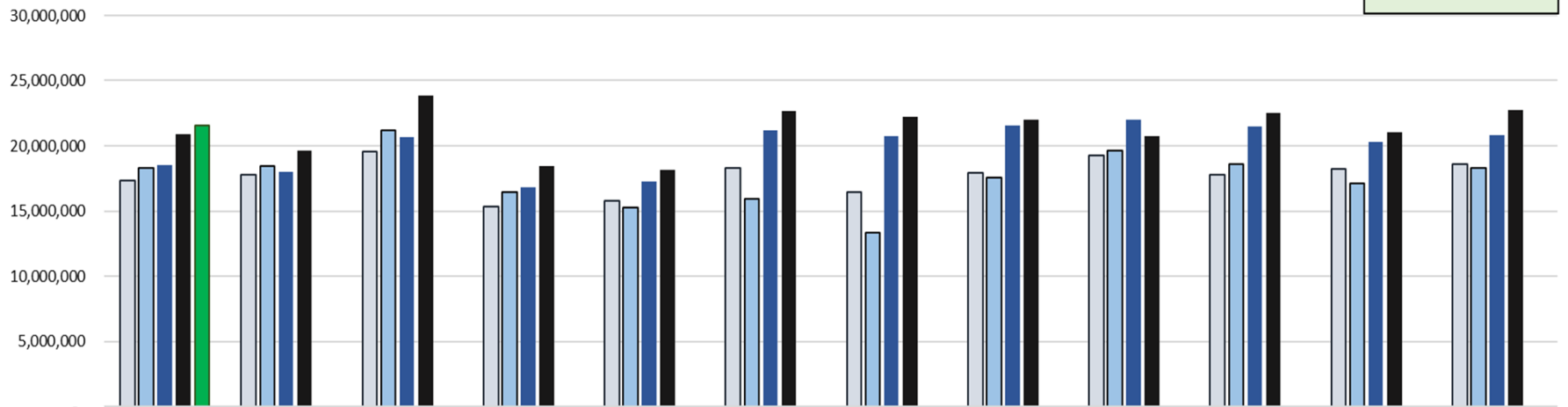
**YTD through December:**  
**Motor vehicles/  
 water craft**  
 +13.6%  
**On-Line sales**  
 +29.5%  
**Regular/State  
 wide sales**  
 +11.7%



# Sales Tax

Sales & Use Tax  
2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023

YTD Variance  
(2023 vs. 2022)  
3.2%



2022 v 2021

3.2%											
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2019 2020 2021 2022 2023



# Questions



# General Manager, CEO Report

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# GCRTA Board of Trustees Working Session



## January 20, 2023 | Board Room

- Crisis Communication Training - Hennes Communications LLC.
- Ethics & Administrative Matters
  - Procurement Overview
  - P-Card Overview
- Board Governance Overview
- Board Budget and Travel Planning
- Project Updates – Civilian Oversight Committee (COC), Microtransit, Strategic Plan and Transit Oriented Development





# Project Management (PM) Training Program Pilot Groups



Forty-six (46) leaders across GCRTA completed an internally created Project Management training pilot course based on Federal Transit Administration guidelines.

- The program consists of 3-days, held:
  - Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2022
  - January 23 – 25, 2023

Training content was created and delivered by 10 agency leaders from engineering, project management, procurement, operations, facilities, legal, and training & development.

# Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG)

- RTA awarded RTA \$1.9M to replace up to six (6) diesel-powered transit buses
- Replacement buses will be powered by Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and will significantly reduce diesel emissions in Cuyahoga County
- DERG program is supported with federal funding administered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

# Federal Transit Administration(FTA) Rail Vehicle Replacement Program Grant

- New FTA discretionary grant program created in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- On January 4, 2023, GCRTA submitted request for \$130M for our Rail Car Replacement Program
- FTA to award up to six grants totaling \$600M
- Grant awards to be announced in April 2023

# Government Finance Officer's Association (GFOA) 2022 Award For Excellence

“Winners are shining examples of innovation and outstanding financial management.”

- Seven (7) winners selected from entries across diverse set of governments and agencies in the U.S. and Canada
- Two (2) Categories:
  - Creative solutions to Common Challenge
  - Exceptionally Well Implemented GFOA Best Practice

# Temporary Promotional Programs

- Code Book Section 840.09 authorizes CEO to offer fare incentives or complimentary rides to promote ridership
- Programs may have a duration of up to 60 days
- CEO shall consider economic impact to the Authority
- CEO shall report results of promotional activities to the Board on at least an annual basis

## **Results of Promotional Programs:**

- For 2022 - Two programs were conducted:
  - Non-profit entity – Passes provided at 50% discount
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- Total amount of discounts provided - \$7,440

# Transit Cooperative Research Programs (TCRP)



**January 11, 2023 | Washington, D.C.**

- George Fields, served as a panel participant to review TCRP F-29 Project: Mental Health, Wellness, and Resilience for Transit System Workers
- Panel collaboration of industry subject matter experts: transit agencies, labor unions, researchers, and psychologists

# 2023 APTA Business Members Annual Meeting (BMAM)



January 24-27, 2023 | Honolulu, Hawaii

- CEO Roundtable Panel Discussion
  - Understanding transit agency 2023 Priorities
  - How to best deliver new projects and new rolling stock funded largely from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Creating an inclusive culture to strengthen employee Recruitment & Retention
  - How to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
  - Finding tangible takeaways for implementation



# APTA BOARD PRESENTATION SAFETY AND SECURITY

**January 30, 2023 | Virtual presentation**

Facilitated by: Valarie J. McCall – Moderator: Doug Tisdale

Panelist: India Birdsong Terry (GM) and Chief Deirdre R. Jones

**Topics:**

- New Police Chief
- Restructure
- Progressive policing and community engagement strategy
- Transit Ambassador (TA)
- Crisis Intervention Specialist (CIS)
- Civilian Oversight Committee (COC) creation and establishment process



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# Executive Session

