

Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority



# RTA Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 2021



# Should any RTA trips run on Walden Ave?

- More than 20 years ago, nearly all #15A service on Walden was removed
  - Only a few rush-hour #15A trips on Walden were retained
  - More than 10 years ago, RTA renamed #15A as “#15 via Walden”
  - NEXT GEN removed trips via Walden (just 3 per direction) in favor of consistent 15-minute service on Harvard serving Lee-Harvard Plaza
  - Discontinued stops are 0.1 to 0.6 miles from improved #15 service
  - Some riders can choose other improved routes (e.g., #40)
- RTA will maintain the NEXT GEN service as it is, due to:
  - Low usage on Walden trips (Ward 1 boardings + alightings = 17/day)
  - Need for frequent service on #15 to jobs, education and health care

# Should all #48 trips serve Marymount?

- Pre-NEXT GEN, half of weekday daytime #48 trips split off the main route and ended at South Miles Rd instead of Marymount Hospital (these trips were labeled #48A)
- With NEXT GEN, all #48 trips serve Marymount (result is 30-min service)
- RTA will maintain the NEXT GEN #48 (all trips to Marymount)
  - Prioritizing access to health care and jobs at Marymount
- All stops on the former #48A branch are now served by the #50
- #50 (like #48A) provides one-seat access to UH, Cleve. Clinic, CWRU, Univ. Circle, and 12 connecting routes (incl. #48, all rail lines, HealthLine)
- #50 (unlike #48A) operates 7 days a week vs. only 5

# Did NEXT GEN improve service in Ward 1?

- NEXT GEN improved frequency on many routes
- NEXT GEN increased service from 5 days to 7 days at #50 (former #48A)
- NEXT GEN improved the linkage between Ward 1 and key locations:
  - Tri-C East, Tri-C Metro, Cleveland State University
  - UH Ahuja Medical Center, Marymount Hospital, University Circle
  - Employment opportunities throughout the region
- NEXT GEN improved access to jobs, education, health care
  
- Conclusion: RTA will maintain the new NEXT GEN service in this area

# Public Comments – Agenda Items

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# Committee Reports

## Ad Hoc Committee Reports

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# Promotions and New Hires

October 2021



# October 2021 New Hires



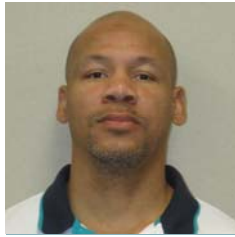
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Equipment Servicer



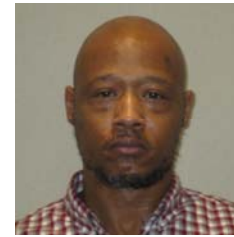
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Laborer



Patrick Chalk  
Laborer



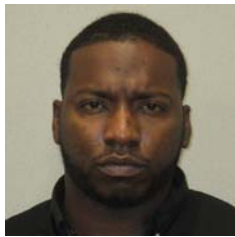
Keith Winborn  
Laborer



Leonard Cahill  
Laborer



Lavelle Burrage  
Laborer



LaShaun Stewart  
Laborer



Curtis Hemphill  
Operator





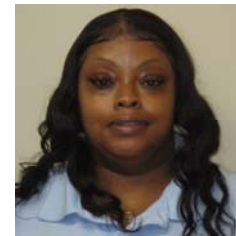
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Jayla Beckwith  
Operator



Endia Elbee  
Operator



Brandi Tyler  
Operator



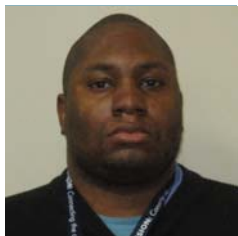
Chartina Jones  
Operator



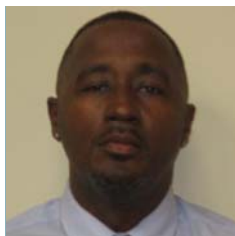
Khadafi Bizzell  
Operator



Jonathan Fletcher  
Operator



Michael Hills  
Operator



Andrew Carmichael  
Operator



Griffin Bayle  
Equipment Servicer



# October 2021 New Hires



Wayne Chalker  
Equipment Servicer



Joshua Dezelan  
Equipment Servicer

# October 2021 Promotions



**Jacob Kabelen**  
Supervisor of  
Traction Power



**Matthew Seegert**  
Talent Acquisition  
Business Partner

# Resolutions



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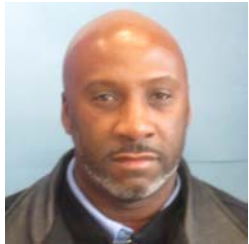


# 2021 Third Quarter Retirees

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**Edward Drewery**  
Janitor



**Theophilus Smith Jr.**  
Equipment Repair Leader



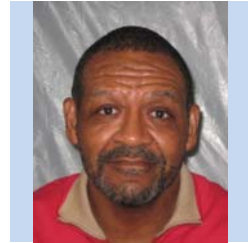
**Joseph Figas**  
Operator



**Nicholas Kinnear**  
Supervisor - Traction & Power



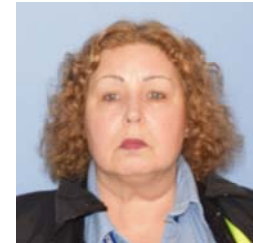
**Robert Schwab**  
Transit Police Sergeant



**Steve Johnson**  
Paratransit Operator



**Bonita Harris**  
Operator



**Karen Banks**  
Station Attendant

# 2021 Third Quarter Retirees



**James Frick**  
Sales Manager/Sales Director



**Kimberly Collins**  
Maintenance Helper



**Louis Sawchik**  
Paratransit Operator



**Damon Jones**  
Maintainer



**Goodwin McNeal**  
Operator



# *Godwin McNeal Retires*

## *45 Years of “Accident Free” Driving!!!*



Hayden Bus Operator, Godwin McNeal retired on Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, marking 45 years of service. Over that time, he drove his coach more than **1.3 Million miles** and ***never had a preventable accident!!***

*Congratulations Godwin, Enjoy Retirement, You'll Be Missed!!*



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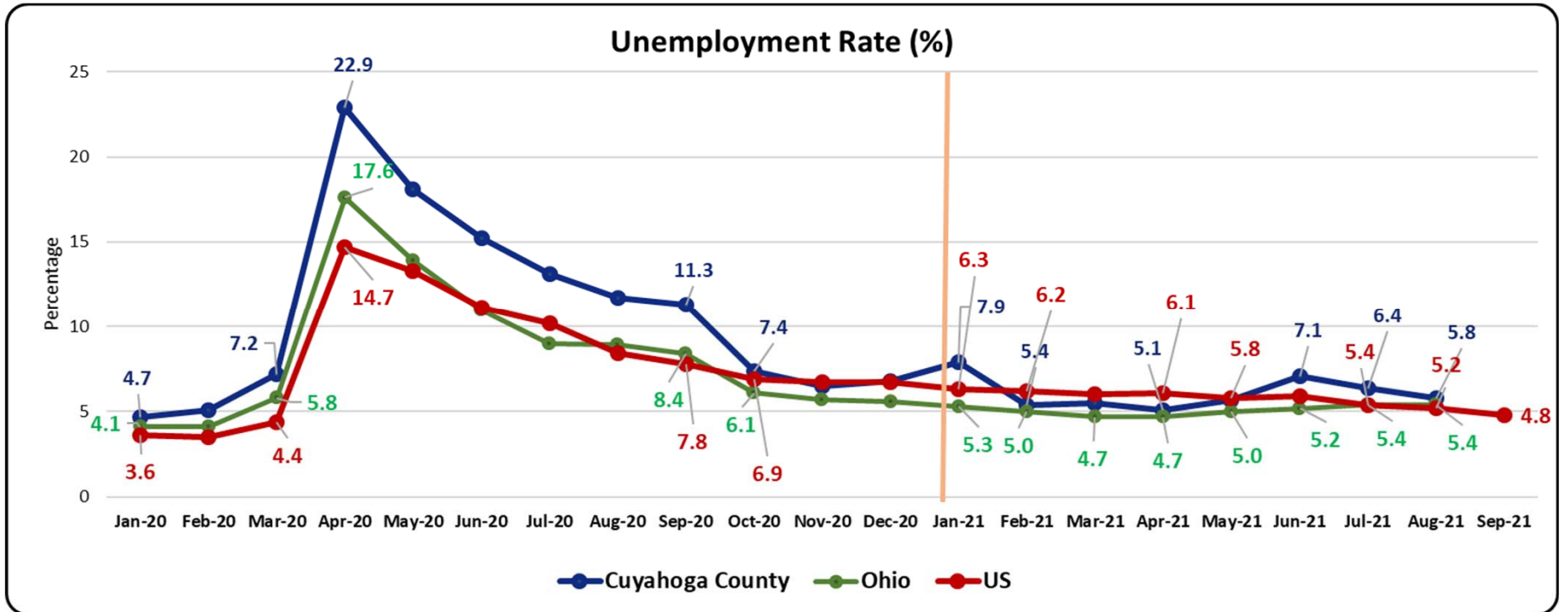
# Secretary/Treasurer Report

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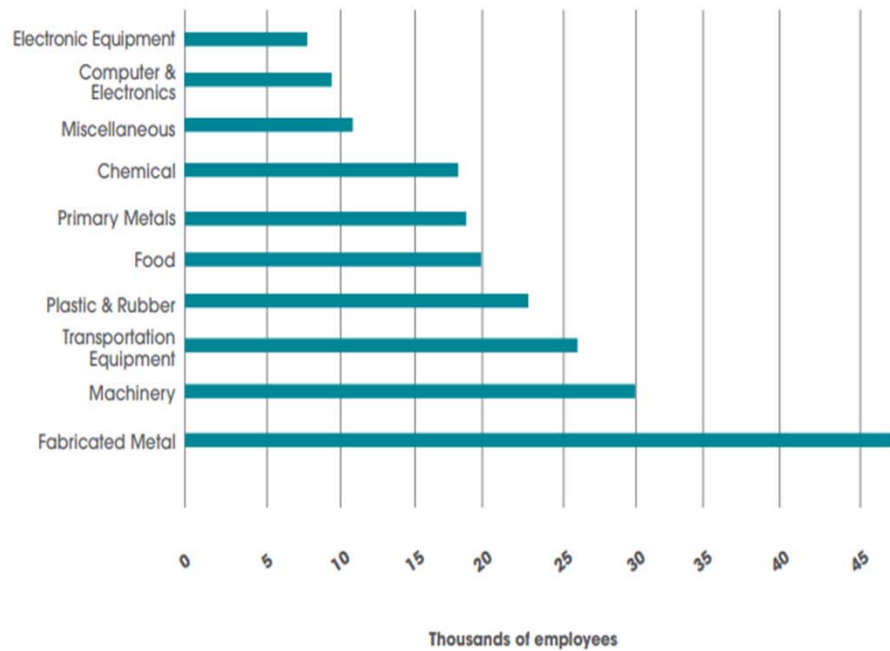


# Economic Conditions

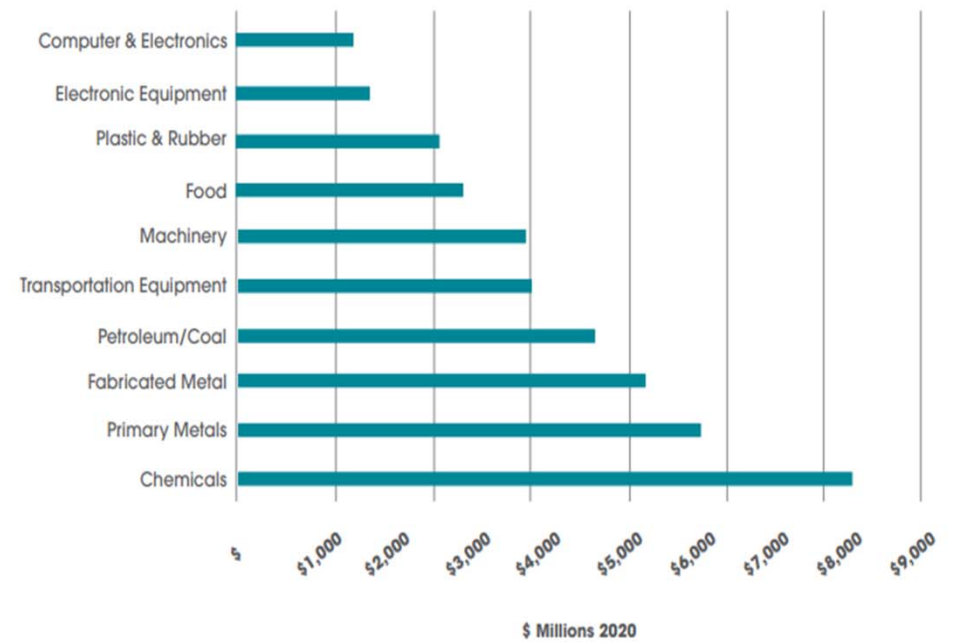


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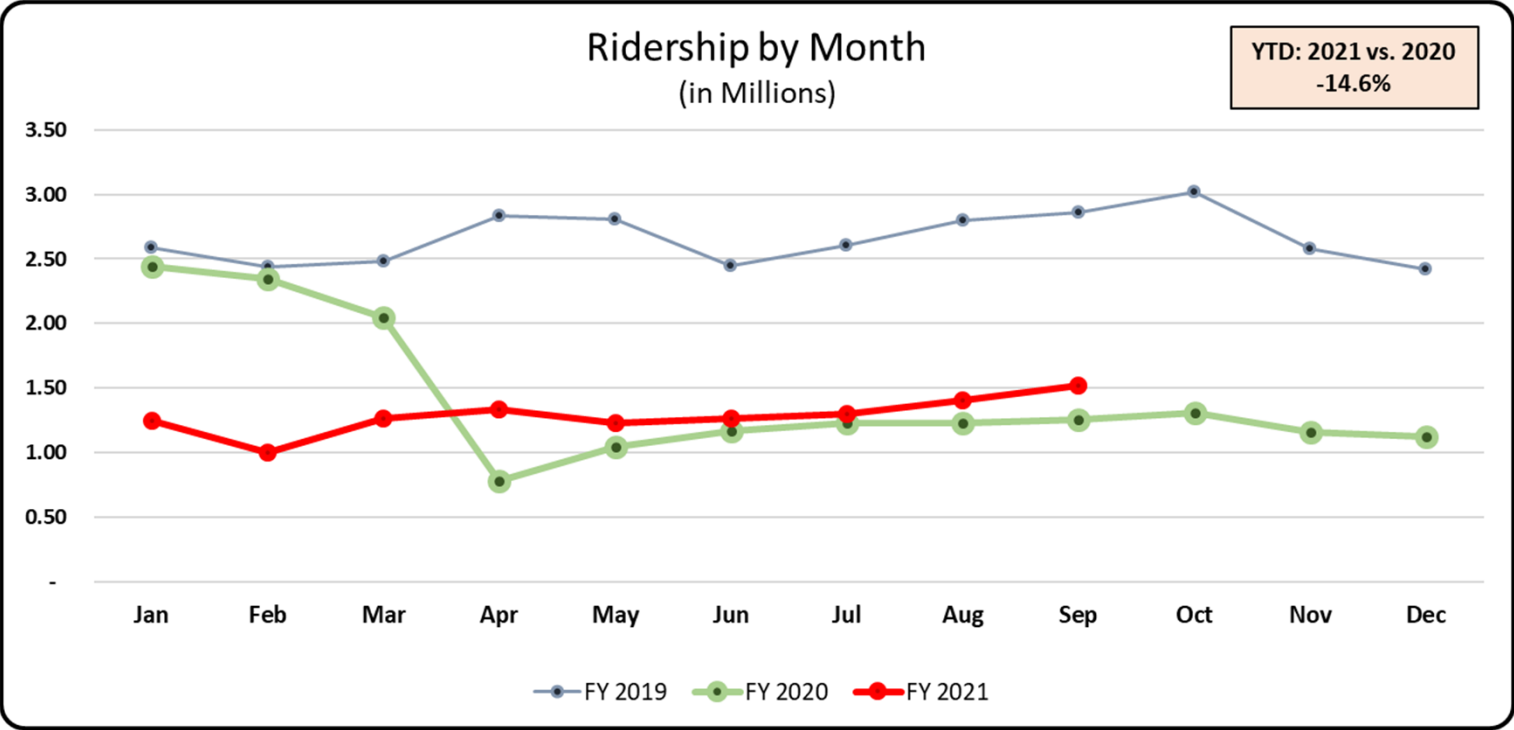
## Largest Northeast Ohio Manufacturing Employment Sectors: 2021



## Largest Northeast Ohio Manufacturing GDP Sectors: 2021



# Ridership

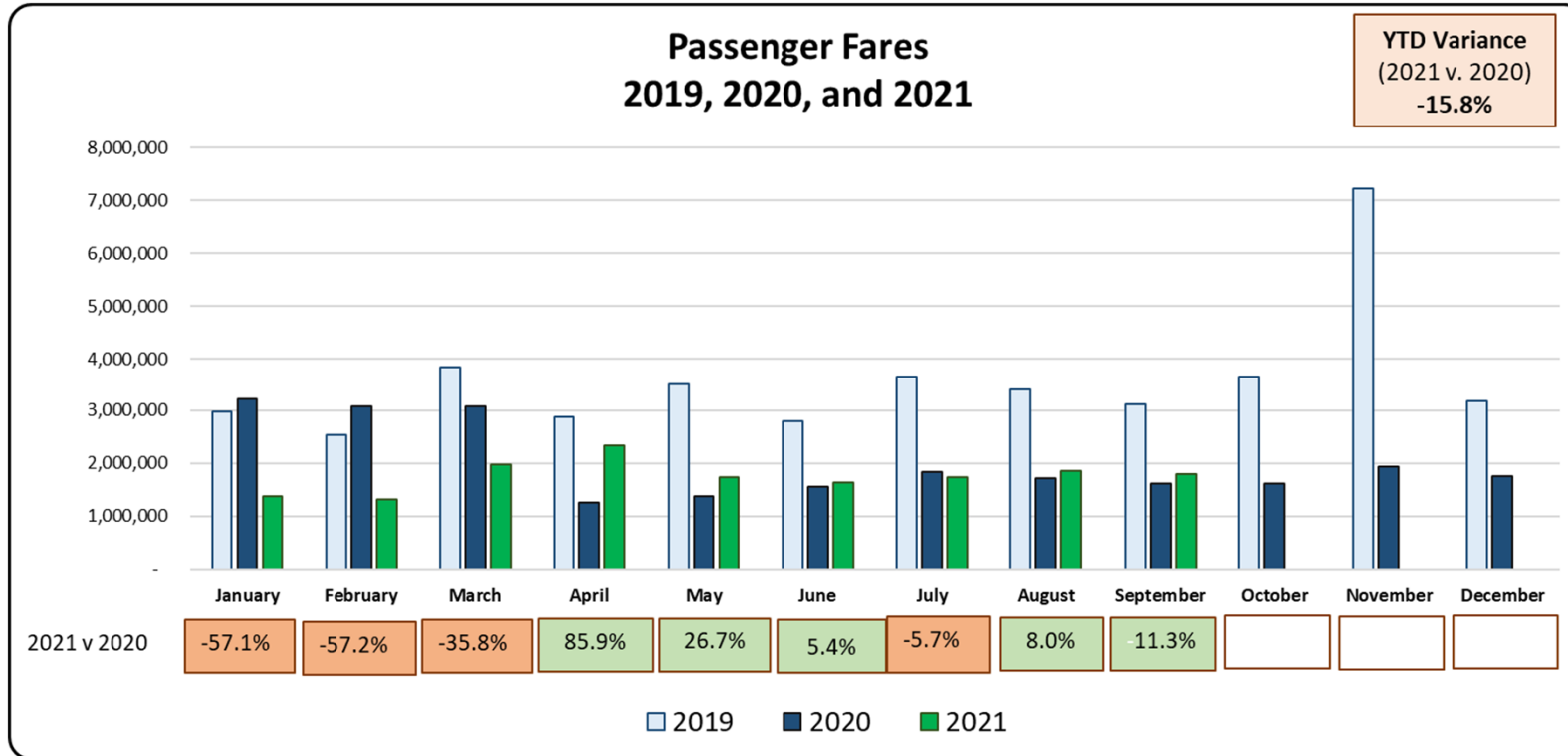


Compared to 2020

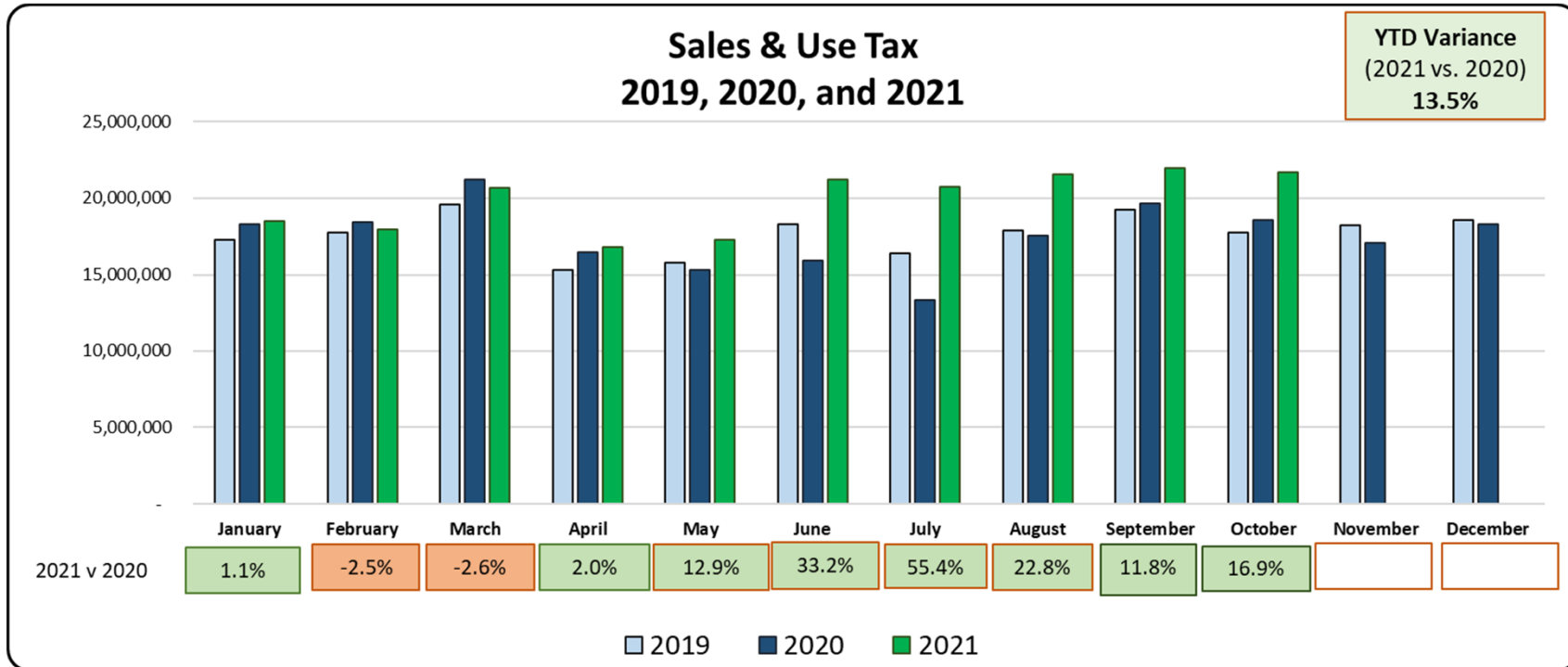
- MAY: 18.1%
- JUN: 8.6%
- JUL: 5.4%
- AUG: 14.5%
- **SEP: 20.9%**
- YTD: -14.6%



# Passenger Fares



# Sales Tax



# CRRSAA and ARP Drawdowns

- Through August 2021
  - CRRSAA: \$67.4 million
    - Fully drawn down
  - ARP: \$136.1 million
    - \$54.8 million drawn down
    - \$81.3 million remaining



# Questions



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# General Manager, CEO Report

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# Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

## RTA Celebrates National Disability Employment Awareness Month



Transit Advertising



YouTube Video

The U.S. Department of Labor designated October as *National Disability Employment Awareness Month*.

This year's theme: "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion" emphasizes the importance of ensuring all Americans have full access to employment and community involvement as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

# *National Disability Employment Awareness Month*



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# GCRTA Employer of the Year

- Recognized for accomplishments in the support of advancement of women
- Key accomplishments:
  - Increased women in management by 40%
  - 3 Key “Firsts”
    - India Birdsong, CEO
    - Deirdre Jones, Chief of Police
    - Teresa Muti, Director of Power & Way
  - New Executive – Natoya Walker Minor
  - Establishment of Elevating Women Together (EWT) Resource Group
- Supplied speakers, tours, and support for events
- Will be submitted for consideration at National level



# ***Teresa Muti***

## ***Railway Age's – "Women in Rail" Honoree!!***



***Railway Age Magazine has announced Teresa Muti, Director of Power & Way, a 2021 "Women in Rail" winner! This year's honorees were selected from hundreds of nominees from across the Nation.***

***Congratulations Teresa, a well deserved honor!!***

# Women of Power & Way



Pictured (L-R)

- Helen Black - Power & Way Administrative Assistant
- Bridget Sorrell - Substation Maintainer
- Norma Roberts - Substation Maintainer
- Natalie Tybus - Fiber Optic Tech
- Cindy Greenwald - Power & Way Supervisor
- Alexis D Jones - Maintenance Planner
- Margaret Cavanaugh - Track Laborer
- Teresa Coleman Muti (center) - Director of Power & Way

# *Elevating Women Together*

## *Dress for Success – Boutique on Wheels*



*RTA's Elevating Women Together Committee partnered with Dress for Success to host a Boutique on Wheels at the Main Office on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Women's professional attire, along with shoes and accessories, were displayed and available for sale – All Items were priced at only \$2.00. Over fifty RTA employees participated in the event with sales totally more than \$500!*

*Don't miss the next event scheduled for Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Rail District.*



# Rail Car Replacement Program

- Received \$8.9 million of ODOT OTP2 funding.
- Received \$5.0 million of Congressional Community Project funding sponsored by Senator Brown.
- Program now has \$189.4 million in funding commitments.

# Community Immunity Partnership

## Care Alliance Health Center Partnership

- Signed MOU on October 14, 2021
  - Second Provider
- Will administer COVID testing and vaccines throughout the County
- First event held October 21, 2021
- Clinical provider for employee vaccinations



# Questions



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