Customer Experience Surveys - Wave 1 Fixed Route Bus, Bus Rapid Transit, Rail, & Paratransit

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Fixed Route Bus Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Rail **Paratransit Key Topics Covered:**



Methodology



Customer Characteristics



Net Promoter Score





- Customer Importance Factors

Methodology Fixed Route Bus, BRT, Rail



Targeted customers riding or waiting for the bus throughout the day on weekdays, Saturday, and Sunday to obtain a representative sample based on latest RTA ridership data

Surveyed every 4th customer to ensure random sampling.

Fixed Route Bus	BRT	Rail
413 completed surveys	450 completed surveys	452 completed surveys
+/-4.8% at the 95%	+/-4.7% at the 95%	+/-4.7% at the 95%
level of confidence	level of confidence	level of confidence





Administered by trained surveyors using paper questionnaires, tablet interviews, and QR codes.

Customers who completed the survey could be entered into a drawing to win a \$500 Gift Card.

Methodology *Paratransit*



ETC Institute used their hybrid approach to collect over 400 surveys.

Received list of RTA Paratransit customers including name, address, and phone number. Mailed survey and cover letter to 2,500 individuals who used Paratransit services in the last quarter.



Paratransit

430 completed surveys **+/-4.8%** at the 95%

level of confidence

After mailing survey material, ETC followed up with text messages phone calls to recipients.





Conducted during March 2024

Customer Impressions Fixed Route Bus

Net Promoter Score (NPS)

NPS poses the ultimate question:

"How likely would you be to recommend riding RTA to a friend or neighbor?"





Fixed Route Bus (FR)



Fixed Route Bus Results Overview

71% of customers are satisfied with bus service. 82% of customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community.





Top Most Important Elements of Bus Service to Customers...

- 1. On-time performance
- 2. Bus cleanliness
- 3. Safety while waiting
- 4. Safety while riding

Customer Characteristics Fixed Route Bus



• 29% of FR customers are between 25 and 34 years old. 75% of FR customers make less than \$50,000.





What category best describes your total annual household income? 56%

-			19%
	4%	2%	
\$25k-\$49,999	\$50k-\$74,999	\$75k+	Prefer not to say



• The typical FR customer is a Black/African American (54%) male (51%)





What is your gender? 48% 1% Female Other

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Transit Dependence and Choice Riders

- 81% of FR customers are dependent on using RTA buses for travel.
- For FR customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" (63%) is the primary reason for choosing to use RTA bus services.





If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?

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22%	8%	4%	3%	-
ant to save ney	l can do other things if l'm not driving	lt's better for the environment	l want to support public transportation	12



- FR customers most often ride the bus 5+ days per week (48%).
- FR customers most frequently ride the bus for work (62%).







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Why are you taking this trip?

Net Promoter Score (NPS) *Fixed Route Bus*

All things considered, how likely would you be to recommend riding a RTA bus to a friend or neighbor?



Net Promoter Score



RTA's FR NPS is down 5 points since Wave 4 from 16 to 11.





Satisfaction and Community Value

- 71% of FR customers are satisfied overall with the bus service.
- 82% of FR customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community. \bullet
- 24% of FR customers believe the bus service has gotten better in the past year. ullet





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Customer Importance Factors Fixed Route Bus

Top Customer Importance Factors

• The top three importance factors to FR customers are buses running on time (358), cleanliness (356), and safety while waiting (213).







Level of Agreement

FR

Fixed Route Bus

Bus operators operate the vehicle safely						
Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them						
Bus routes are conveniently located for me						
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules						
I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system						
Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system						
Bus operators are helpful						
I view RTA employees favorably						
Busgetsmetomydestination in a reasonable amount of time						
It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule						
Frequency of service is satisfactory						
Bus usually runs on time						
Price of the fares are reasonable						
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information						
Bus operators are courteous						
RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements						
I feel safe riding the bus						
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus						
Bus is clean						
0'	%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%



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	7	1%		
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	70	%		
	67%			
	65%			
60%				
57%				
60%	70 %	80 %	90%	100%

Key Driver Analysis

Satisfaction vs. Importance



The Key Driver Analysis takes each area of service and compares its customer importance ranking against its customer satisfaction level. The graph is divided into four actional quadrants:

- satisfaction.
- satisfaction is raised.



1. Lower Priority - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. Although these have lower satisfaction levels, they are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer satisfaction.

2. Nice to Haves - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Although customers are highly satisfied in these areas, these areas are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer

3. Areas of Opportunity - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. These areas are ranked as highly important to customers and will have a larger impact on overall customer satisfaction as the service is improved and

4. Strengths to Maintain - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Customers find these areas of high importance and are highly satisfied with the level of service. These satisfaction levels should be maintained in order to continue a positive overall customer satisfaction.

Key Driver Analysis

Improvements in the "Areas of Opportunity" will most efficiently move the needle by bringing customers more satisfaction in what they value.





Legend

- 1. Bus usually runs on time
- 2. Bus is clean
- 3. I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus
- 4. I feel safe riding the bus
- 5. It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule
- 6. Bus operators operate the vehicle safely
- 7. Price of the fares are reasonable
- 8. Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
- 9. Bus routes are conveniently located for me
- 2 10. Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them
- 11. Frequency of service is satisfactory
- 2. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, and service improvements
- **Ě** 13. Bus operators are helpful
 - 14. I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system
 - 15. Bus operators are courteous
 - 16. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
 - 17. Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system



On-Time Performance

- 71% of FR customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
- 63% of FR customers believe it is acceptable for the bus to arrive 0 to 5 minutes beyond its scheduled time.





Performance. bus to arrive 0 to 5 - minutes

How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a bus to arrive beyond its scheduled time?

30%		
	6%	
		2%
6-10 min	11-15 min	16+ min



- 57% of FR customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of buses.
- FR customers think focusing on odors (55%) and seats (54%) would improve their satisfaction with bus cleanliness.





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Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to



• 65% of FR customers feel safe while riding the bus and 60% of FR customers feel safe while waiting for the bus.



Bus Safety

I feel safe riding the bus



Bus Stop Safety

 60%	
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I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus



- 72% of FR customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 66% of FR customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately





Resource Management					
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RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

Customer Service Fixed Route Bus

Communications with Customer Service

- 16% of FR Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months. \bullet
- Of the FR Customers who have contacted RTA, 79% have had their issues ulletresolved.

Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?





Was your issue resolved?

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- 76% of FR customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material. •
- 67% of FR customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and 69% ulletagree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.





quality of RTA communications material?

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)



BRT Results Overview

60% of BRT customers are satisfied with BRT service. 82% of customers think the RTA system provides value to the community.

Customers are MOST satisfied with...





Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them (77%)

Bus routes are conveniently located for me (77%)

Customers are LEAST satisfied with...





Cleanliness of buses (59%)

Safety waiting for the bus (60%)



Top Most Important **Elements of BRT Service to** Customers...

- 1. Bus cleanliness
- 2. On-time performance
- 3. Buses operating when needed
- 4. Price of fares

Customer Characteristics Bus Rapid Transit



• The typical age of a BRT rider is between 25 to 34 years (30%) with a total household income between \$25k-\$49,999 (56%).



What is your age?



What category best describes your total annual household income?



• The typical BRT customer is a Black/African American (53%) male (51%).





Transit Dependence and Choice Riders

- 83% of BRT Customers are dependent on RTA buses for travel.
- Of the 18% of BRT Customers who have other transportation options, "It's \bullet convenient" (61%) is the primary reason for choosing to use RTA bus services.





Trip Frequency and Purpose

BRT customers most often ride the bus 5+ days per week (57%) and most frequently ride the bus for work (69%).



How often do you ride the bus?

How often do you ride other RTA services such as the HealthLine, Red/Blue/Green Lines, or Paratransit?







Why are you taking this trip?

6	6%	6%	1%	1%	
re/ / ation	Shopping	Healthcare	Religious activities	Other	

Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Bus Rapid Transit

BRT

All things considered, how likely would you be to recommend riding a RTA bus to a friend or neighbor?



Net Promoter Score



RTA's BRT NPS is down four points since Wave 4 from 15 to 11.



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Satisfaction and Community Value

- 60% of BRT customers are satisfied overall with the bus service. \bullet
- 82% of BRT customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community. 28% of BRT customers believe the bus service has gotten better in the past year.




Customer Importance Factors Bus Rapid Transit

Top Customer Importance Factors

The top three importance factors to BRT customers are cleanliness (360), buses running on time (358), and buses operating when needed (233).

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BRT

Level of Agreement

BRT

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Bus routes are conveniently located for me						
Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them						
Bus operators operate the vehicle safely						
I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system						
Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system						
Bus usually runs on time						
Busgetsme to my destination in a reasonable amount of time						
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules						
I view RTA employees favorably						
Bus operators are courteous						
Bus operators are helpful						
It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule						
Price of the fares are reasonable						
I feel safe riding the bus						
Frequency of service is satisfactory						
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information RTA provides adequate updates on detours,						
service changes, & service improvements						60
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus						60
Bus is clean						59%
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Key Driver Analysis

Satisfaction vs. Importance



The Key Driver Analysis takes each area of service and compares its customer importance ranking against its customer satisfaction level. The graph is divided into four actional quadrants:

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Key Driver Analysis

Improvements in the "Areas of Opportunity" will most efficiently move the needle by bringing customers more satisfaction in what they value.





Legend

- 1. Bus is clean
- 2. Bus usually runs on time
- 3. Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them
- 4. Price of the fares are reasonable
- 5. Bus routes are conveniently located for me
- 6. It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule
- 7. I feel safe riding the bus
- 8. I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus
- 9. Bus operators operate the vehicle safely
- 10. Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
- 11. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements
- 12. Frequency of service is satisfactory
- 13. I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system
- 14. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
- 15. Bus operators are helpful
- 16. Bus operators are courteous
- 17. Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system



On-Time Performance

- 74% of BRT customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
- 54% of BRT customers believe it is acceptable for the bus to arrive 0 to 5-minutes beyond its scheduled time.





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How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a bus to arrive beyond its scheduled time?

37%		
	4%	4%
6-10 min	11-15 min	16+ min 42



Cleanliness of Buses

- 59% of BRT customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of buses. ullet
- BRT customers think focusing on seats (59%) and odors (52%) would improve their satisfaction with bus cleanliness.





Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to



Bus and Bus Stop Safety

68% of BRT customers feel safe while riding the bus, and • 60% feel safe while waiting for the bus.



I feel safe riding the bus



Bus Stop Safety

I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus



Funding

- 74% of BRT customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 65% of BRT customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately



The community should consider increasing funding in order to improve service



RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

Customer Service Bus Rapid Transit

Communications with Customer Service

- 16% of BRT Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months. \bullet
- Of the BRT Customers who have contacted RTA, 65% have had their issues \bullet resolved.

Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?





Overall Communications

- 65% of BRT customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material.
- 51% of BRT customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and ullet58% agree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.





quality of RTA communications material? 48



Rail Train Results Overview

Nearly 2 out of 3 customers are satisfied with rail service. 69% of customers agree that the train usually runs on time.

Customers are MOST satisfied with...





Train routes are conveniently located for me (81%) Trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them(80%)

Customers are LEAST satisfied with...





Cleanliness (47%)

Feeling of safety waiting for the train



(51%)



Top Most Important **Elements of Rail Service to** Customers...

- 1. On-time performance
- Safety while waiting for 2. the train
- 3. Cleanliness
- 4. Trains being operated safely

Customer Characteristics Rail Train Service



- 32% of rail customers are between 25 and 34 years old.
- 64% of rail customers make less than \$50,000. ullet





What category best describes your total annual household income?



The typical rail customer is a Black/African American (52%) male (54%). •





Customer Characteristics RAIL

The typical rail customer lives in a household with 2 or fewer people (53%). •





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Transit Dependence and Choice Riders

- 72% of rail customers are dependent on using rail train for travel. ullet
- Of the rail customers who have other transportation options, "It's convenient" (61%) is the ulletprimary reason for choosing to use rail train services.



If you do have other options, what is the #1 reason you choose public transportation?

26%			
	5%	5%	3%
nt to save ey	lt's better for the environment	l can do other things if l'm not driving	l want to support public transportation ₅₅

Trip Frequency and Purpose

- Rail customers most often ride the rail 5+ days per week (44%), and 34% ride other RTA services 5+ days a week.
- Rail customers most frequently ride the rail for work (61%).



How often do you ride the train?



Why are you taking this trip?



Net Promoter Score (NPS) *Rail*

All things considered, how likely would you be to recommend riding a RTA bus to a friend or neighbor?



Net Promoter Score



RTA's Rail NPS is down 16 points since Wave 3 from 13 to -3.



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Satisfaction and Community Value

- 58% of Rail customers are satisfied overall with the train service. lacksquare
- 69% of Rail customers believe the RTA system provides value to the community.
- 71% of Rail customers believe the bus service has stayed the same in the past year.



Customer Importance Factors Rail Train Service



Top Customer Importance Factors The top importance factors were trains running on time (356), safety while

 The top importance factors were trains running on ti waiting (301), and cleanliness (268).





Level of Agreement

RAIL

				Rail			
Train routes are conveniently located for me							
Trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them							
Train operators operate the vehicle safely							
Price of fares is reasonable							
Train operators are knowledgeable about RTA system							
Train operators are helpful							
I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system							
Train operators are courteous							
Train usually runs on time							
I view RTA employees favorably							
Train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time							
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information							
Frequency of service is satisfactory							58%
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules							56%
I feel safe riding the train							56%
It is easy to find out if trains are running on schedule							55%
RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements						5	52%
I feel safe & secure waiting for my train						5	1%
Train is clean						47 %	
0	% 10	0%	20 %	30%	40%	50%	60%





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Key Driver Analysis

Improvements in the "Areas of Opportunity" will most efficiently move the needle by bringing customers more satisfaction in what they value.



Source: ETC Institute (2023)



Legend

- 1. Train usually runs on time
- 2. I feel safe & secure waiting for my train
- 3. Train is clean
- 4. Train operators operate the vehicle safely
- 5. I feel safe riding the train
- 6. Price of the fares are reasonable
- 7. It is easy to find out if trains are running on time
- 8. Train routes are conveniently located for me
- 9. Trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them
- 10. Train operators are knowledgeable about the RTA system
- 11. Train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time
- 12. RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements
- 13. Frequency of service is satisfactory
- 14. It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules
- 15. I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system
- 16. Train operators are helpful
- 17. Train operators are courteous



On-Time Performance

- 69% of Rail customers are satisfied with the On-Time Performance.
- 60% of Rail customers believe it is acceptable for the train to arrive only 0 to 5-minutes beyond its scheduled time.





How many minutes do you feel is acceptable for a train to arrive beyond its scheduled time?

 32%		
	6%	3%
		370
6-10 min	11-15 min	16+ min 64



- 47% of train customers are satisfied with the cleanliness of trains. \bullet
- Rail customers think focusing on seats (59%) and floors/walkways (47%) would improve their satisfaction with train cleanliness.





Which areas would you like RTA to focus on to

Floors/ Odors Inside Outside Other windows windows walkways 65

Rail and Rail Stop Safety

• 56% of rail customers feel safe while riding the train, and 51% feel safe while waiting for the train.



I feel safe riding the train



Train Stop Safety

51%	

I feel safe & secure waiting for my train



- 56% of rail customers feel the community should consider increasing funding to improve service.
- 40% of rail customers feel RTA manages financial resources appropriately



Transit Investment

The community should consider increasing funding in order to improve service



RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

Customer Service Rail Train Service



- 15% of rail Customers have contacted RTA in the last 3 months. •
- Of the rail Customers who have contacted RTA, 76% have had their issues resolved. •

Have you contacted RTA with a question, concern, or complaint in the last 3 months?





Overall Communications

- 58% of rail customers are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA communications material. •
- 35% of rail customers agree RTA Customer Service calls are answered promptly, and 38% ulletagree that customer service representatives are helpful and courteous.





Rider Benchmarks



Net Promoter Score (NPS)

All things considered, how likely would you be to recommend riding a RTA bus/train to a friend or neighbor?



Net Promoter Score


Satisfaction and Community Value



Overall Satisfaction | Community Value

RTA system provides value to the community



National Average

How satisfied are you overall with the bus/train service?



On-Time Performance

Bus/Train usually runs on time





Cleanliness

Cleanliness of Buses/Trains







Bus/Train Safety



I feel safe & secure riding the bus/train



Rail

National Average

I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus/train



Level of Agreement - National Average

NA

National Average

Transit operators operate the vehicle safely							
Transit operators are knowledgeable about RTA syst							
I view transit employees favorably							
Transit operators are helpful							
Transit operators are courteous							e
Buses/trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them							6
Price of the fares are reasonable							6
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules							60
Bus/train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time							59 %
Frequency of service is satisfactory							57%
It is easy to find out if buses/trains are running on schedule						5	5%
I am confident navigating the system						55	5%
Routes are conveniently located for me						52%	6
Transit operator adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements						51%	
Public transit usually runs on time					4	8%	
I feel safe riding the bus/train					42%		
Buses/trains are clean				3	8%		
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus/train				35%	6		
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73% **65%** 65% 64% **62%**

- **62% 62%**
- 0%
- 9%
- 6

Example 7 Level of Agreement – Fixed Bus

Fixed Route Bus

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Bus operators operate the vehicle safely									80	%	
Buses operate on the days & at the times that I need them									78%	•	
Bus routes are conveniently located for me									77%		
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules									77%		
I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system									75%		
Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system									74%		
Bus operators are helpful									74%		
I view RTA employees favorably									73%		
Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time									73%		
It is easy to find out if buses are running on schedule								7	2%		
Frequency of service is satisfactory								7	1%		
Bus usually runs on time								7	1%		
Price of the fares are reasonable								70)%		
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information								70	%		
Bus operators are courteous								70	%		
RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements								67%			
I feel safe riding the bus								65%			
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bus							60%	6			
Bus is clean							57%				
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BRT

Level of Agreement - BRT

BRT

Bus routes are conveniently located for me	e								77%		
Buses operate on the days & at the times th I need them	hat								77%		
Bus operators operate the vehicle safely	у								76%		
I understand RTA's available routes, & I a confident navigating the system	am								75%		
Bus operators are knowledgeable about RTA system	n								75%		
Bus usually runs on time	e								74%		
Bus gets me to my destination in a reasonab amount of time	ole								74%		
It is easy to get information about RTA services & route schedules	A's								73%		
I view RTA employees favorably	у								73%		
Bus operators are courteous	5							7	1%		
Bus operators are helpful	I							7	1%		
It is easy to find out if buses are running schedule	on							70	0%		
Price of the fares are reasonable	e							69	%		
I feel safe riding the bu	s							689	%		
Frequency of service is satisfactor	у							67%	6		
I repeat RTA messages to those I belie would benefit from the information	ve							67 %	Ď		
RTA provides adequate updates on detou service changes, & service improvements								66%			
I feel safe & secure waiting for my bu							60	%			
Bus is clear	n						59%	6			
	0%	10%	20%	30%	40 %	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%



RAIL

Level of Agreement

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Train routes are conveniently located for me							
Trains operate on the days & at the times that I need them							
Train operators operate the vehicle safely							
Price of fares is reasonable							
Train operators are knowledgeable about RTA system							
Train operators are helpful							
I understand RTA's available routes, & I am confident navigating the system							
Train operators are courteous							
Train usually runs on time							
I view RTA employees favorably							
Train gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time							
I repeat RTA messages to those I believe would benefit from the information							
Frequency of service is satisfactory							5
It is easy to get information about RTA's services & route schedules							56
I feel safe riding the train							56
It is easy to find out if trains are running on schedule							55
RTA provides adequate updates on detours, service changes, & service improvements							52%
I feel safe & secure waiting for my train							51%
Train is clean						47%	6
0'	%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	609

Rail





Trends



Satisfaction



How satisfied are you with the overall bus/train service?



Community Value



RTA system provides value to the community



On-Time Performance



The bus/train usually runs on time



Cleanliness



FR	BRT	Rail
		'23 W1
		'23 W2
		'23 W3

Cleanliness of buses/trains













Bus/Train Safety



Paratransit





Nearly 3 out of 4 customers who contacted RTA had their issues resolved

75% of customers would recommend riding RTA paratransit 84% are satisfied with the overall performance of RTA's customer service staff.

Customers MOST OFTEN agree...





I feel safe when boarding a vehicle (95%)



RTA Paratransit can take me to the places I need to go (95%)



Top Most Important Elements of Paratransit service to customers

- 1. Safety while riding
- 2. Vehicle cleanliness
- 3. Safe driving by operators
- 4. Safety while boarding

Customer Characteristics Paratransit Service



- 71% of Paratransit customers are 65+ years old
- 84% of respondents make less than \$50,000





What category best describes your total annual household income?

			14%
			<mark></mark>
	1%	0%	
	\$50k-\$74,999	\$75k+	Prefer not to say



67% of Paratransit customers are Black/African American, and 72% live alone •





Including yourself, how many people live in your household?

18%		
		4%
2	3	4+



25% of Paratransit customers always require a PCA and 29% sometimes do. •





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Are you the customer using RTA Paratransit, or are you the caretaker or family member of the Paratransit customer?

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98%	
	2%
ustomer	Caretaker



• 44% of Paratransit customers have a mobility device







75% of Paratransit customers use Paratransit vehicles to make most of their trips. •







63% of Paratransit customers use Paratransit most often for healthcare. •







- 41% of Paratransit customers take Paratransit 2-3 times per month.
- 67% of Paratransit customers ride other RTA services once a month or less.





es per month. once a month or less.

How often do you ride other RTA services such as fixed route buses, the Healthline, or Red/Blue/Green Lines?

 			67%
 	8%	12%	
 6%	870		
3-4 days per week	1-2 days per week	2-3 times per month	Once a month or less
			96



- 47% of respondents would consider a free fixed route or train ride with a travel trainer.
- 46% of respondents are aware of the Senior/Disabled fare for ADA customers.

Would you consider taking a free ride on RTA fixed route bus or train escorted by an RTA travel trainer to help you?

60% 60% 53% 47% 50% 50% 40% 40% 30% 30% 20% 20% 10% 10% 0% 0% Yes No



or train ride with a travel trainer. fare for ADA customers.

Are you aware that ADA customers pay the Senior/Disabled cash fare of \$1.25 when using fixed-route service?





- 88% of respondents are aware of the No-Show policy. •
- 78% of respondents are aware of the pickup window. •

Are you aware that if you do not board the vehicle within 5-minutes of the vehicle arriving that you can be marked as a No-Show and the vehicle can depart the location?







Are you aware that the pickup window for trips you schedule is 10 minutes before and 20 minutes after the scheduled pickup time?

Customer Impressions Paratransit Service

MARA Net Promoter Score (NPS)

Paratransit

All things considered, how likely would you be to recommend riding RTA paratransit to a friend or neighbor?



RTA's Paratransit NPS is up seven points since Wave 4 from 58 to 65.





- 89% of respondents are satisfied with the overall quality of RTA Paratransit service. •
- 87% of respondents view RTA employees favorably. •



quality of RTA paratransit service?



Perception of RTA Employees



- 58% of respondents believe RTA manages their financial resources appropriately.
- 58% of respondents believe funding should increase to improve service.



Financial Resources

RTA manages their financial resources appropriately

The community should consider increasing funding in order to improve services



ial resources appropriately.

Funding

Customer Importance Factors

Paratransit Service

Customer Importance Factors

The top customer importance factors were safety while riding (367), vehicle cleanliness (314), and operators driving safely (279).





PARA Level of Agreement

I feel safe when boarding the vehicle I feel safe when riding the vehicle The vehicle gets me to my destination in a reasonable amount of time The vehicles are clean Paratransit operators drive safely Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful The vehicles usually pick me up within the scheduled 30-minute pickup window RTA's Paratransit service is priced fairly Scheduling a trip is easy & convenient The vehicles are comfortable My concerns or complaints are answered in a timely fashion 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60%

Paratransit





Key Driver Analysis

Satisfaction vs. Importance



The Key Driver Analysis takes each area of service and compares its customer importance ranking against its customer satisfaction level. The graph is divided into four actional quadrants:

- satisfaction.
- satisfaction is raised.



1. Lower Priority - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. Although these have lower satisfaction levels, they are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer satisfaction.

2. Nice to Haves - This quadrant contains areas of service that have lower importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Although customers are highly satisfied in these areas, these areas are less important to customers and will have a smaller impact on overall customer

3. Areas of Opportunity - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and lower satisfaction levels. These areas are ranked as highly important to customers and will have a larger impact on overall customer satisfaction as the service is improved and

4. Strengths to Maintain - This quadrant contains areas of service that have higher importance rankings and higher satisfaction levels. Customers find these areas of high importance and are highly satisfied with the level of service. These satisfaction levels should be maintained in order to continue a positive overall customer satisfaction.

Key Driver Analysis

Improvements in the "Areas of Opportunity" will most efficiently move the needle by bringing customers more satisfaction in what they value.







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Legend

- 1. Safety on the vehicle
- 2. Vehicle cleanliness
- 3. Operators driving safely
- 4. Safety while boarding
- 5. Travel time
- 6. Vehicles arriving on time
- 7. Operators being friendly & helpful
- 8. Ease of scheduling a trip
- 9. Paratransit being priced fairly
- 10. Vehicle comfort
- 11. Concerns & complaints being resolved quickly

Travel Time & On-Time Performance

- 90% of respondents believe the vehicle gets them to their destination in a reasonable time. •
- 86% of respondents say the vehicles usually arrive during the scheduled window. •





On-Time Performance



- 95% of respondents feel safe when boarding the vehicle. •
- 94% of respondents feel safe riding the vehicle. •





I feel safe riding in the vehicle

Trip Availability, Coverage, and Scheduling

- 95% of respondents say Paratransit can take them where they need to go. •
- 93% of respondents say they can schedule a trip for when they need. •





Trip Scheduling



84% of respondents say that Paratransit service is priced fairly. •



priced fairly





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PARA Perception of Operators

- 89% of respondents say that Paratransit operators drive safely. •
- 91% of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of operators. •





overall performance of RTA paratransit operators?



88% of respondents are say that Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful. •



Paratransit operators are friendly & helpful



Customer Service Representatives

- 84% of respondents are satisfied with the overall performance of customer service staff. ullet
- 88% of respondents say customer service representatives are helpful & courteous. ullet



Service by phone, my calls are

answered promptly

Fast Response



Overall Customer Service Performance

overall performance of RTA's customer service staff?





are helpful & coureous



30% of respondents have contacted customer service in the last • three months, and 72% of their issues were resolved.







Operator Device Securance

- 90% of respondents say that operators safely secure their mobility device.
- 85% of respondents say that wheelchair lifts are consistently working.





e their mobility device. Insistently working.

Wheelchair Lift Functionality

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Vehicle wheelchair lifts are consistently in working order



- 90% of respondents say that the vehicles are clean. •
- 77% of respondents say that the vehicles are comfortable. •







The vehicles are comfortable



- 79% of respondents repeat RTA messages to those who would benefit.
- 82% of respondents understand the available routes and are confident with navigation.



