

FY 2025 Fourth Quarter Ridership, State Fair Results & Silver Line Update

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Note about Q4 Reports

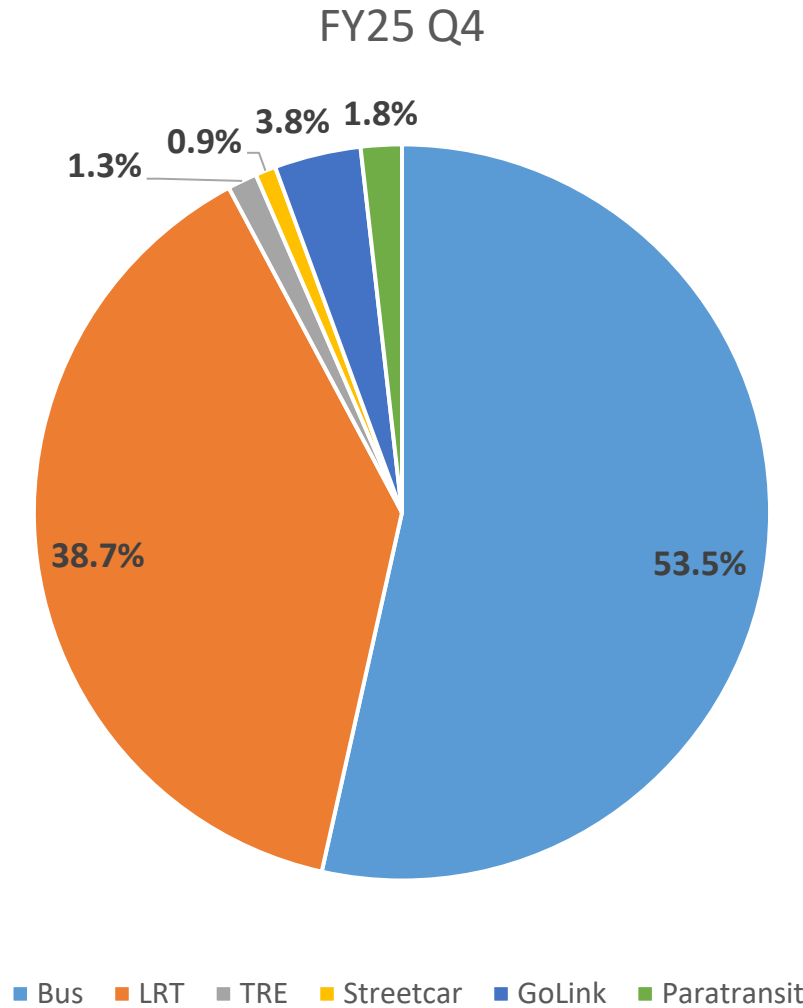
- This briefing will be the first Q4 ridership report ever presented to the Board
- The Q4 report is somewhat different from the Q1-3 reports
- Route performance data is not included in the Q4 report, as calculations are based upon actual financial data
- Due to the year-end audit, Q4 financials are not available, and will not be available for another couple of months at minimum
- We will report instead on ridership from the State Fair of Texas and the Silver Line opening

Ridership

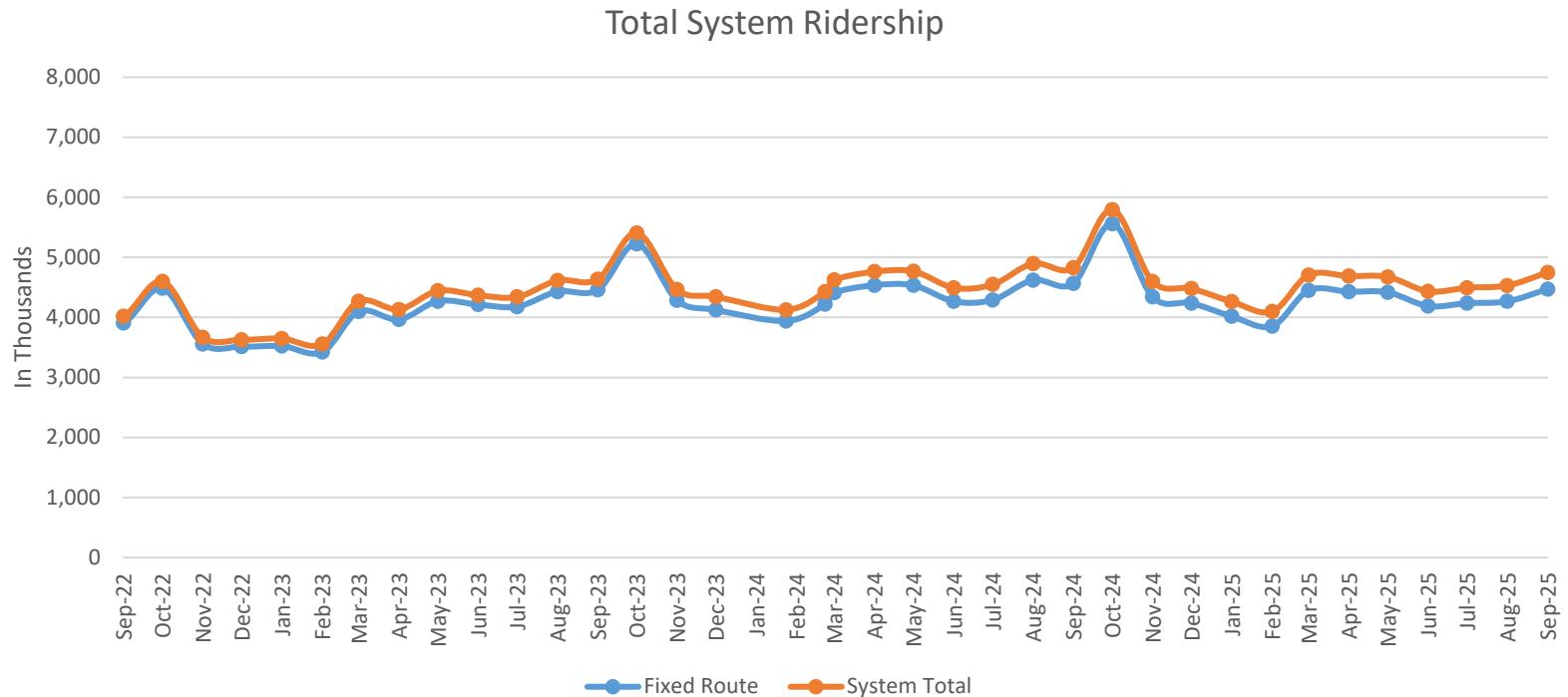
- This report covers FY25 Q4 data (July-September 2025)
- Ridership for FY25 Q4 was down 3.5% from FY24 Q4
- State Fair numbers are included in this report; these numbers span FY25 Q4 and FY26 Q1
- Early Silver Line ridership is also included, noting service started in FY26 Q1 (full report in 2026)
- All ridership is based on boardings



Total System Modal Allocation

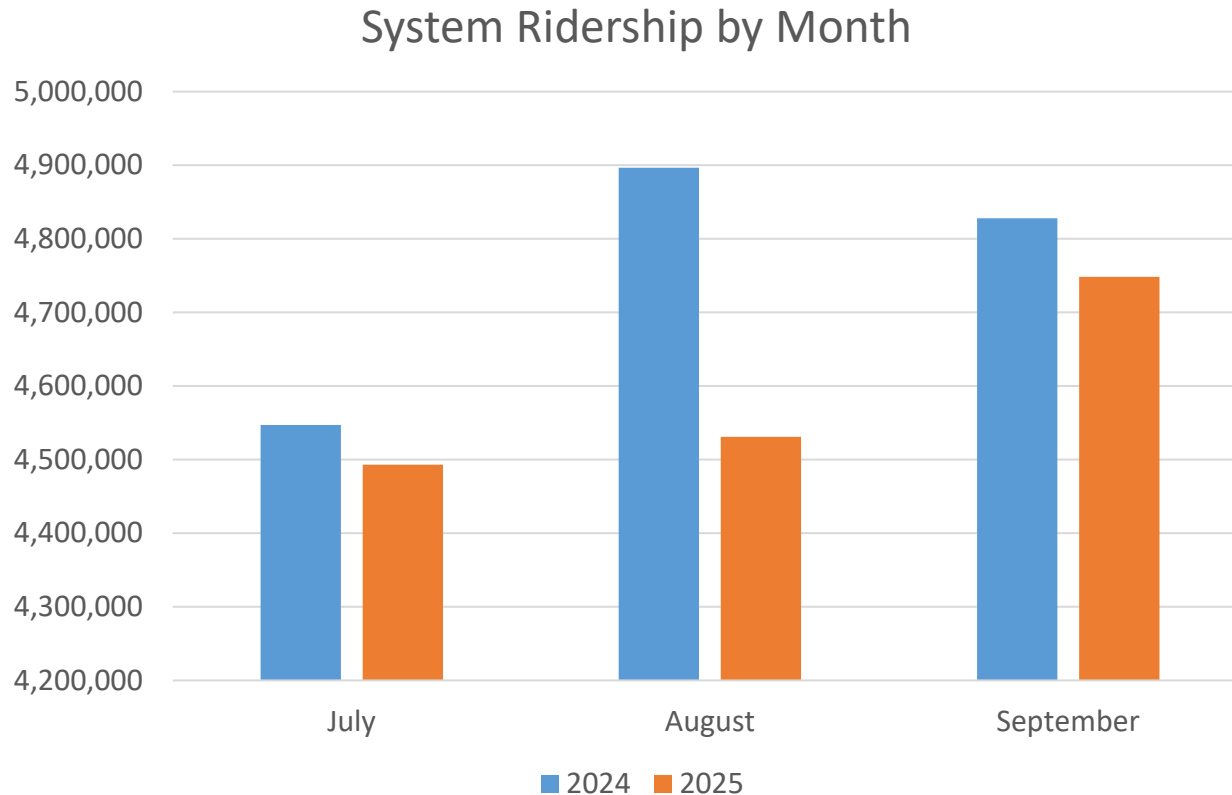


System Ridership



- Fixed route ridership (bus, light rail, TRE, streetcar) 13.0 million
- Total system ridership (fixed plus Microtransit and Paratransit) 13.8 million
- Annual system decrease from FY24 Q4 to FY25 Q4 -3.5%

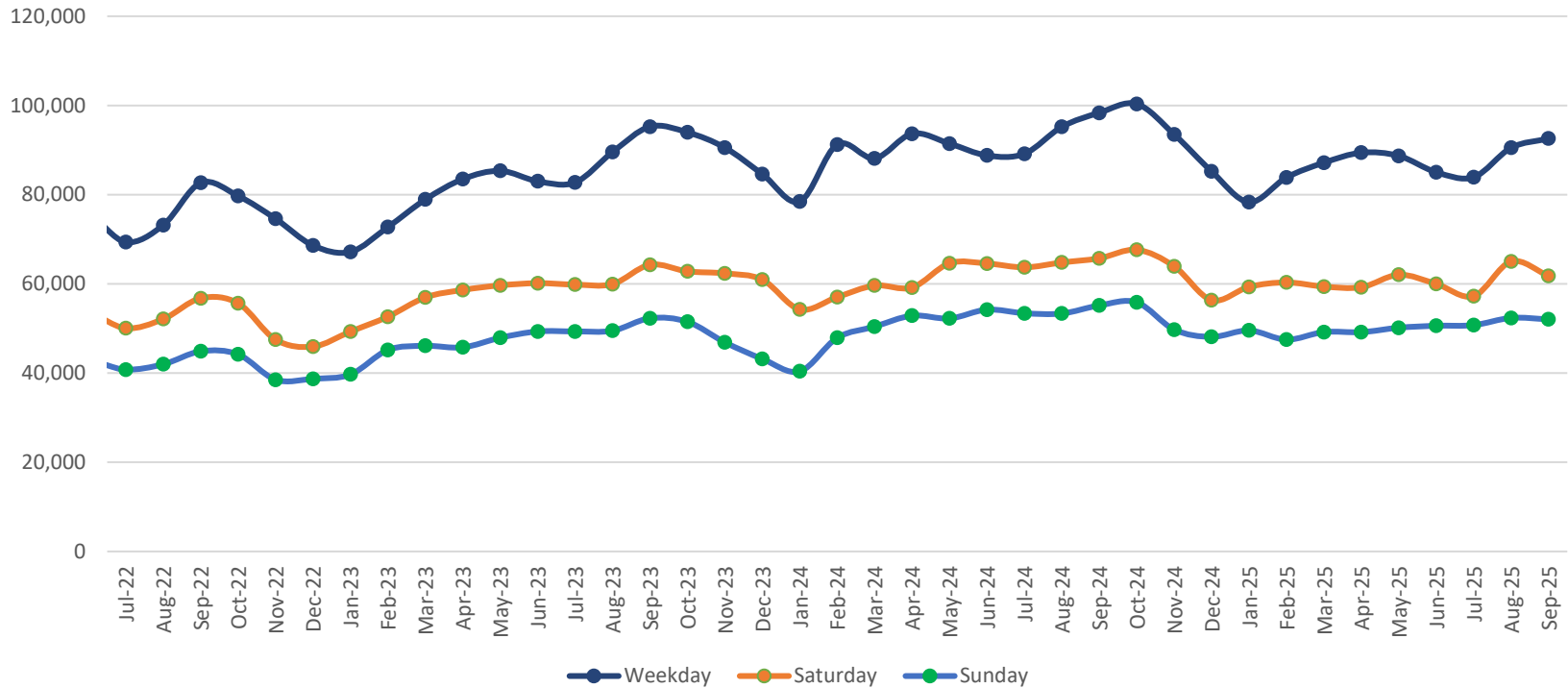
System Ridership



- July total system ridership 4.5 million **-1.2%** from 2024
- August total system ridership 4.5 million **-7.5%** from 2024
- September total system ridership 4.7 million **-1.6%** from 2024

Bus Average Daily Ridership

Bus System Average Daily Ridership



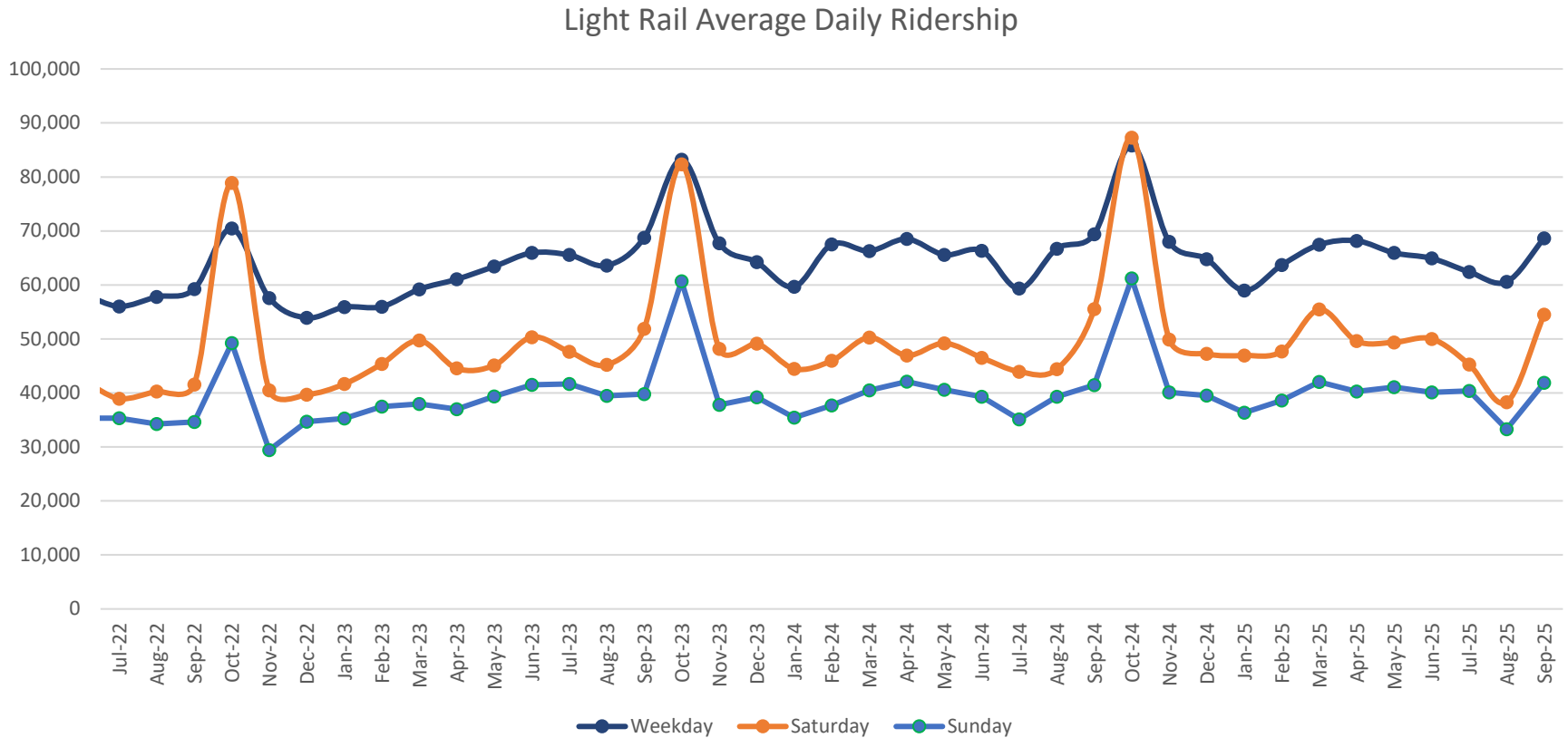
FY25 Q4 Ridership by Month

- July 2.3M **(-6.2%)**
- August 2.5M **(-5.5%)**
- September 2.5M **(-4.3%)**

FY25 Q4

- Bus ridership 7.3 million
- Avg Weekday 89.0K **(-5.6%)**
- Avg Saturday 61.4K **(-5.2%)**
- Avg Sunday 51.7K **(-4.2%)**

Light Rail Average Daily Ridership



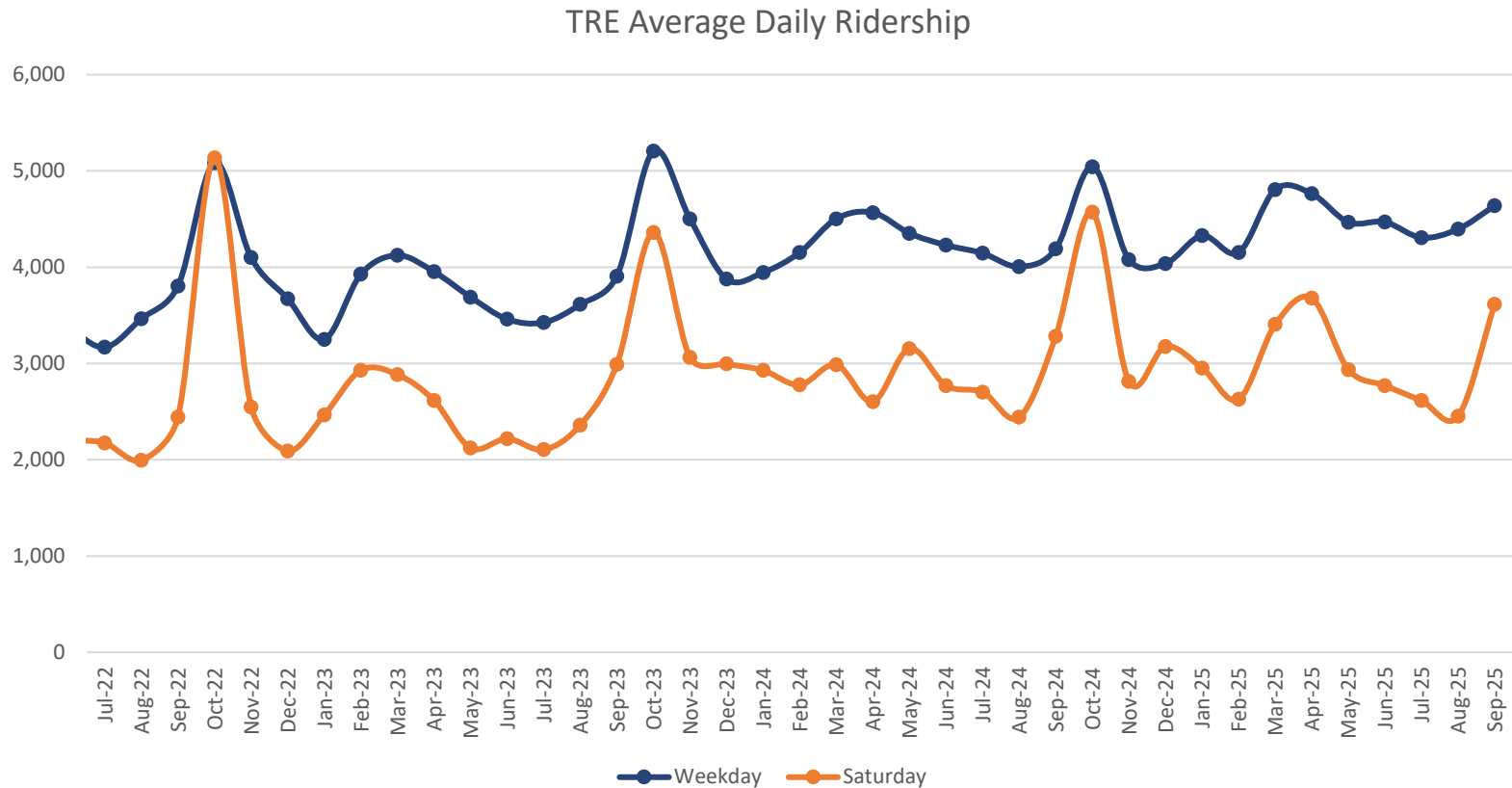
FY25 Q4 Ridership by Month

- July 1.8M **(6.0%)**
- August 1.6M **(-11.4%)**
- September 1.9M **(0.5%)**

FY25 Q4

- LRT ridership 5.3 million
- Avg Weekday 63.9K **(-1.9%)**
- Avg Saturday 46.0K **(-4.0%)**
- Avg Sunday 38.5K **(-0.3%)**

TRE Average Daily Ridership



FY25 Q4 Ridership by Month

- July 105.2K **(3.2%)**
- August 104.6K **(4.2%)**
- September 113.5K **(8.5%)**

FY25 Q4

- TRE ridership 323.2K
- Avg Weekday 4.4K **(8.1%)**
- Avg Saturday 2.9K **(3.0%)**

September Annual Comparison

Monthly Total Ridership

Mode	2022	2023	2024	2025
Bus	2.2M	2.5M	2.6M	2.5M
Light Rail	1.6M	1.8M	1.9M	1.9M
TRE	90.1K	93.1K	99.2K	113.5K
Streetcar	45.0K	44.2K	44.9K	35.4K
Microtransit	40.8K	102.3K	186.0K	195.1K
Paratransit	70.4K	74.9K	77.1K	83.3K
System	4.0M	4.6M	4.8M	4.7M

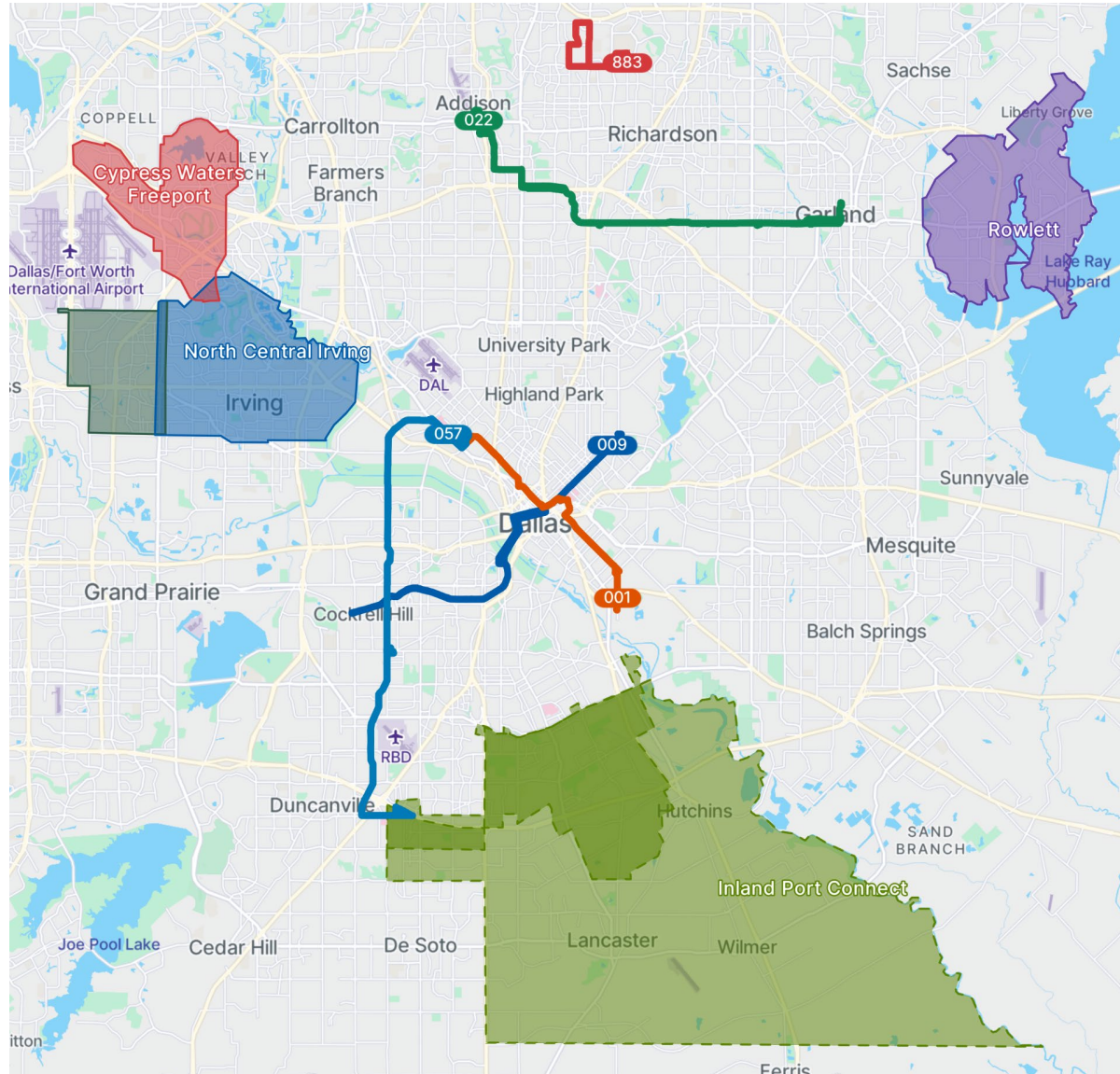
FY25 Q4 Highest Ridership

Top 5 bus route average weekday ridership

- 22 Forest Lane 3,736
- 57 Westmoreland 3,385
- 883 UTD Shuttle 2,881
- 1 Malcom X/Maple 2,844
- 9 Jefferson/Gaston 2,620

Top 5 GoLink zone average weekday ridership

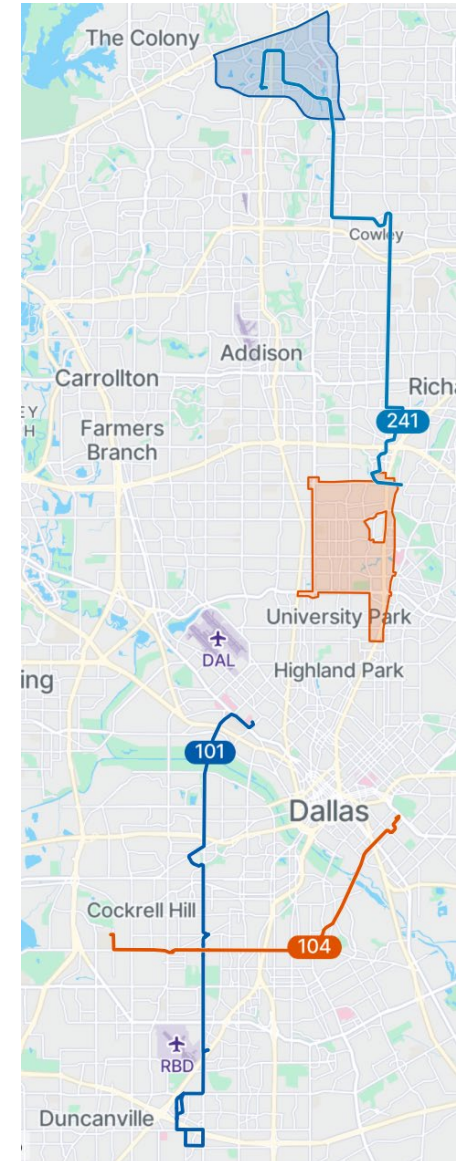
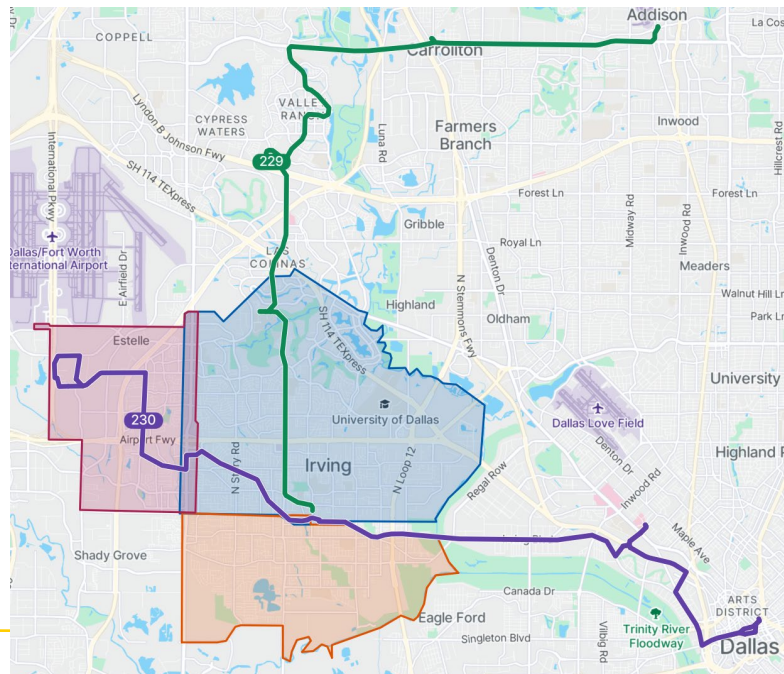
- Inland Port Expanded 1,103
- N. Central Irving 600
- Rowlett 557
- Cypress Waters 368
- Passport Park 342



FY25 Q4 High Ridership Local & Local Coverage

Top 5 bus route average weekday ridership

- 241 Coit 1,837
- 101 Hampton 1,820
- 104 Illinois 1,759
- 230 Irving Blvd 1,666
- 229 MacArthur/Beltline 1,513



A blurred city street scene with a yellow bus and a yellow sign that says #HungerActionMonth.

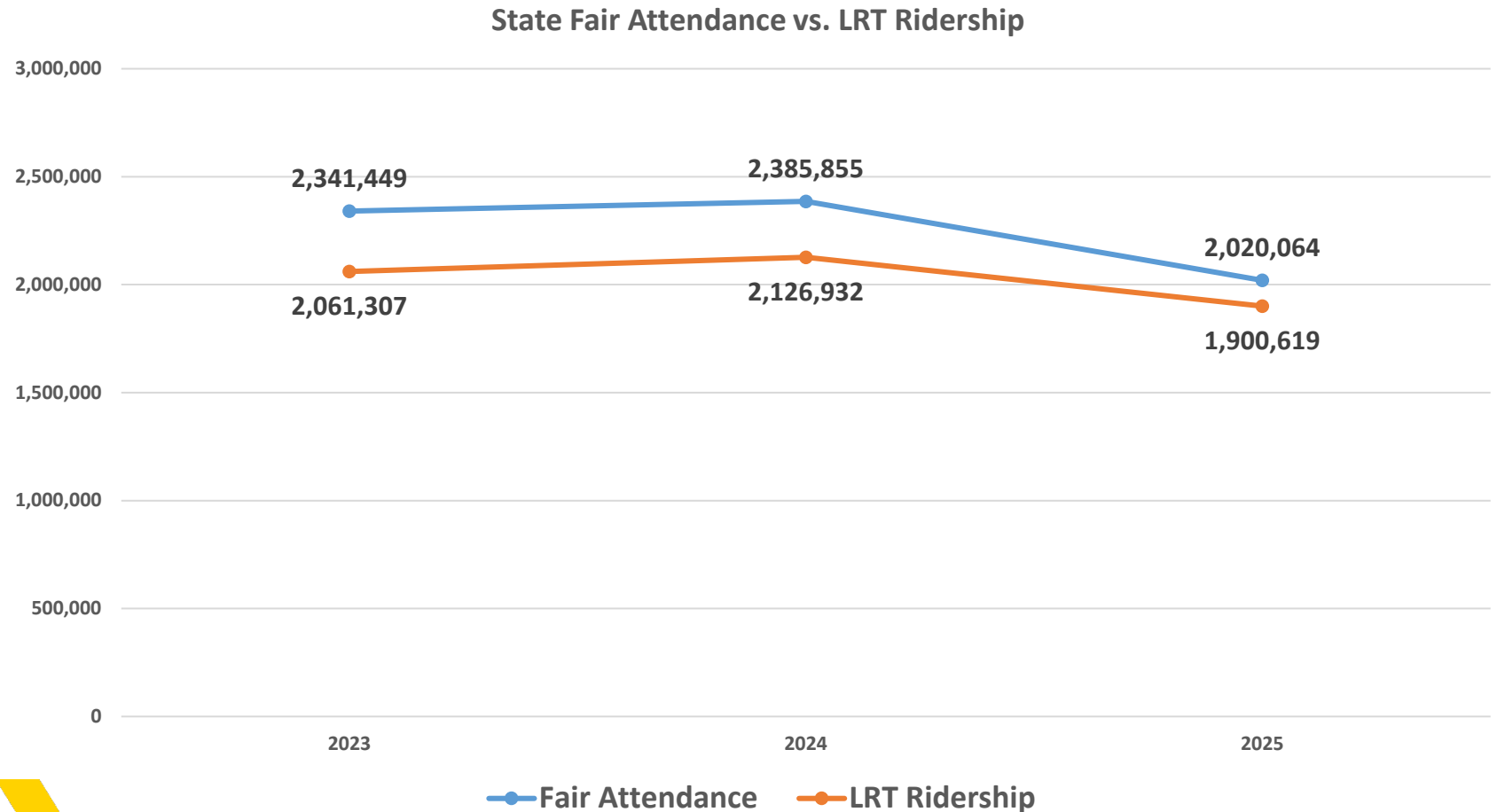
State Fair of Texas

State Fair Numbers

- State Fair attendance was down -15.3% (365,791) from last year based on published attendance numbers
- State Fair Classic (Grambling/PV) attendance up +3.5%
 - Only day with positive growth year to year
 - TLC concert the same night as the State Fair Classic



State Fair Ridership



TX/OU Ridership

2025 Attendance: 193,690

2024 Attendance: 212,003

Difference: -8.6%

2025 LRT Ridership: 111,953

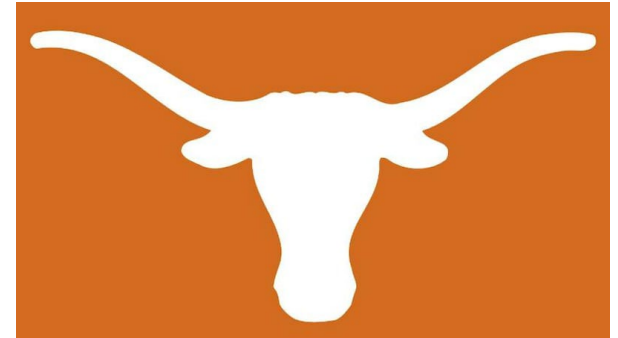
2024 LRT Ridership: 122,720

Difference: -8.8%

2025 TRE Ridership: 5,710

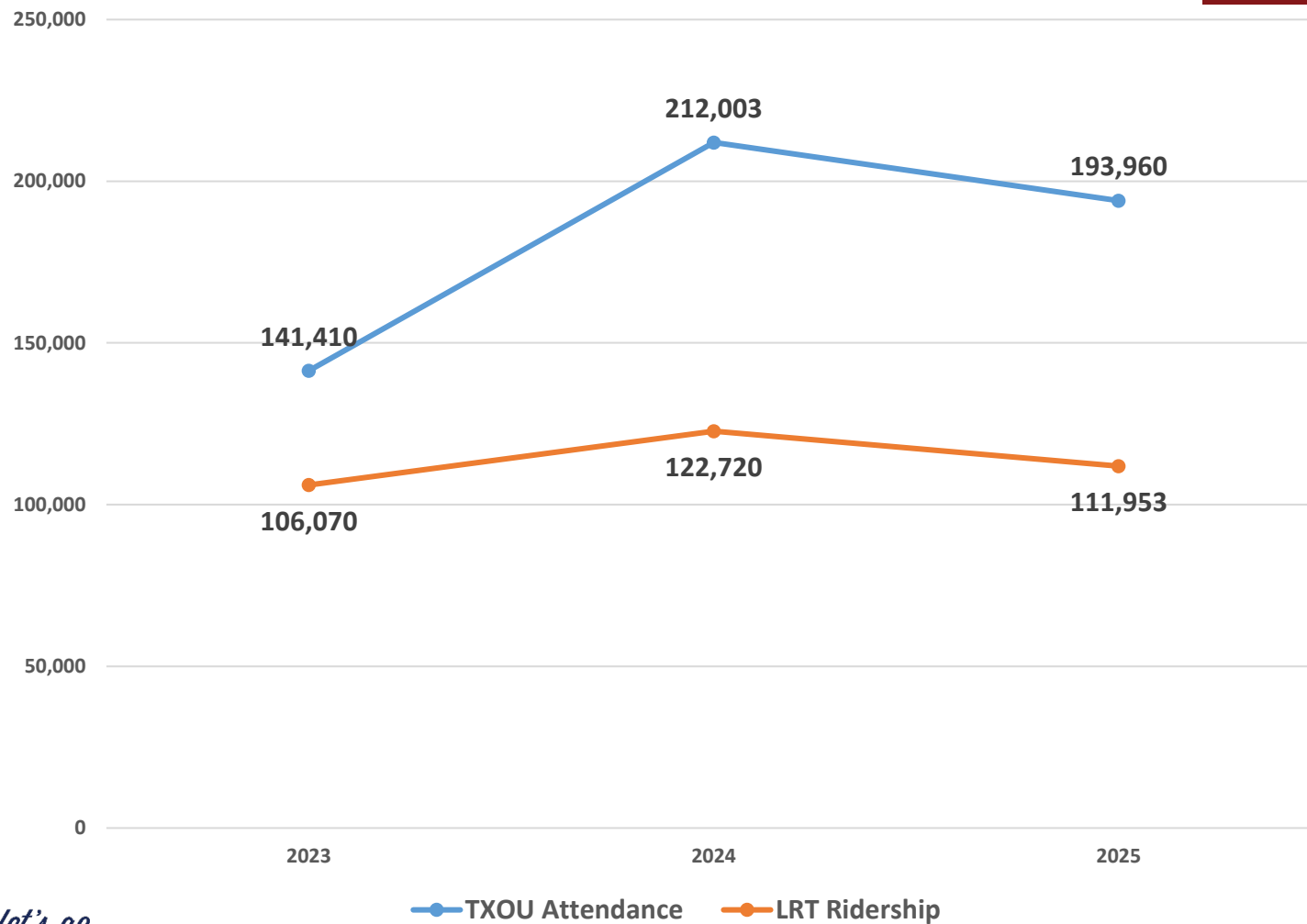
2024 TRE Ridership: 6,291

Difference: -9.2%





TX/OU Fair Attendance vs. LRT Ridership



Silver Line

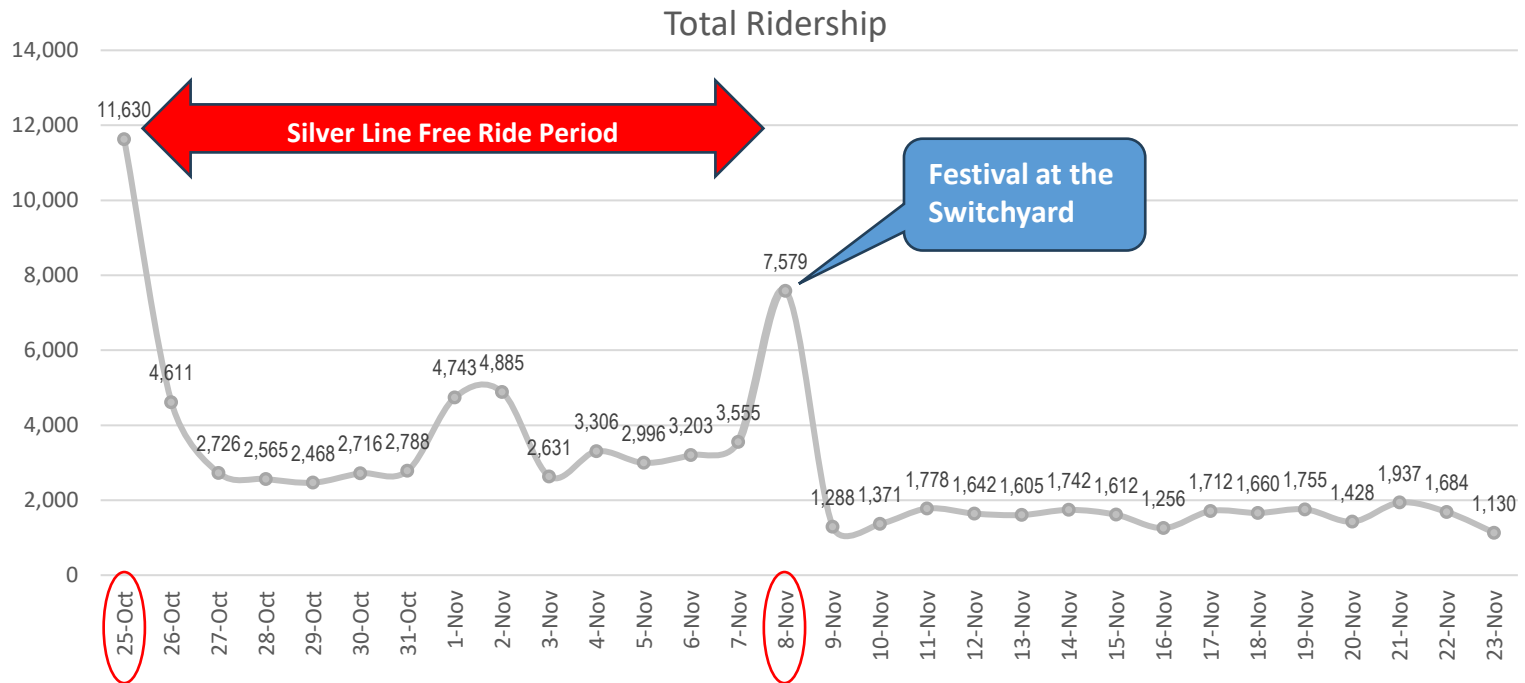


Silver Line



- Opening weekend ridership: 16,241
- Free rides from October 25- November 8
- Highest ridership so far is trending on weekends
- Too early to tell where ridership will settle

Silver Line Ridership



- Ridership is based on manual counts
- Manual counts are normally lower than automatic passenger counters (APC)
- DART is working with our vendors to resolve APC issues

Recap

- Q4 briefing did not include route performance or subsidy information due to end of year financial audit
- Performance and subsidy info will be presented in FY26Q1 briefing





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