

AGENDA

PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 13, 2025

Hybrid Meeting In-person and via Zoom



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**CITY OF ELLENSBURG
PUBLIC TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA
PW Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom
Tuesday, May 13, 2025
3:30 PM - Regular Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members**
 - 1.A Call the May 13, 2025, PTAC Meeting to order.
 - 1.B Roll Call of PTAC Members.
- 2. Approval of Agenda (No Public Comment)**
 - 2.A Motion to Approve the May 13, 2025, PTAC Meeting Agenda.
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
 - 3.A Motion to approve the April 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- 4. Guest Speakers**
 - 4.A None
- 5. Follow Up Items**
 - 5.A Public Transit Funding Discussion.
 - 5.B Future Transit Capital Projects Discussion.
- 6. Ridership Stats**
 - 6.A April 2025 Ridership Stats
- 7. Agenda Items**
 - 7.A None
- 8. Transit Marketing Updates**
 - 8.A Marketing Updates.
- 9. Transit Updates**
 - 9.A Legislative Update
- 10. Member Updates**
 - 10.A Member updates as time permits.
- 11. Next PTAC Meeting**

11.A June 24, 2025.

12. Adjournment



For more information on the Ellensburg Public Transit Advisory Committee, contact Transit Manager, Betsy Dunbar, at 509-925-8680.

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CITY OF ELLENSBURG

Minutes of Public Transit Advisory Committee, Regular Meeting

Date of Meeting

April 15, 2025

Time of Meeting

3:30 PM

Place of Meeting

**Council Conference Room
501 North Anderson Street
Ellensburg, WA 98926
And remotely via Zoom**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call of Members

1.A

Call the April 15, 2025, PTAC Meeting to order.

Chair Miller called the April 15, 2025, PTAC Meeting to order at 3:39 PM.

1.B

Roll Call of PTAC Members.

The following PTAC members were in attendance: Chair David Miller, Vice Chair Amy Spitznas, Joey Bryant, Ann Miner.

Absent: Jim Hurson's had an excused absence, Deja Blanchard.

Also in attendance: Betsy Dunbar - COE, Keiko Walsh - HopeSource, Spencer Klewin - HopeSource.

Justin Leighton with WSTA and several staff members were in attendance.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.A

Motion to Approve the April 15, 2025, PTAC Meeting Agenda.

A motion to approve the April 15, 2025, PTAC Meeting Agenda was made by Vice Chair Spitznas.

The motion carried 4-0.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.A

Motion to Approve the April 15, 2025, PTAC Minutes.

A motion to approve the April 15, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Committee member Joey Bryant.

Motion carried 4-0.

4. Guest Speakers

4.A

Justin Leighton, WSTA Executive Director

WSTA Executive Director Justin Leighton provided updates on the legislative session in Olympia and the potential effects on the operating state grants.

5. Agenda Items

5.A None

6. Ridership Stats

6.A

Review March Ridership Stats

The March 2025 Ridership Stats were reviewed.

7. Follow Up Items

8. Transit Marketing Updates

8.A

Marketing Updates

Marketing updates were shared with the committee members.

9. Transit Updates

9.A

Proposed Commissions Update

City Manager Heidi Behrends Cerniwey shared the proposed makeup and name change of the Public Transit Advisory Committee. This change would combine Transportation with Transit to create the Transportation System Advisory Committee (TSAC).

9.B

ADA Project Update

The 2025 ADA Capital Projects were shared, which include 17 planned projects ranging from the movement of bus stops, adding ADA landing pads, bus shelters and bench seating.

9.C

On-Time Performance Information

The On-Time Performance Module reports show that in the first quarter of 2025, the fixed route system performed well over the 90% on-time performance requirement.

10. Member Updates

Vice Chair Spitznas discussed the importance of having a Transit Training program. Staff member Dunbar requested all requests for travel training be referred to her.

11. Next PTAC Meeting

11.A

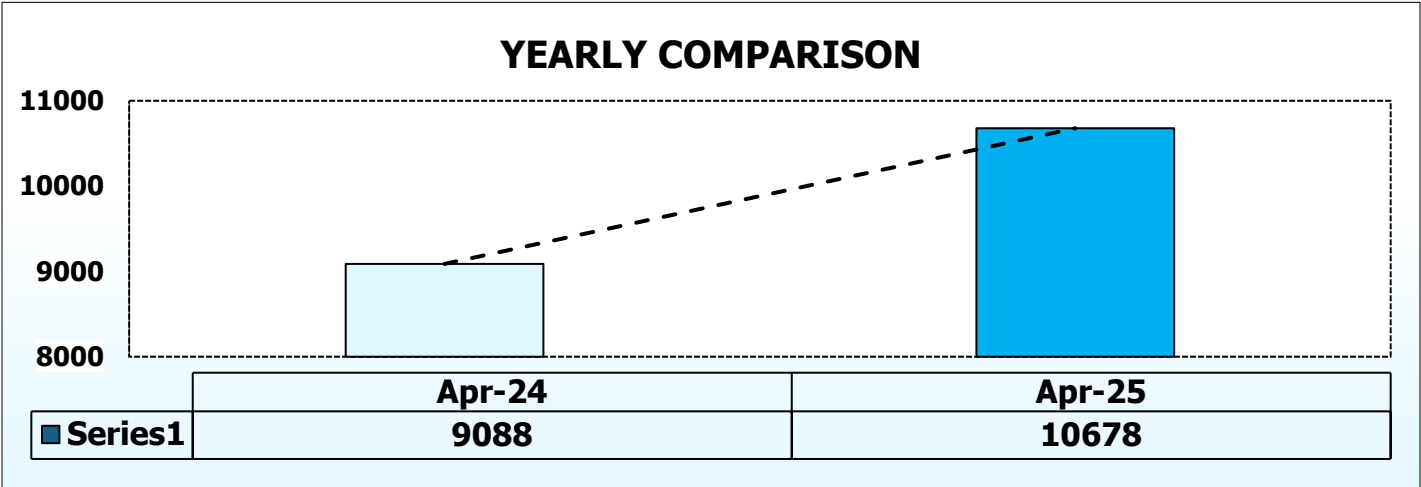
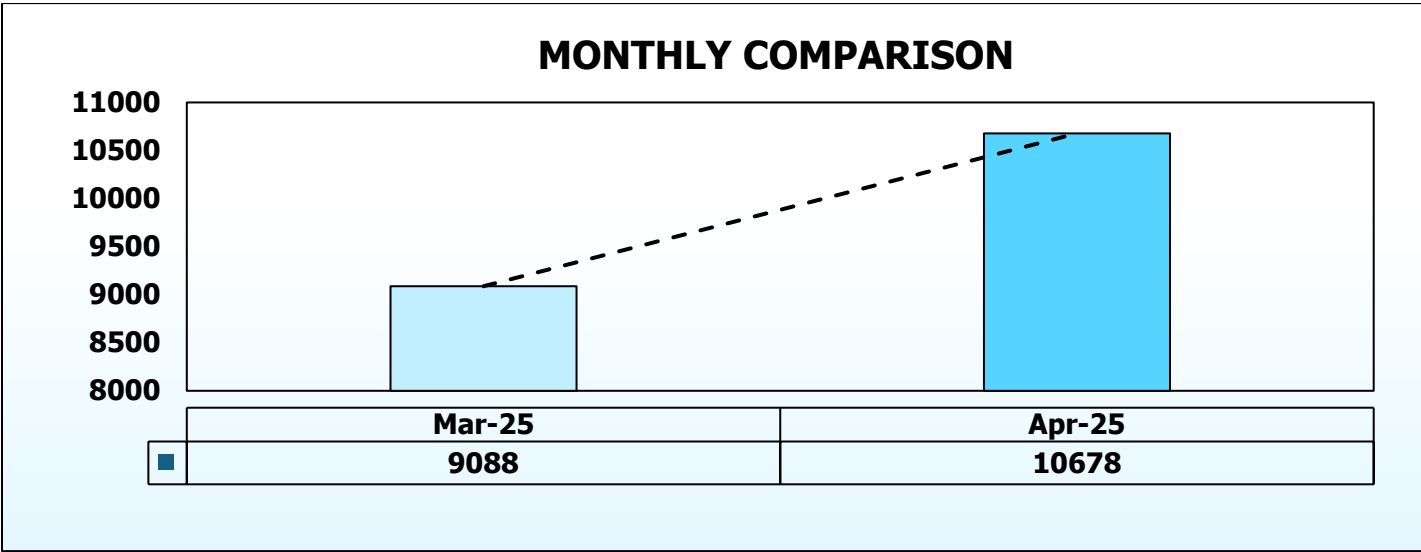
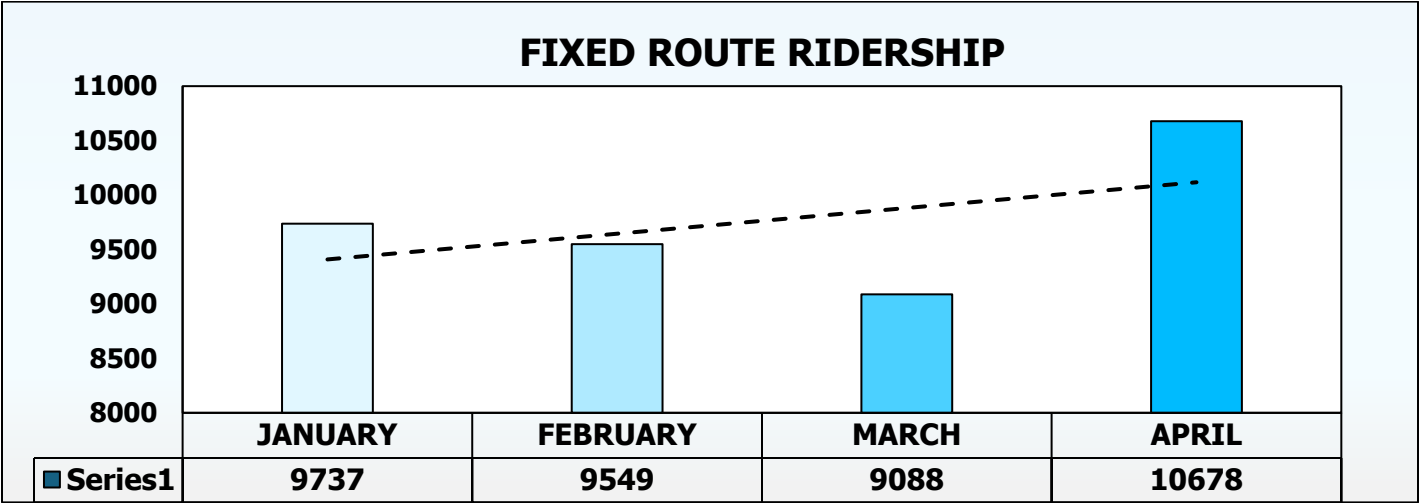
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12. Adjournment

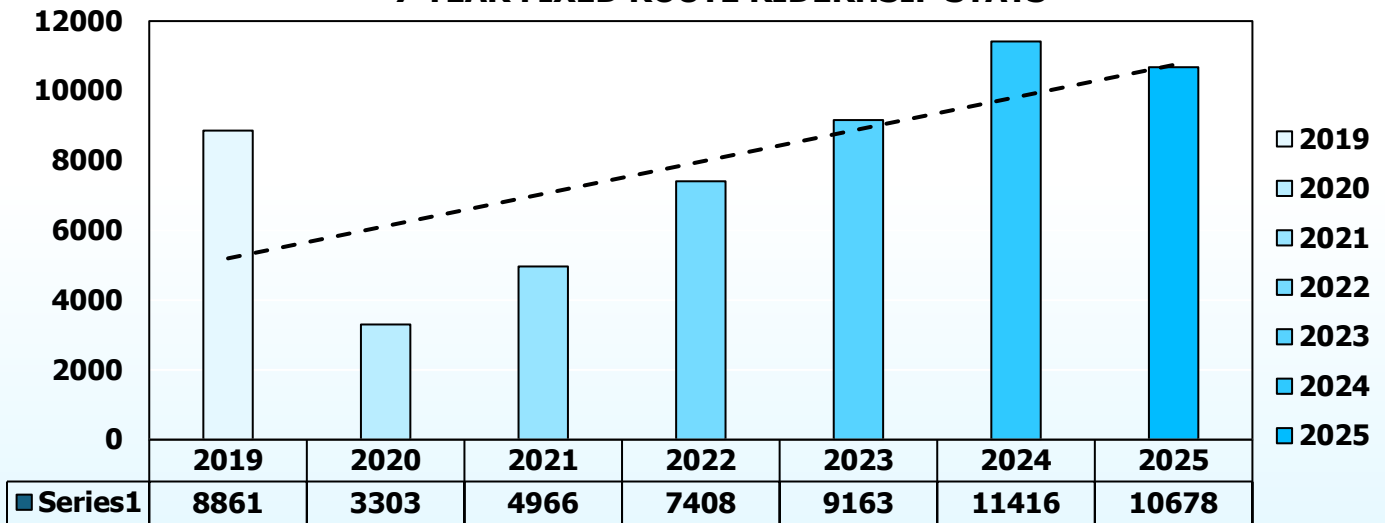
The meeting was adjourned at 16:59.

APRIL 2025 RIDERSHIP STATS

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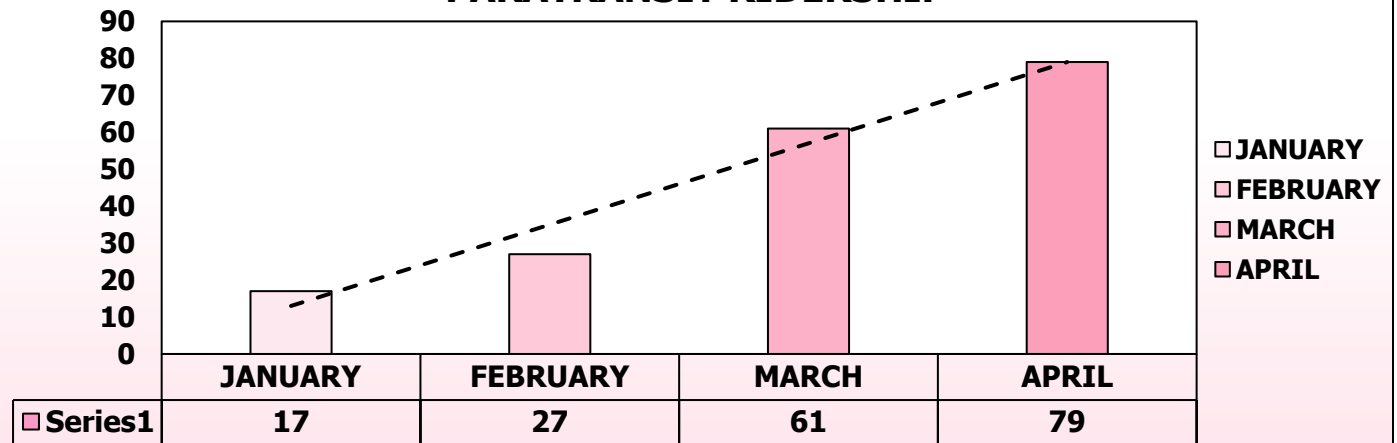


7 YEAR FIXED ROUTE RIDERSHIP STATS

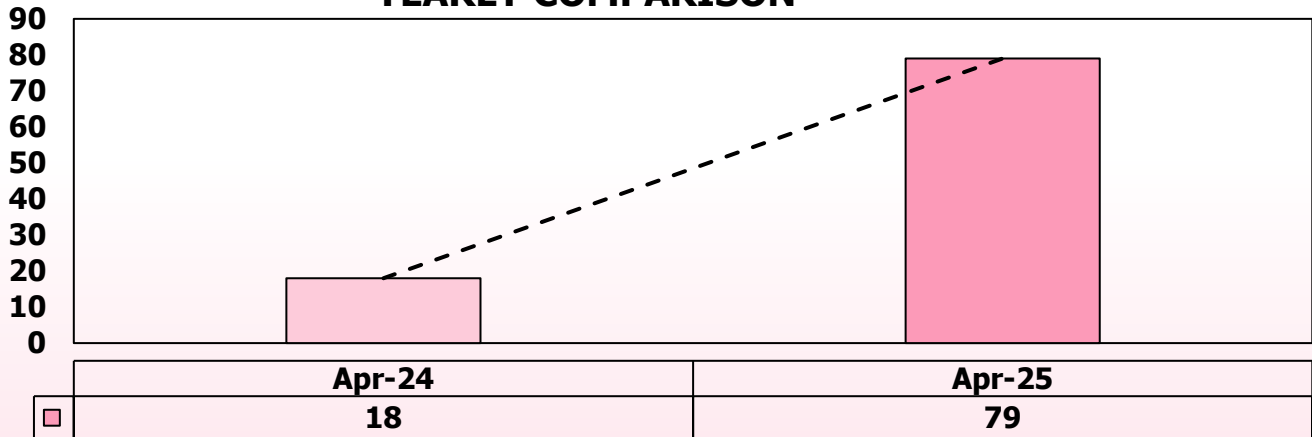


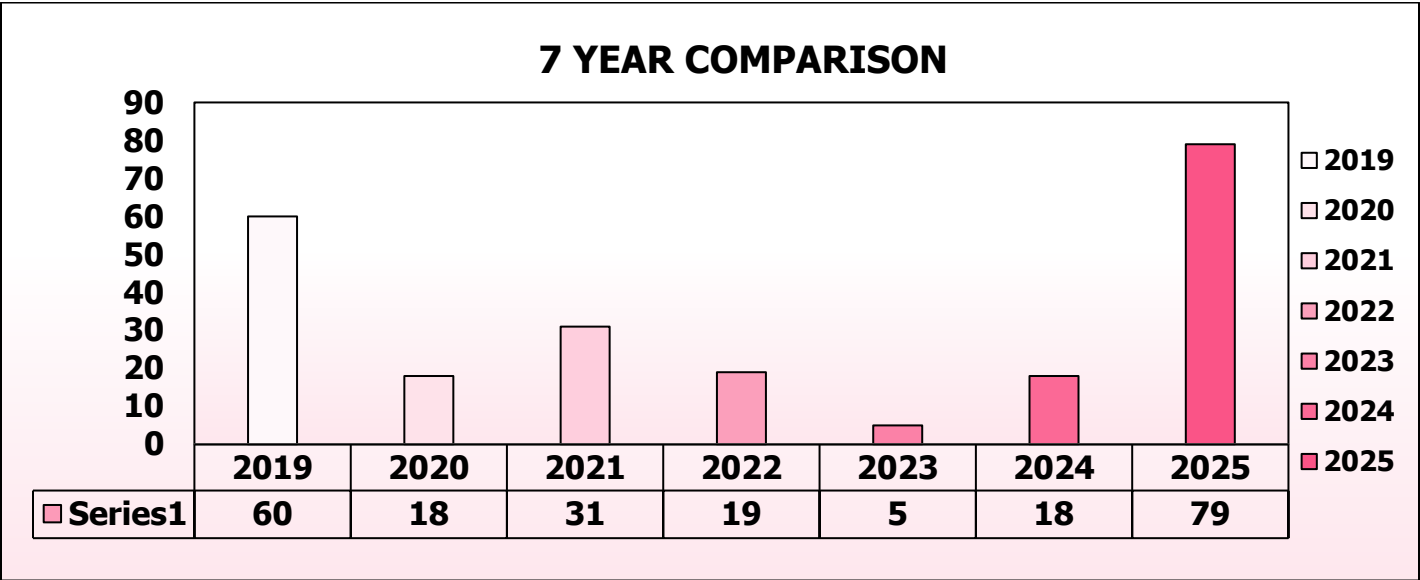
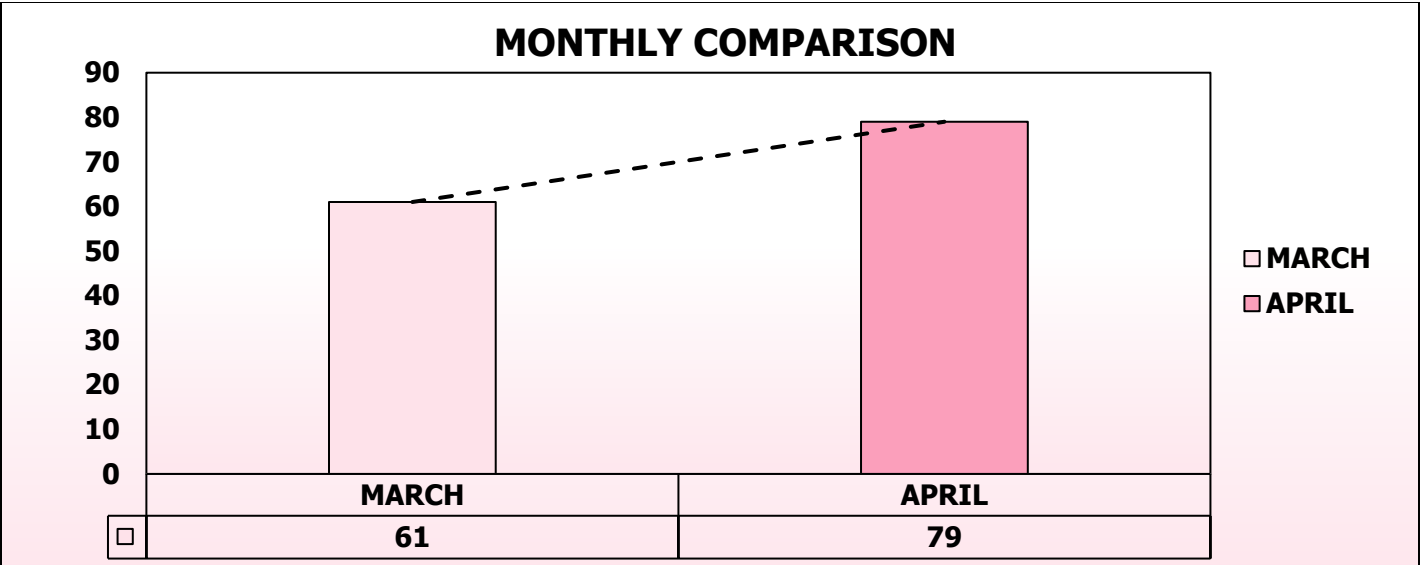
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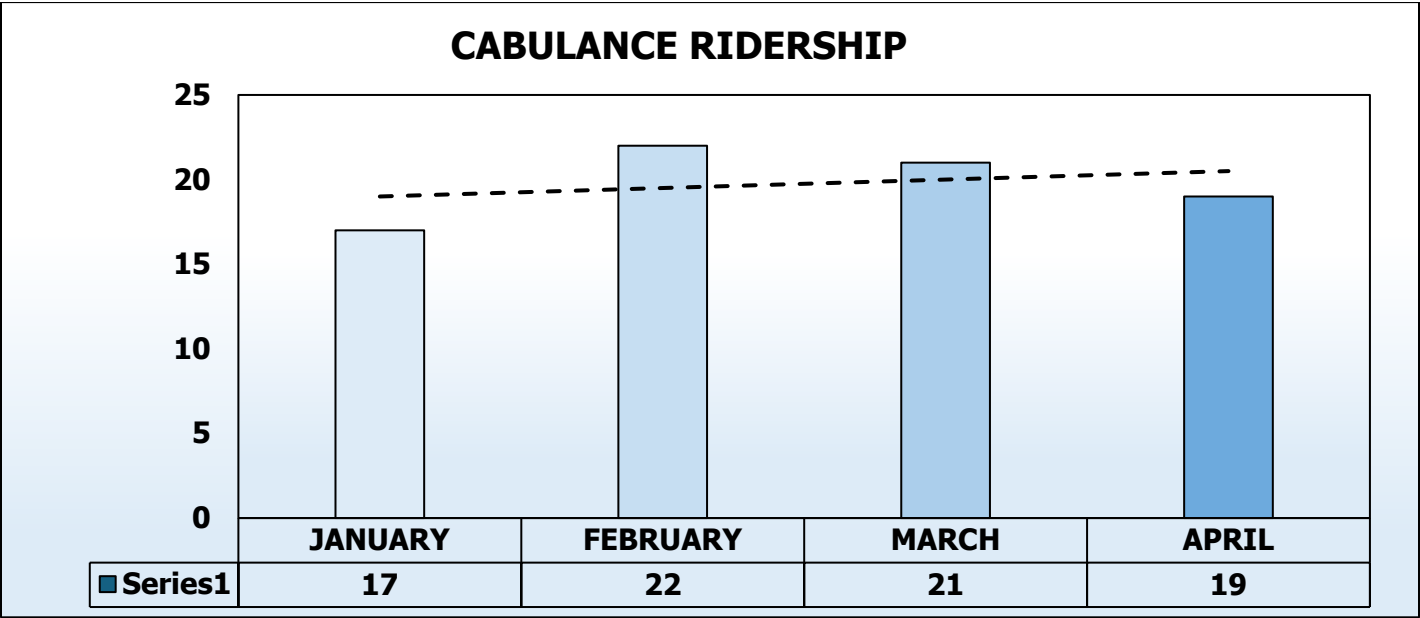


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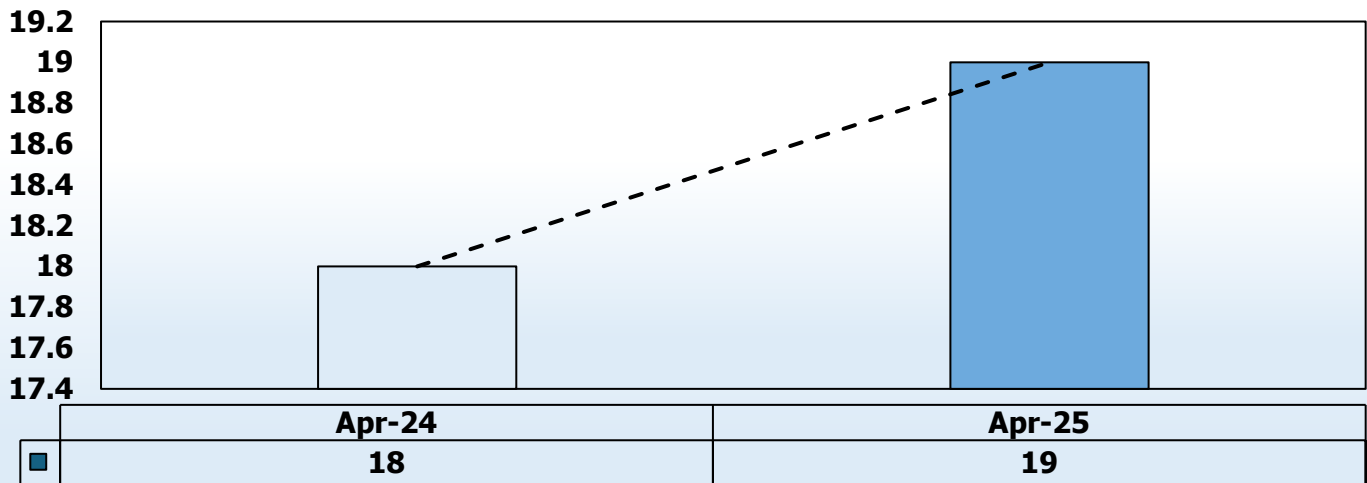




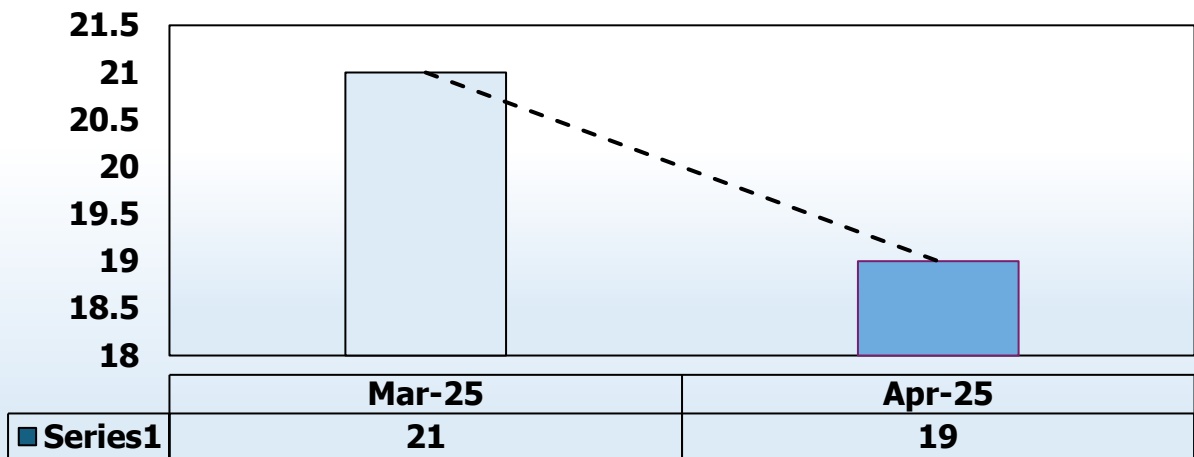
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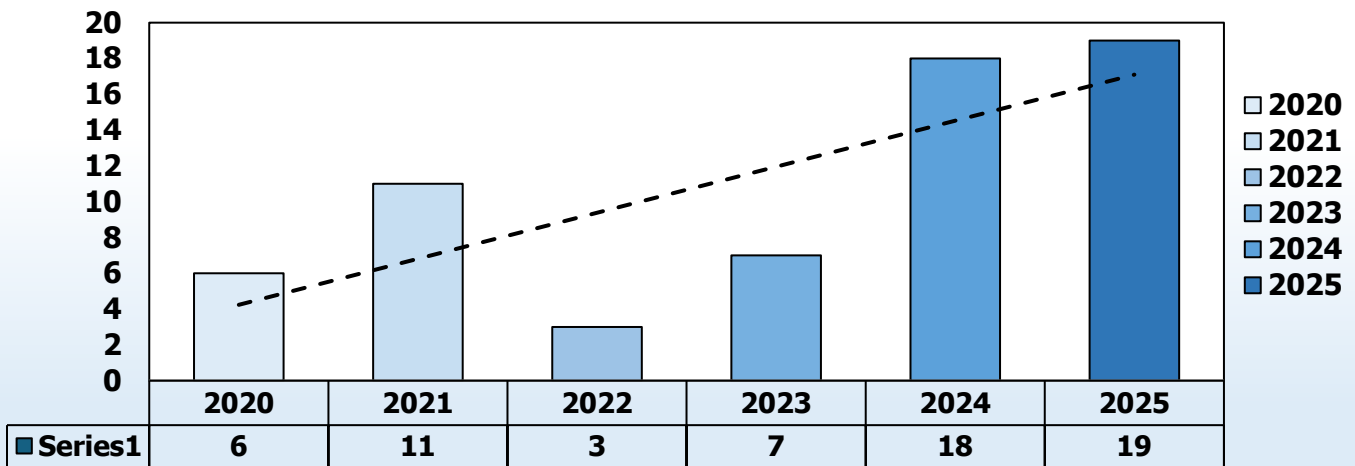
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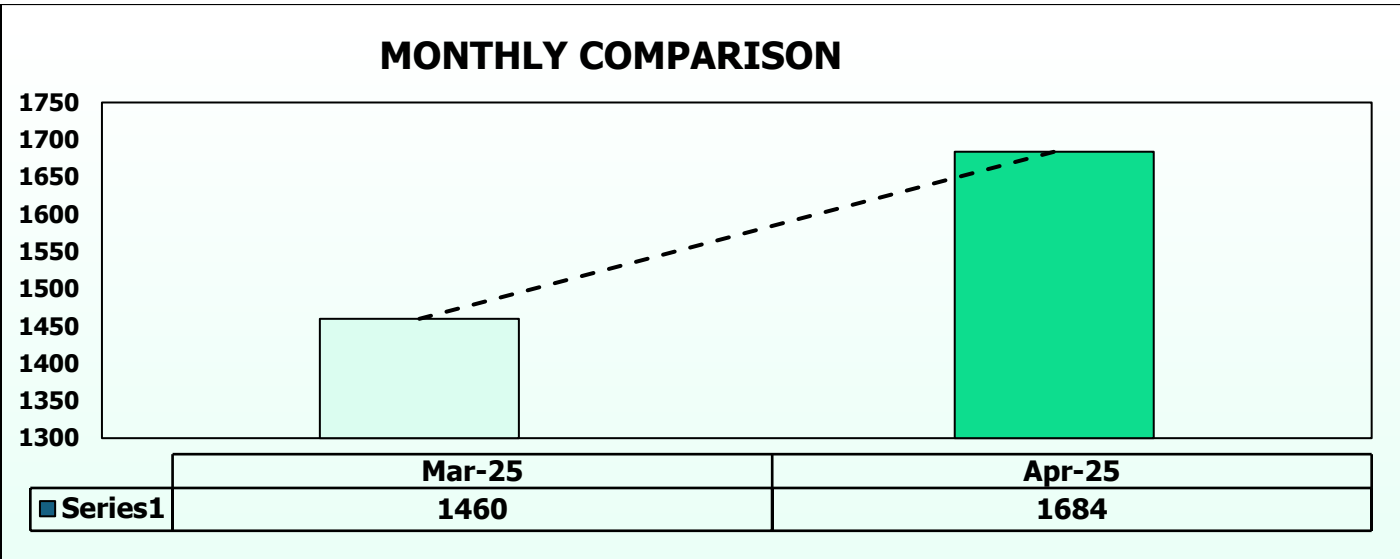
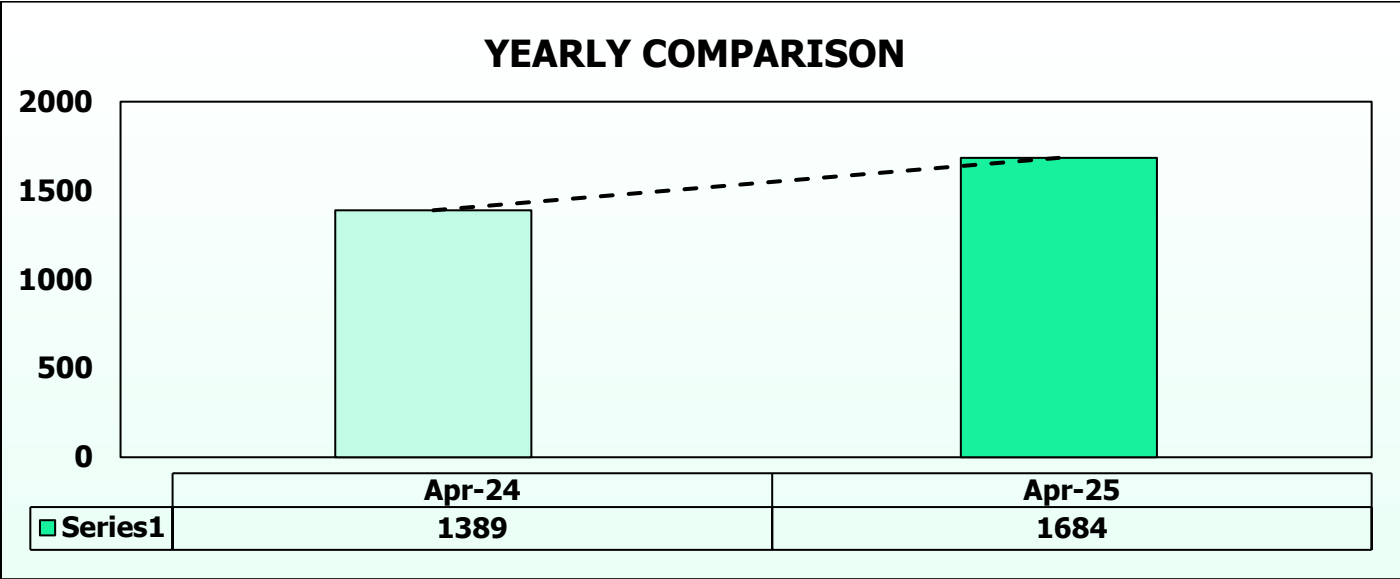
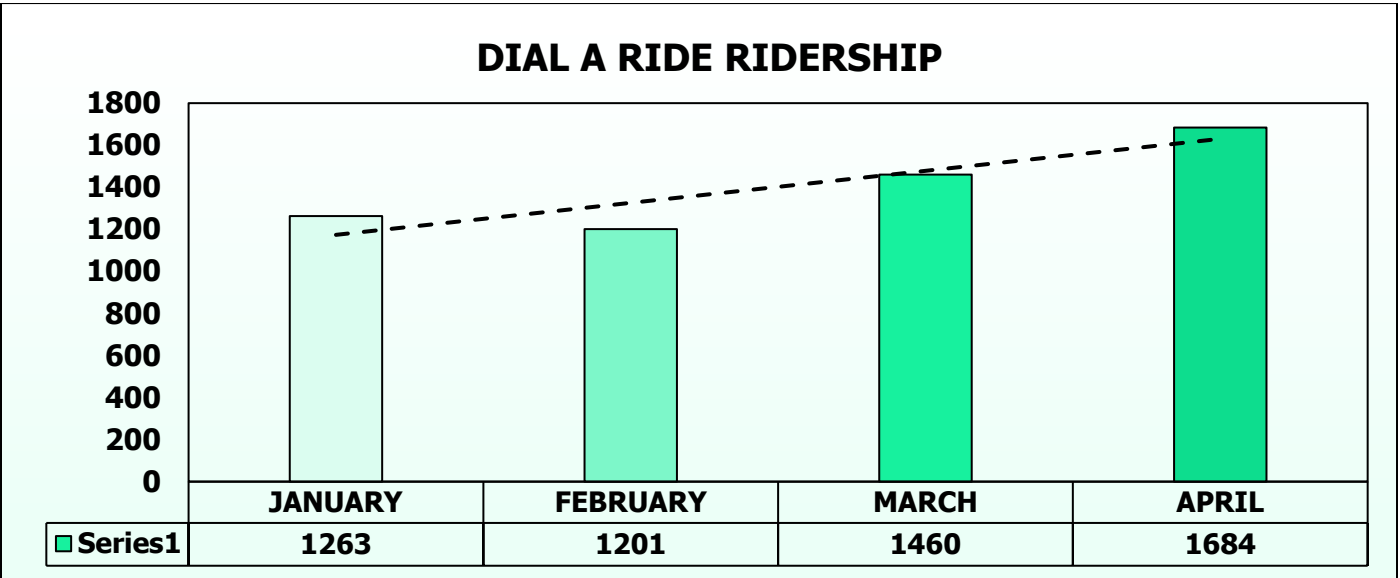
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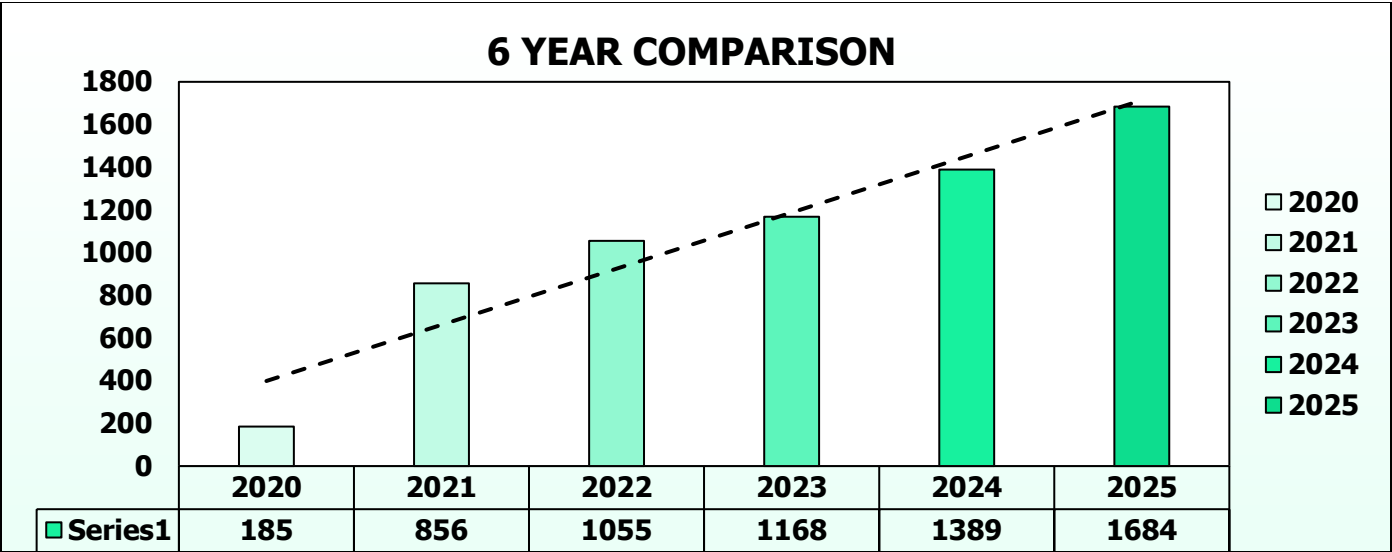


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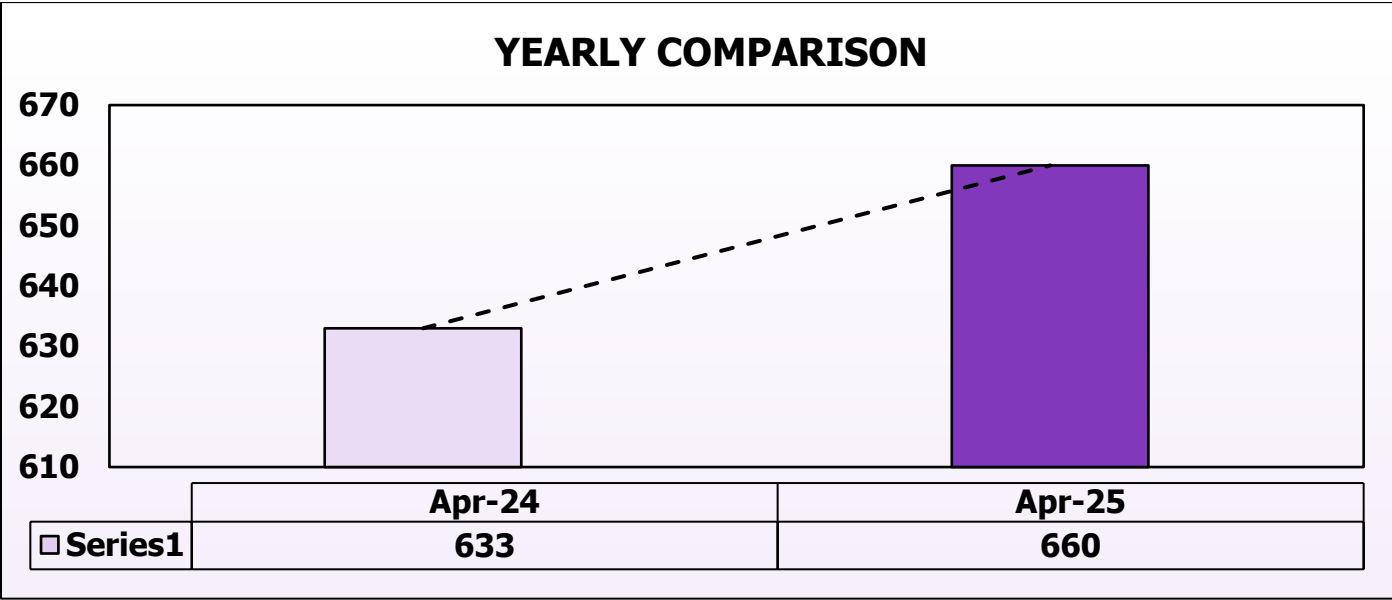
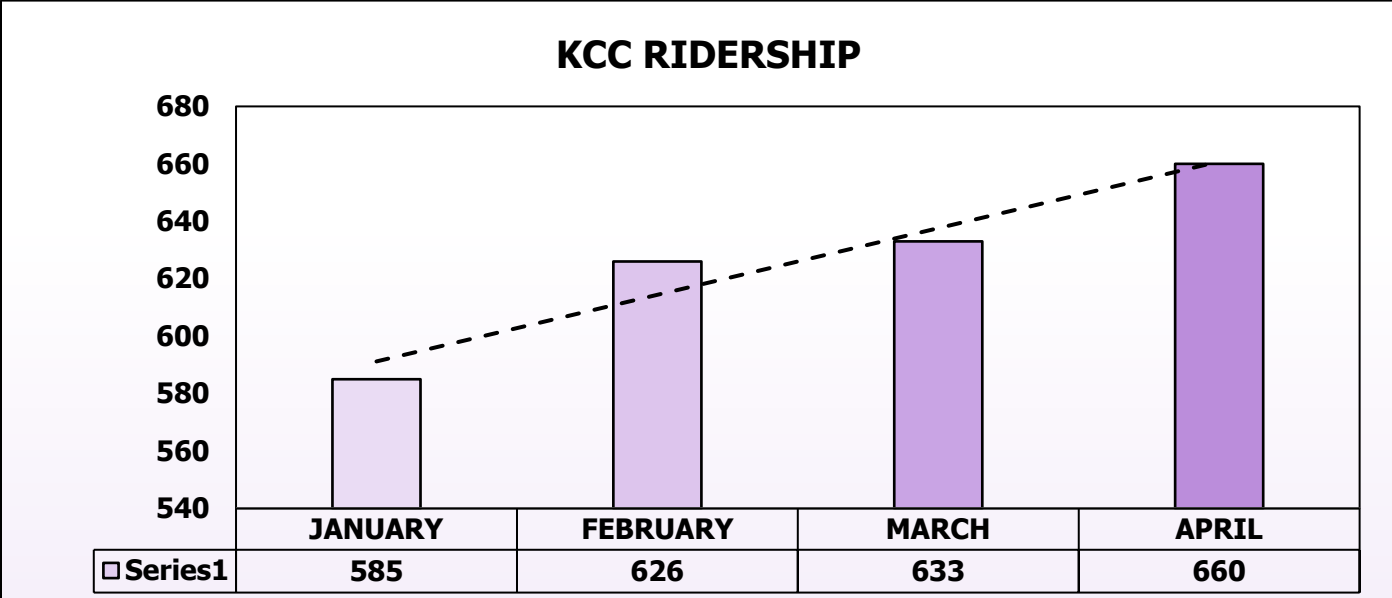


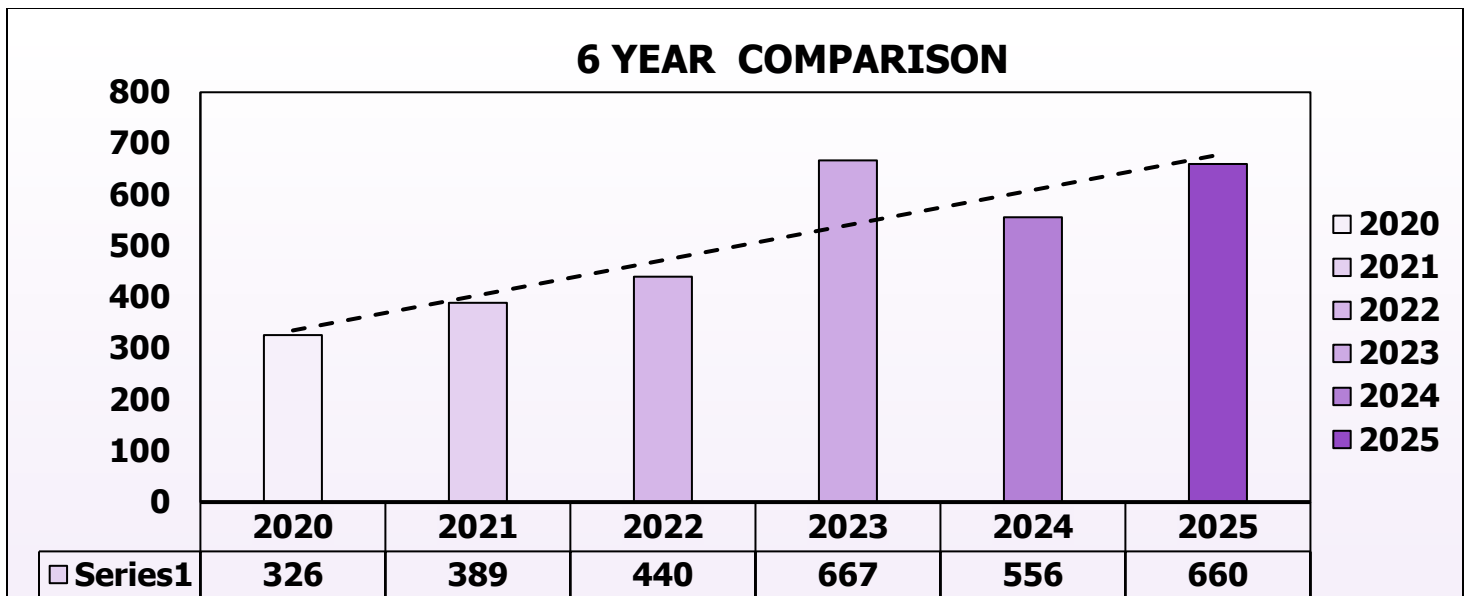
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KITTITAS COUNTY CONNECTOR





BUS STOP	BOARDINGS	ALIGHTINGS
Roslyn 1st & Dakota	32	0
1st & Dakota WB	15	10
3rd & Atlantic	4	8
Centennial Center	5	10
City Park Total	1	7
Cle Elum Travelers Inn	2	5
Dairy Queen Cle Elum	8	13
Depot	0	2
DSHS Ellensburg	15	20
Econo Lodge Cle Elum	19	1
Firehouse Rd	22	21
I-90 West Interchange	5	15
Park and Ride	14	14
Pioneer Coffee	137	29
Restrooms Cle Elum	0	0
Safeway @ Ruby & 4th	271	260
Safeway Cle Elum	77	68
Shoemaker East Bound	6	5
Shoemaker West Bound	0	3
State Farm Cle Elum	0	7
Three Forks Ammo	0	0
Timber Lodge	5	6
Cle Elum Visitor Center	0	6
Washington Federal	22	150
Total:	660	660

State budget update

I've got some very important news to share: Upon wrapping negotiations, the Legislature released its transportation budget in late April. This budget supports funding for many of our grant programs, ongoing projects, and most of the newly proposed projects for award in the 2025-27 biennium. In total, there's about \$753 million in state public transportation funding over the next two years. Here's a quick look at our programs and their funding levels:

- **No funding changes:** Rural Mobility, Regional Mobility, Special Needs Transportation, Transit Support Grant, Transit Tier Projects, Tribal Transit, Bus and Bus Facilities, and Transportation Demand Management/Commute Trip Reduction programs will continue with no changes to their funding levels.
- **Reduced funding:** The Green Transportation and Rideshare programs continue with a reduction in their funding levels. This reduction only applies to new projects with a planned start date in the 2025-27 biennium.
- **No funding:** The Transit Coordination Program received no funding in the Legislature's budget. There is no impact on the current biennium's commitments and contracts. We've stopped asking for projects for the 2025-27 biennium and notified anyone who applied with a draft application in the Grants Management System. We'll provide future funding updates as soon as they become available. Thank you to all who applied.

The next step in the budget process is for Gov. Ferguson to review and sign the budget.