

Green Mountain Transit Overview

South Burlington City Council Meeting

November 16, 2020



Who We Are

- ▶ 1973: Chittenden County Transportation Authority (CCTA) was created as the state's first and only transit authority.
- ▶ 2016: CCTA and Green Mountain Transit Agency (GMTA) combined and were renamed the Green Mountain Transit Authority
 - ▶ GMT provides service in six counties; Chittenden, Washington, Franklin, Grand Isle Lamoille and Orange
 - ▶ Directed by a thirteen member Board of Commissioners
 - ▶ 180 employees, 160 revenue vehicles, 950 bus stops



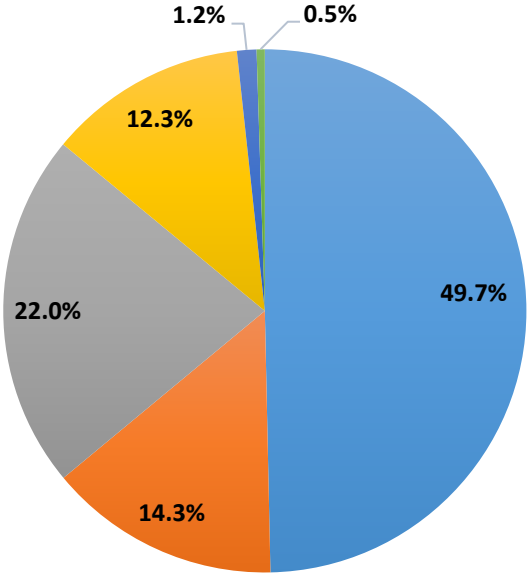
Our Mission

- ▶ The mission of GMT is to promote and operate safe, convenient, accessible, innovative and sustainable public transportation services in the northwest and central Vermont region that reduce congestion and pollution, encourage transit oriented development and enhance the quality of life for all.

Financial Information

Breakdown of Urban Revenues

FY20 Total Operating Expenses: \$21M
FY20 Urban Operating Expenses: \$14.4M



Federal State Local Passenger Revenue Advertising Revenue Other Revenue

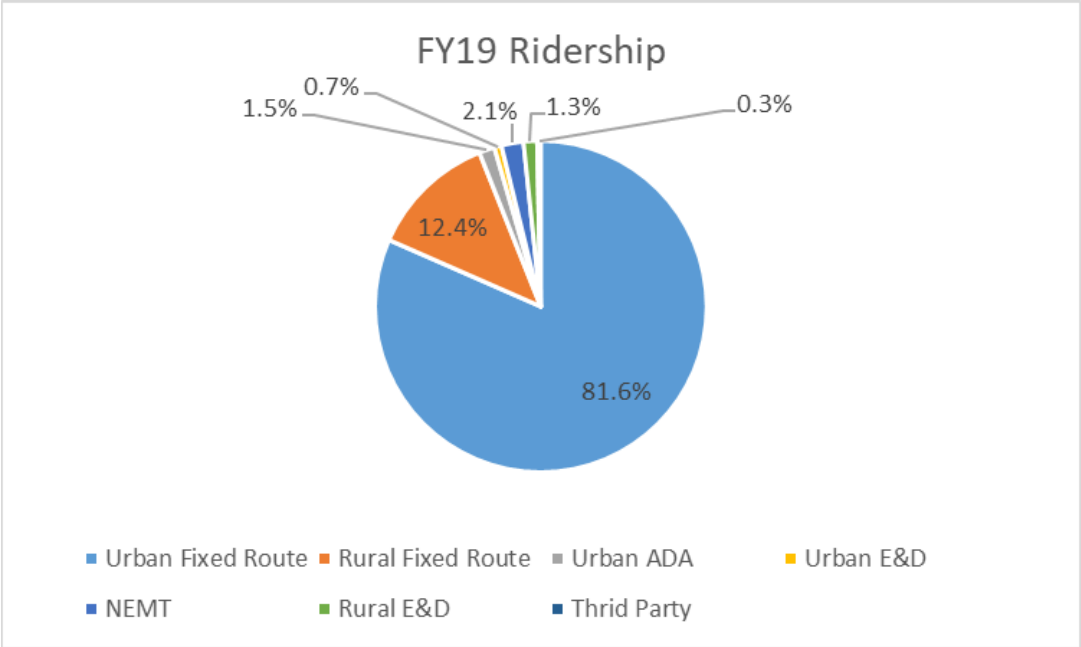


Service Provided:

- ▶ GMT provides multiple types of service:
 - ▶ Fixed route (City bus)
 - ▶ Commuter (LINKS)
 - ▶ Demand response
 - ▶ Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
 - ▶ Elders & Disabled Program (E&D)
 - ▶ Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT)
 - ▶ Weekly grocery shopping trips
 - ▶ Seasonal mountain service
 - ▶ Micro-transit (coming in January 2021)

Ridership

▶ In FY19 GMT provided 2.86 million passenger rides



- ▶ FY20 fixed route ridership decreased by 22% (largely due to Covid)
 - ▶ FY20 Q4 urban ridership was down 64% over FY19
 - ▶ First 2 months of urban FY21 ridership down 48% over FY20



South Burlington Programs and Funding

- ▶ **FY 21 Fixed Route Assessment: \$307K**
 - ▶ 0% increase over FY20 (typically 3-4%)
 - ▶ GMT Board will approve the FY22 budget in December
- ▶ **FY21 ADA Assessment: \$189K**
 - ▶ Based on 50% (per the GMT charter) of the projected total ADA program costs allocated by the last completed FY actual ADA ridership % by GMT member community;
 - ▶ Total ADA FY21 budgeted costs: \$1.34 million
 - ▶ 50% of ADA FY21 budgeted costs: \$670k
 - ▶ 12,546 South Burlington resident trips in FY19 (29% of total ADA rides)
 - ▶ Currently developing a FY22 ADA program cost projection (considering COVID impacts)
 - ▶ SB had 32% of the FY20 ADA rides
- ▶ **FY21 E&D Contribution: \$2,625**
 - ▶ Match for a weekly Hannaford Shopping Special
 - ▶ 2,037 rides in FY20
 - ▶ 20 passengers per Tuesday
 - ▶ Service to Pillsbury Manor, The Pines and Country Park

South Burlington Fixed Route Service

- ▶ Red Line to Williston (#1) Route:
 - ▶ 2nd busiest GMT route: 452K boardings in FY19
 - ▶ Connects downtown Burlington, UVM, Umall & Taft Corners
 - ▶ Highest service levels; 7 days/week, 20 minute peak headways, PM service until 11:40 PM (Mon. - Sat.)
- ▶ Purple Line (#11/12) Route:
 - ▶ 124K boardings in FY20
 - ▶ Combined the SB Circulator (#12) and College Street Shuttle (#11) routes to provide direct service from Kennedy Drive, BTV Airport, White Street & Hinesburg Road to UVM Medical and downtown Burlington
 - ▶ Service 7 days/week, 45 minute base headways, PM service until 11:50 PM (Mon. - Sat.)
- ▶ Blue Line to Shelburne (#6) Route:
 - ▶ 239K boardings in FY19
 - ▶ Connects downtown Burlington to Shelburne via Shelburne Road
 - ▶ Farrell Street is the busiest stop on route
 - ▶ Service 7 days/week, 20 minute peak headways, PM service until 11:20 PM (Mon. - Sat.)
- ▶ Commuter service Montpelier, Middlebury & Hinesburg

GMT Initiatives

- ▶ Technology Upgrades
 - ▶ Passenger bus tracking and mobile ticketing apps
 - ▶ Improved on-time performance
- ▶ Micro-Transit
 - ▶ Montpelier pilot project
 - ▶ On-demand transit using app based technology
 - ▶ First mile/last mile and low density applications (i.e Tilley Drive)
- ▶ Transit Strategic Plan Development
- ▶ Fleet Replacement Plan
 - ▶ 17 new buses delivered since 2017, 5 more on order or budgeted (including smaller vehicles)
- ▶ Fleet Electrification
- ▶ Public Transit Agency Safety Plan
- ▶ COVID Response - Zero-Fare Service



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