# COO Oral Report Operations Ridership and Service Restoration Update

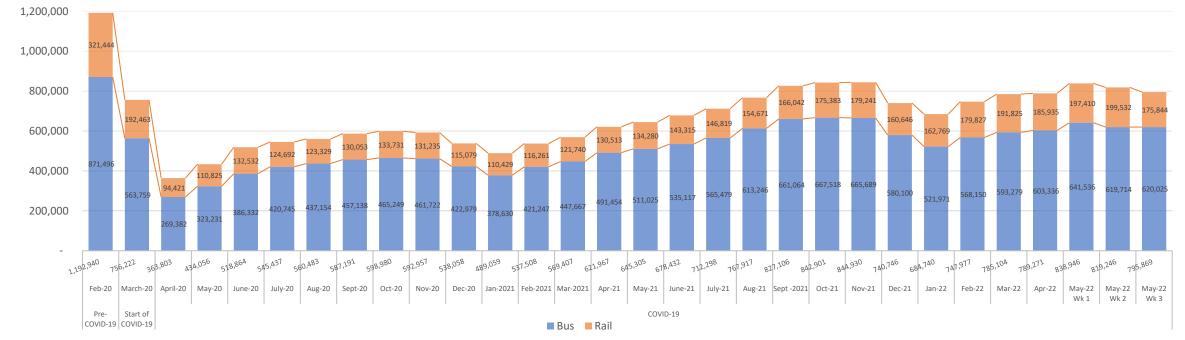
Operations, Safety & Customer Experience Committee Meeting June 16, 2022



#### **Metro Bus Service Levels**

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#### SYSTEMWIDE AVERAGE WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP



		Start of COVID- 19	1																										
Ridership	Feb-20	Mar-20	April-20	May-20	June-20	July-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22		May-22 Wk 2	May-22 Wk 3
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TOTAL 1,192,940 756,222 363,803 434,056 518,864 545,437 560,483 587,191 598,980 592,957 538,058 489,059 537,508 569,407 621,967 645,305 678,432 712,298 767,917 827,106 842,901 844,930 740,746 684,740 747,977 785,104 789,271 838,946 819,246 795,869 Ridership Analysis Relative to Equity Focused Communities

Bus: Percent of all weekday bus activity occurring within Equity Focus Communities increased from 73% in Oct 2019 to 76.2% in March 2022 (bus stop data available month to month)



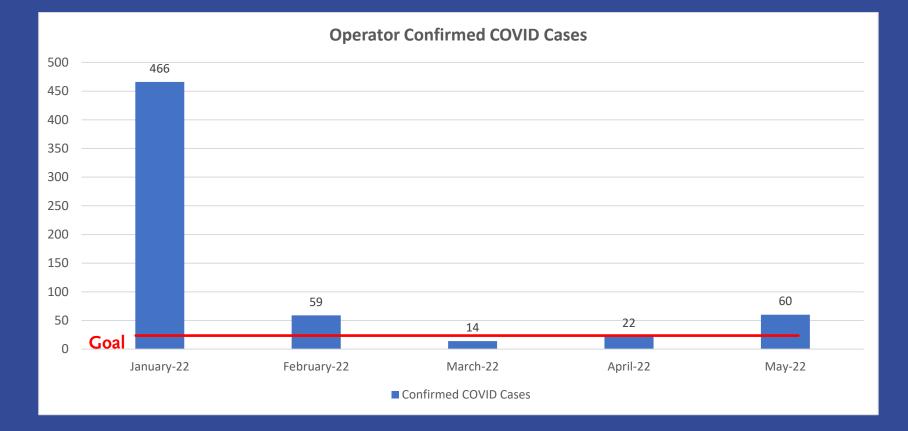
#### **Status of Conditions for Service Restoration**

The following is an update on the four criteria monitored for full-service restoration:

Operator COVID Status
Operator Staffing Level
Minimized Cancelled Service
Minimized Ordered Call Backs (OCBs)



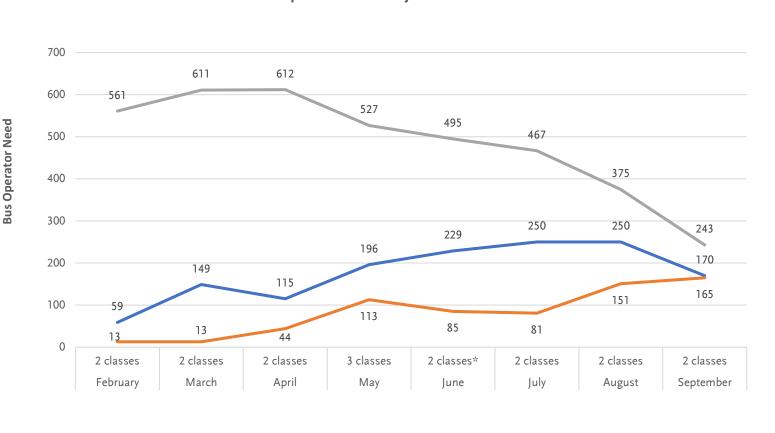
#### **Operator COVID Status**



- Goal: no more than 30 new COVID cases per month for operators
- May 2022 total: 60 operator cases



### **Operator Staffing Level**



• Completed Training (66% Projection Rate)

-Bus Operator Need

- Bus Operator training classes are 8 weeks in duration, with 66% completion rate
  - Example: Class starts on 3/8 and training is completed on 5/3
- In March 2022, Metro increased bus operator class sizes to 85
- On June 13, 2022, Metro will further increase bus operator class sizes to 125 students per class
- Larger class sizes will result in more available active Operators by mid-August 2022
- Hiring events and operator retention efforts continue to reduce vacancies, however active bus operators are ready for service until after 2-3 months of hiring given 8-week training requirements
- As of 5/29/22, there are 250 students in training



Started Training

#### **Recruitment Efforts- New Streamed Lined Process**

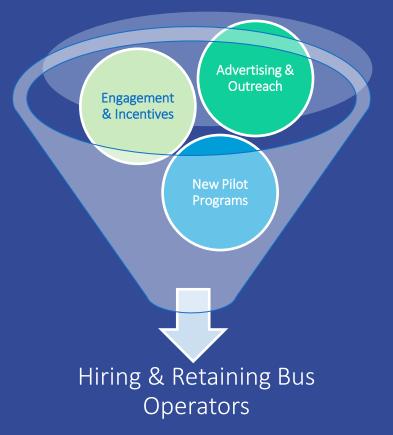
Recruitment Status – May 1 – 29:

- 360 New Applicants received and are in the selection process
- 150 Candidates accepted conditional offers
- 125 Candidates ready to begin training
- 250 Employees in training





### **Operator Hiring & Recruitment Efforts**



#### > Implemented:

- Held a Bus Operator Hiring Event on May 21, 2022, which yielded 159 conditional offers
- Implementing Spark Hire, an automatic interviewing platform in an effort to streamline the Bus Operator interview process and will begin the roll-out in July 2022
- Continue employee engagement, incentive, and hiring programs
  - Weekend Rewards
  - New Hire Sign-On Bonus
  - Employee Referral Program
  - Booth at LA County Fair on May 14-15, 2022
  - In-Person Hiring Event Scheduled for June 25, 2022, at OCI.

## **Bus Operator Separations During Training**

	FY19	FY20	FY21
Total Constations	<b>C</b> 0F	<b>C</b> 20	504
Total Separations	685	629	504

Separated During Training	256	239	101
% of all Separations	37.4%	38.0%	20.0%

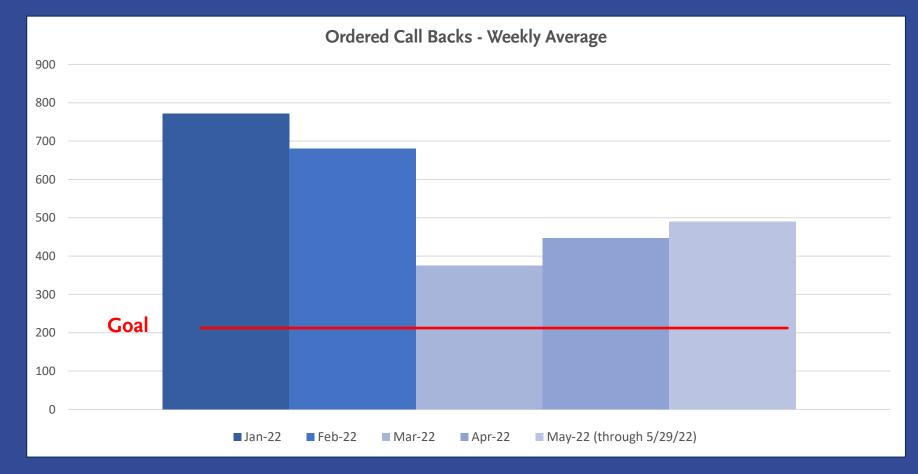
		FY22										
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Total Separations	85	49	80	72	60	49	54	56	79	56	41	681

Separated During Training	26	10	8	15	6	2	8	13	22	28	15	153
% of all Separations	30.6%	20.4%	10.0%	20.8%	10.0%	4.1%	14.8%	23.2%	27.8%	50.0%	36.6%	22.5%

- As of May 2022 YTD, Bus Operators Separated During Training is at
- 22.5%, slightly higher than FY21.

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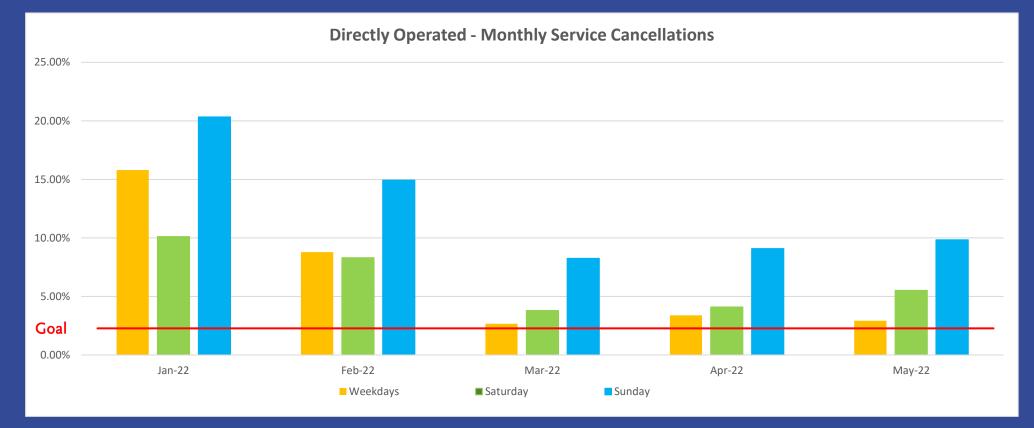
### **Ordered Call Backs**



- Goal: No more than 200 mandatory (ordered) call backs per week systemwide
- February 2022 ordered call back average: 681
- Ordered call backs for week ending 5/29: 490



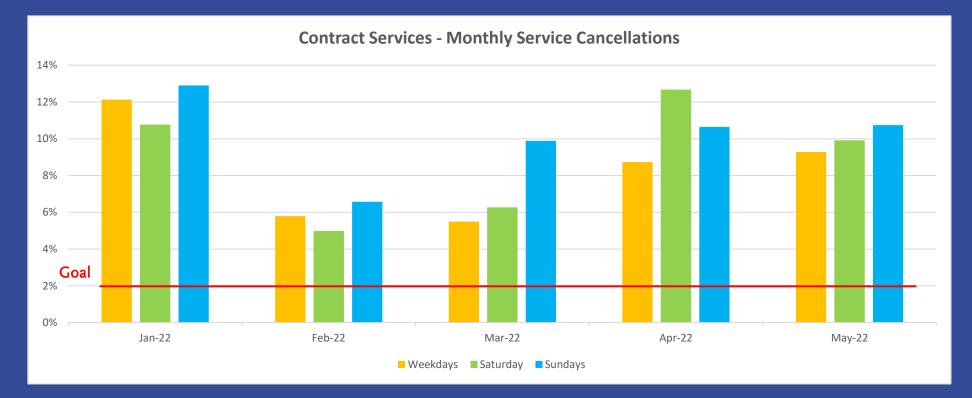
## **Cancelled Service (Directly Operated)**



- Goal: No more than 2.00% systemwide bus service cancellations
- Week ending 5/29/22 averages:
  - 2.17% Weekday (compared to 15.81% in January 2022)
  - 3.61% Saturday (compared to 10.11% in January 2022)
  - 7.67% Sunday (compared to 20.31% in January 2022)
- January 2022 "No Show" Complaints: 454
- May 2022 "No Show" Complaints: 94



## **Cancelled Service (Contract Services)**



- Goal: No more than 2.00% systemwide bus service cancellations
- Week ending 5/28/22 averages:
  - 9.00% Weekday (compared to 10.00% in January 2022)
  - 10.00% Saturday (compared to 10.00% in January 2022)
  - 11.00% Sunday (compared to 13.00% in January 2022)



# Directly Operated Cancellations by Line – Exceeding 5% (Since 2/20/22 Service Change through 5/31/22)

Line	Name	Next Gen Tier	% Cancelled Trips since 2/20 Service change	% Cancelled Trips before 2/20 Service change	% within EFC*	Area
20	Wilshire	1	8.80%	19.80%	35.00%	Downtown - Santa Monica
18	Whittier & 6th St	1	8.60%	21.20%	85.00%	East LA-West LA
53	Central Av	1	7.20%	25.10%	72.00%	South LA- Downtown
240	Reseda	1	6.90%	25.30%	13.00%	San Fernando
66	8th St	1	6.80%	16.40%	87.00%	East LA- Downtown- Wilshire
45	Broadway	1	6.30%	20.70%	98.00%	South LA-Downtown- Lincoln Heights
210	Crenshaw	1	6.10%	26.30%	63.00%	Hollywood-South LA
2	Sunset	1	5.90%	19.30%	56.00%	Downtown - Westwood
204	Vermont	1	5.70%	19.10%	100.00%	Hollywood-South LA
14	Beverly-Adams	2	5.60%	16.20%	70.00%	West LA- Downtown
111	Florence	1	5.30%	17.00%	69.00%	South Bay - Downtown
28	Olympic	1	5.10%	13.70%	44.00%	West LA- Downtown
60	Long Beach	1	5.10%	15.80%	71.00%	South LA-Downtown
115	Manchester	1	5.10%	16.70%	48.00%	South Bay -Gateway
16	3rd St	1	5.10%	18.00%	48.00%	Downtown - West Hollywood



#### Contract Services Cancellations by Line – Exceeding 5% (Since 2/20/22 Service Change through 5/28/22)

Line	Name	Next Gen Tier	% Cancelled Trips since 2/20 Service Change	% Cancelled Trips before 2/20 Service Change	% within EFC	Area
232	Sepulveda BI - Pacific Coast Hwy	3	15.72%	16.20%	29.00%	LAX - Long Beach
603	San Fernando Rd - Rampart St - Hoover St	2	11.05%	5.64%	73.00%	Glendale - Downtown LA
205	Wilmington Av - Vermont Av	3	9.89%	10.26%	29.00%	Willowbrook - San Pedro
266	Rosemead Bl	3	9.32%	15.23%	30.00%	Sierra Madre - Lakewood
125	Rosecrans Av	3	8.78%	10.91%	42.00%	El Segundo - Norwalk
177	JPL	4	6.90%	5.04%	15.00%	Pasadena
605	LAC + USC Med Center Outpatient Shuttle	2	5.88%	5.50%	100.00%	Los Angeles - Boyle Heights
577	I-605 Freeway	4	5.21%	6.81%	14.00%	El Monte - Long Beach
256	Eastern Av - Av 64 - Washington Bl	4	5.08%	7.54%	35.00%	Commerce - Sierra Madre

\*Equity Focused Communities

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#### **Actions to Reduce Cancellations**

- Continue to utilize various recruitment methods and partnerships to increase Contract Services Bus Operator new hires, retention, and call off rates
- As part of the June 2022 Service Change, adjusted service on Lines 125, 177, 232, 501, 577, 603, 605
- Transfer of Line 130 to Long Beach Transit (becomes Line 141)

#### **Cancelled Service by Division (Since 2/20/22 Service Change)**

Directly Operated Divisions	EFC* (Y/N)	Scheduled Worktime	Cancelled Worktime	Percent Cancelled	From Dec 19, 2019 - Feb 19, 2022
1 - Downtown LA	Y	168,444	12,415	7%	15%
2 – Downtown LA	Y	170,849	6,840	4%	12%
3 – Cypress Park	Y	151,706	3,460	2%	12%
5 – South LA	Y	155,975	4,074	3%	17%
7 – West Hollywood	Ν	202,441	10,616	5%	13%
8 – Chatsworth	N	173,050	4,809	3%	15%
9 – El Monte	Y	164,642	2212.8	1%	9%
13 – Downtown LA	N	162,316	7,970	5%	14%
15 – Sun Valley	Y	207,460	3348.7	2%	8%
18 – South Bay	Ν	234,569	12,042	5%	17%
Total		1,791,451	67,787	4%	13%

Contract Services Divisions	FFC*(Y/N)	Scheduled Worktime	Cancelled Worktime	Percent ( ancelled	From Dec 19, 2019 - Feb19, 2022
95 - Southland	N	34,761	2,540	7%	11%
97 - MV	N	53,232	5,632	11%	7%
98 - Transdev	N	45,877	3,364	7%	9%
Total		133,870	11,536	9%	7%



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#### **Status of Conditions for Service Restoration**

	GOAL	LAST TIME ACHIEVED GOAL	STATUS February 2022	STATUS May 2022	•••
Operator COVID Cases	30 or less per month	Nov 2021	459 Jan 2022 (month)	60 May 2022 (month)	•
Operator Staffing Level	Bus: 3,667 Rail: 326 Total: 4,003	Pre-Covid	Bus: 3,095 Rail: 310 Total: 3,405	Bus: 3,114* Rail: 307 Total: 3,421	
Cancelled Service	2.00% or less per day	May 2021	11.00% weekday 8.00% Sat 20.00% Sun	2.17% weekday 3.61% Sat 7.67% Sun	•
Ordered Call Backs	200 or less per week	Dec 2020	766 (per week in Jan 2022)	490	

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\* Operator staffing level does not represent candidates yielded from the April/May 2022 hiring events as they must successfully complete a two-month training and are currently not counted in active operator counts

#### **Next Steps**

- Continue all preparation and outreach activities for upcoming June 26, 2022 service changes, prioritizing service equity, customer experience and valuing of employees, inclusive of:
  - ✓ Focusing on matching schedules with increased traffic
  - ✓ Reducing longest assignments
  - Building back 1/3 of the reduction to match forecasted staffing levels and minimize increases in cancellations and OCBs
- Continue achievement of conditions for full-service restoration plan which balances service quality with valuing our employees

