



RIVER PARISHES TRANSIT AUTHORITY

2020 ST. CHARLES PARISH
COUNCIL PRESENTATION

DECEMBER 7, 2020

GENERAL OPERATIONS & CAPITAL PROJECTS

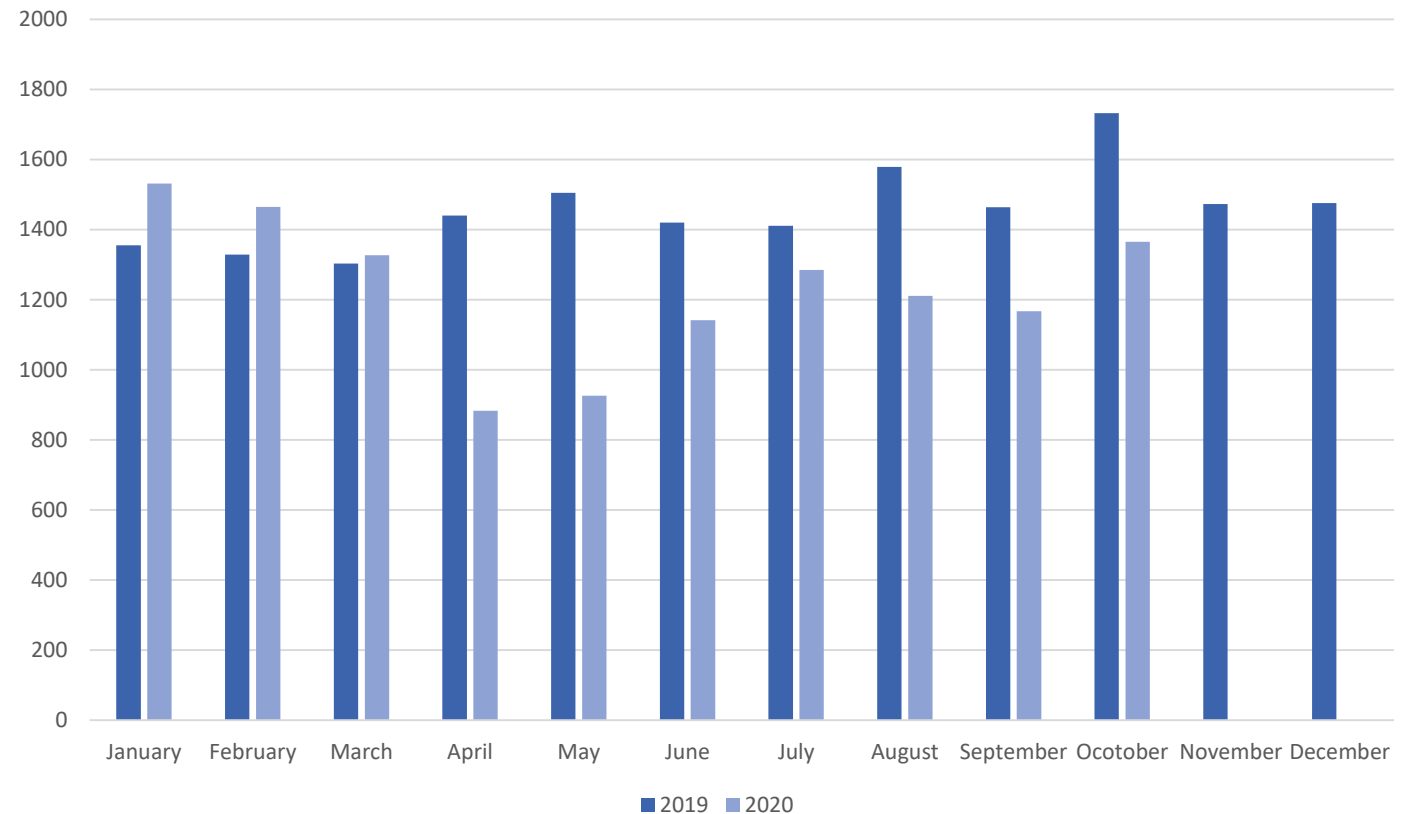
- On-Demand service since February 2009
- Fare: \$2 one-way
- Service Hours: Monday – Friday, 5:00am to 7:30pm and Saturday 5:30am to 7:30pm
- Connecting Service:
 - St. James Parish Transit, JeT (Jefferson), and RTA (Orleans)
- Purchased two, 10-12 passenger vehicles, in 2019 equipped with:
 - Security Cameras
 - Wheelchair lifts
 - Bicycle racks

RIDERSHIP

Total Ridership:

- 2019 Ridership was 17,487
- 2020 YTD as of October 31 is 12,301
- 3 buses in service daily for a total 15 hours

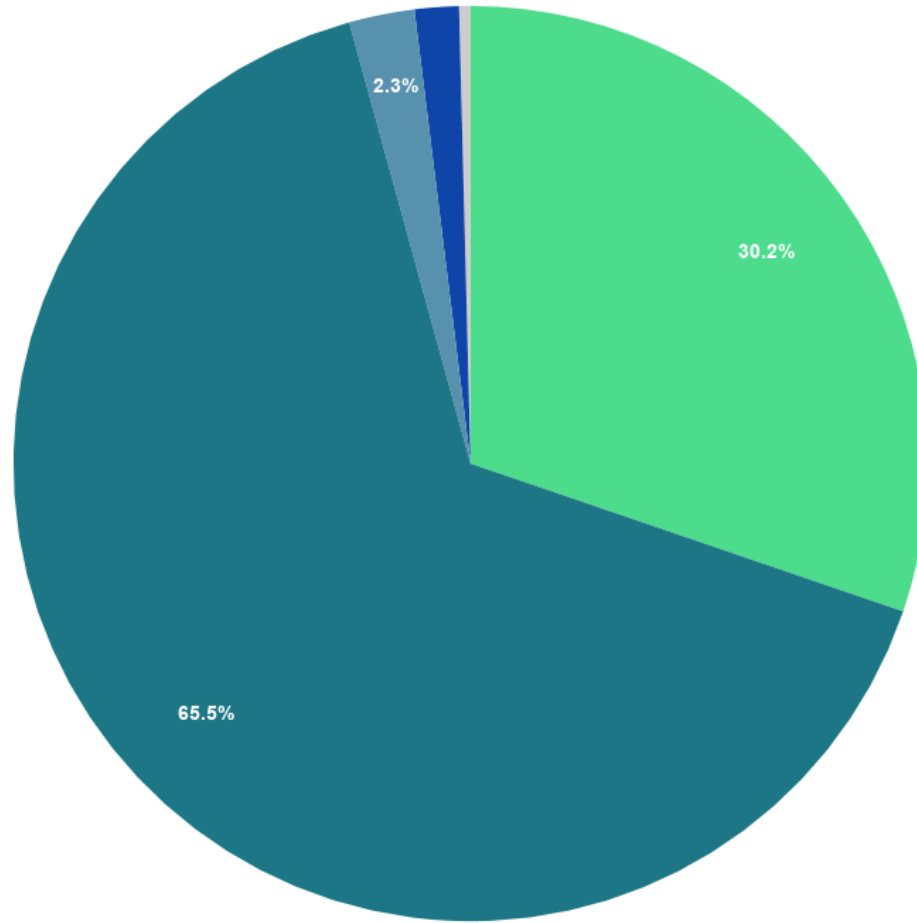
2019-2020 Ridership



RIDERSHIP – ST. CHARLES PARISH

- Of the 12,350 total trips made as of October 31st, 2,789 either originated or ended in St. Charles Parish.
- The majority, an estimated 70% of these trips, were work-related with people going to/from their places of employment.
- An estimated 17% of the remaining trips were to/from medical appointments (predominantly dialysis).

CLIENTS BY PARISH



- St. Charles - 30.2%
- St. John - 65.5%
- St. James - 2.3%
- Jefferson - 1.6%
- Out of state - 0.4%

INCREASED SERVICE

The RPTA has increased service twice in response to passenger demand.

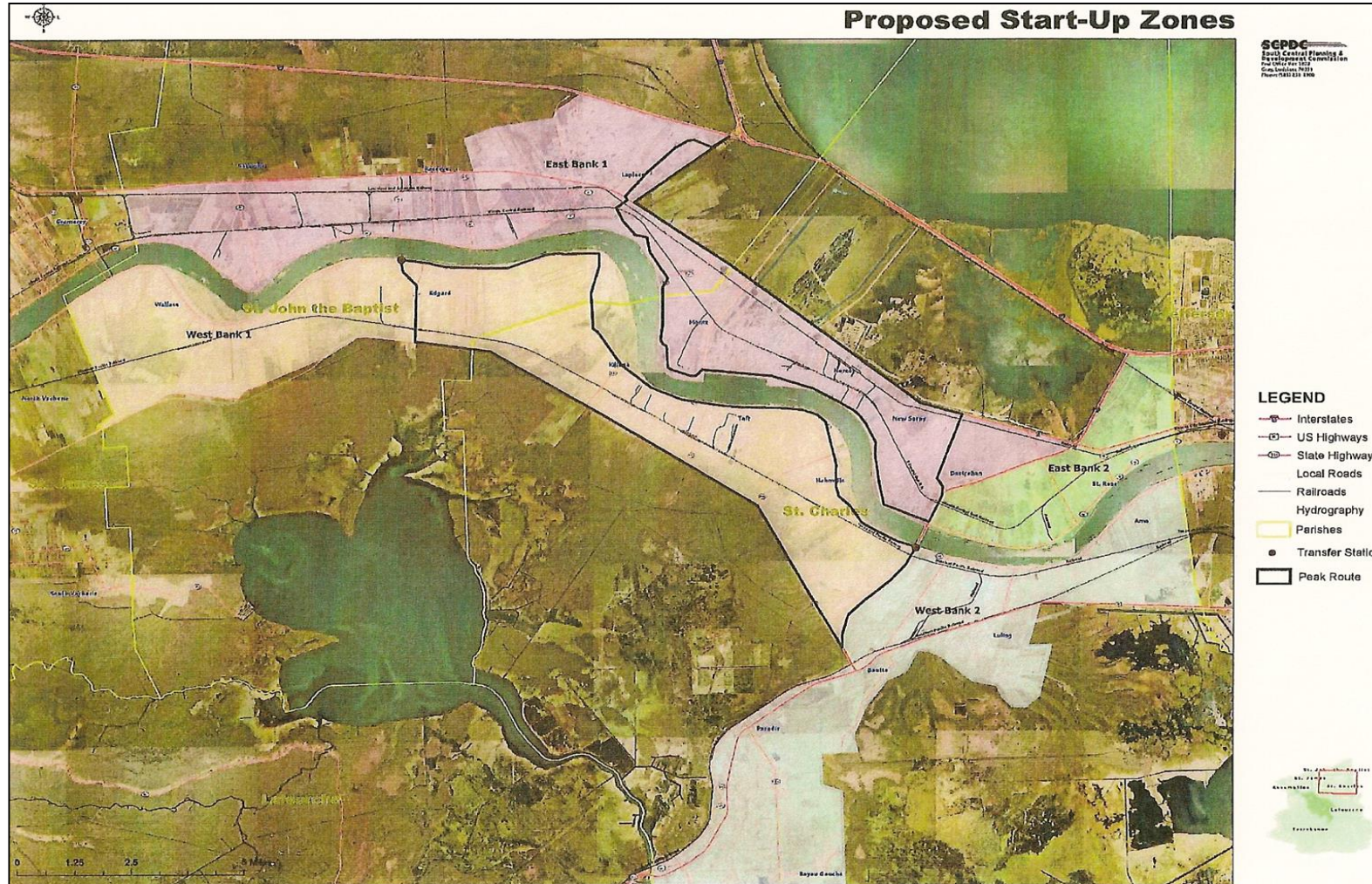
- **Saturday Service:**

- Began February 2014
- 2 buses in service for a total of 14 hours

- **Weekday Extra Hour of Service:**

- Began March 2017
- 2 buses in service beginning at 5:00am rather than 5:30am

RPTA SERVICE AREA



FUNDING SOURCES

Grants	Farebox Revenue	Local Match
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2019 Recovery Rate 2.88% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated \$325,000 annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventive Maintenance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State, St. John & St. Charles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations & Capital
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday Urban Service* 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weekday & Saturday Rural 		

*Limited Weekday Urban Operations Funding

CHALLENGES

- **Transit systems do not “pay for themselves” with fare revenue.**
- Movement from more rural service to more urban areas has greatly reduced our income from the State.
- 2017-2019: 7%-16% of operational expenses were not reimbursed by Federal/State funds.
- Several Federal grants that were once available are no longer being offered by FTA.
- As of March 2020, the RPTA has received 100% CARES Act funding from FTA and the State.

THE POTENTIAL FUTURE OF RPTA – FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

- RPTA secured federal funding to perform a feasibility analysis. This analysis is currently underway.
- Goals of the feasibility analysis:
 - Maintain/improve a high-quality public transit service & connections to neighboring providers.
 - Balance the needs of riders & budgetary constraints.
 - Outline recommendations to increase system productivity & service.
 - Examine the relationship the transit system could play with the proposed Baton Rouge-New Orleans intercity rail system.

THE POTENTIAL FUTURE OF RPTA – FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

Transit models being considered include but are not limited to:

- demand response (the current system)
- fixed route
- a hybrid system
- partnering with other agencies
- the use of TNCs (Uber/Lyft) in conjunction with any of the systems
- Parishes operating their own systems

THE POTENTIAL FUTURE OF RPTA – FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS

- Timeline:
 - October 2019 – RFP released
 - December 2019 – Proposal Submission
 - January 2020 – Proposer Selected
 - January 2021 (or earlier) – Feasibility Analysis Delivered

ORGANIZATION

RPTA Board Members

- St. Charles
 - Corey Fauchoux, Chairman
 - Emile Broussard, III
- St. John
 - Helen Banquer, Vice-Chairman
 - Shanitra Jasmin
- St. James
 - Kerry Bourgeois
- At-Large
 - Richard Drexel

Contracted Agencies

- Transdev – Operations & Grant Management
- Solutient – Accounting & Oversight



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