


DATE: 11/2/99 AGENDA ITEM # 15
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TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Mike Compton, Director of Administrative Services 
SUBJECT: Annual Transit Report
DATE: November 2, 1999

Need:

To present to the Council the annual results of transit operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1999.

Facts:

1. The City operates two transit services, demand response, commonly referred to as dial-a-ride (DAR), and a fixed route system called Paso Robles City Area Transit System (CATS).
2. DAR services were initiated in September, 1991 and CATS was initiated in August, 1994 and expanded in December, 1995.
3. Transit operations are funded from Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds and fares. TDA funding is derived from ¼ of 1% of the sales tax rate and is basically distributed upon a population basis.
4. During fiscal year 1999, the City received \$323,419 in local TDA funds; \$26,063 in State Transit Assistance funds (STA); and, \$62,146 in fares.
5. Fares, at the beginning of the year, were \$1.25 for DAR and \$0.75 for CATS.
6. In May, 1998, DAR fares were raised to \$3.00 per one way trip and CATS fares were raised to \$2.00 per one way fare.
7. The Council subsequently authorized the sale of discounted 'punch' passes which have a value of \$48 but are sold for \$38. The 10 coupon ticket book remains available and is sold at the discounted rate of \$24 for DAR and \$16 for CATS.
8. The City received a \$60,000 Federal Transit Assistance grant, Section 5311, to purchase a new bus and \$30,000 for bus shelters.

Analysis and Conclusion:

During fiscal year 1999, total transit ridership experienced a 3.9%. This decline is attributable to the increase in transit fares which went into effect May 1, 1999. For the ten month period just prior to the rate increase, total ridership exceeded the same ten month total for the prior year by 3.3% but during May and June, the City experienced a 40% decline in ridership.

With respects to DAR ridership, it declined for the sixth consecutive year. The ridership decline in fy 1999 is partially attributable to the fare increase but it also represents the continued migration of riders to CATS which began in 1994 when CATS was implemented. Total DAR ridership in fy 1999 was 10,152 as compared to 13,455 last year.

CATS continues to enjoy increased popularity. Ridership has risen every year since service was initiated in fy 1994 and established a new ridership record in fy 1999 by 363 riders. Total ridership was 61,496. Had it not been for the fare increase, ridership would likely have been 4,000 to 5,000 riders higher. Ridership dropped 40% during May and June.

Fiscal
Impact:

The City's overall farebox ratio was 20.8% exceeding the minimum required legal requirement of 10% and last year's overall ratio of 17%.

In spite of the exceptional fare box ratio, the tax subsidy for transit services is still nearly 80%. Against total expenditures of \$299,228, excluding capital outlay and depreciation expenses, the City collected \$62,078 in fares.

Given the limited time that the fare increase was in effect, the impact upon revenues and fare box ratios is impossible to estimate.

Options:

1. Receive and file; or
2. Amend, modify or reject any of the options above.

City of El Paso de Robles

TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT
ALL TRANSIT SERVICES
Fiscal Year 1998-99

	FY 1999 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1998 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1997 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1996 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1995 Total Ridership	FY 1994 Total Ridership	FY 1993 Total Ridership	FY 1992 Total Ridership	FY 1991 Total Ridership
July	7,461	(0.01)	7,558	27.13	5,945	0.18	5,022	0.25	4,033	4,946	5,160	3,918	0
August	5,878	0.03	5,701	(3.75)	5,923	0.04	5,706	0.26	4,546	4,587	4,212	3,813	0
September	6,489	0.02	6,343	4.77	6,054	0.18	5,114	(0.08)	5,582	4,775	5,276	3,620	1,792
October	6,341	(0.16)	7,556	2.48	7,373	0.21	6,087	0.02	5,957	4,811	5,430	4,342	2,267
November	6,003	0.13	5,298	(19.58)	6,588	0.12	5,867	0.09	5,378	5,036	4,905	3,708	2,631
December	6,284	0.04	6,051	(4.81)	6,357	0.29	4,922	(0.08)	5,346	4,557	4,916	3,838	3,066
January	5,951	0.07	5,567	(25.62)	7,485	0.25	6,006	0.31	4,598	5,079	5,136	4,424	3,849
February	5,950	0.08	5,515	(25.07)	7,360	0.26	5,863	(0.04)	6,094	4,905	5,736	3,943	3,495
March	7,092	0.06	6,676	(14.20)	7,781	0.24	6,274	(0.09)	6,904	5,727	7,086	4,771	3,695
April	6,741	0.14	5,905	(28.01)	8,202	0.30	6,324	0.09	5,790	4,457	6,215	4,424	4,659
May	3,581	(0.39)	5,899	(32.21)	8,702	0.22	7,122	0.07	6,685	4,890	5,786	3,943	4,097
June	3,877	(0.41)	6,519	(12.46)	7,447	0.36	5,489	(0.07)	5,927	4,694	5,908	4,771	3,542
YTD Totals	71,648	(0.04)	74,588	(12.47)	85,217	0.22	69,796	0.04	66,840	58,464	65,766	49,515	33,093

City of El Paso de Robles
 TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT
 Dial-a-Ride Services
 Fiscal Year 1998-99

	FY 1998 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1998 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1997 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1996 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1995 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1994 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1993 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1992 Total Ridership	Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1991 Total Ridership
July	1,086	(0.48)	2,095	(0.13)	2,417	(0.30)	3,437	(0.15)	4,033	(0.18)	4,946	(0.04)	5,160	0.32	3,918	n/a	0
August	988	(0.38)	1,597	(0.37)	2,537	(0.30)	3,621	(0.03)	3,722	(0.19)	4,587	0.09	4,212	0.10	3,813	n/a	0
September	917	(0.07)	982	(0.63)	2,680	(0.18)	3,255	(0.30)	4,671	(0.02)	4,775	(0.09)	5,276	0.46	3,620	1.02	1,792
October	861	(0.22)	1,103	(0.65)	3,164	(0.14)	3,671	(0.23)	4,785	(0.00)	4,811	(0.11)	5,430	0.25	4,342	0.92	2,267
November	708	(0.22)	908	(0.66)	2,685	(0.22)	3,455	(0.21)	4,384	(0.13)	5,036	0.03	4,905	0.32	3,708	0.41	3,631
December	844	(0.16)	999	(0.58)	2,354	(0.15)	2,784	(0.30)	3,950	(0.13)	4,557	(0.07)	4,916	0.28	3,838	0.25	3,066
January	781	(0.16)	927	(0.70)	3,068	(0.15)	3,628	0.09	3,331	(0.34)	5,079	(0.01)	5,136	0.16	4,434	0.15	3,849
February	840	(0.07)	906	(0.67)	2,785	(0.14)	3,228	(0.30)	4,605	(0.06)	4,905	(0.14)	5,736	0.45	3,943	0.13	3,495
March	990	(0.08)	1,072	(0.63)	2,886	(0.14)	3,347	(0.39)	5,500	(0.04)	5,727	(0.19)	7,086	0.49	4,771	0.29	3,695
April	992	(0.01)	998	(0.69)	3,188	0.05	3,029	(0.31)	4,393	(0.01)	4,457	(0.28)	6,215	0.40	4,424	(0.05)	4,659
May	621	(0.29)	875	(0.73)	3,261	(0.03)	3,375	(0.34)	5,136	0.05	4,890	(0.15)	5,786	0.47	3,943	(0.04)	4,097
June	524	(0.47)	993	(0.60)	2,506	0.03	2,434	(0.37)	3,886	(0.17)	4,694	(0.21)	5,908	0.24	4,771	0.35	3,542
YTD Totals	10,152	(0.25)	13,455	(0.60)	33,531	(0.15)	39,264	(0.25)	52,406	(0.10)	58,464	(0.11)	65,766	0.33	49,515	0.50	33,093

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TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT
Fixed Route Services
Fiscal Year 1998-99

	FY 1999 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1998 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1997 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1996 Total Ridership	% Incr. (Decr.)	FY 1995 Total Ridership
July	6,375	0.17	5,463	0.55	3,528	1.23	1,585	n/a	0
August	4,890	0.19	4,104	0.21	3,386	0.62	2,085	1.53	824
September	5,572	0.04	5,361	0.59	3,374	0.81	1,859	1.04	911
October	5,480	(0.15)	6,453	0.53	4,209	0.74	2,416	1.08	1,162
November	5,295	0.21	4,390	0.12	3,903	0.62	2,412	1.43	994
December	5,440	0.08	5,052	0.26	4,003	0.87	2,138	0.53	1,396
January	5,170	0.11	4,640	0.05	4,417	0.86	2,378	0.88	1,267
February	5,110	0.11	4,609	0.01	4,575	0.74	2,635	0.77	1,489
March	6,102	0.09	5,604	0.14	4,895	0.67	2,927	1.08	1,404
April	5,749	0.17	4,907	(0.02)	5,014	0.52	3,295	1.36	1,397
May	2,960	(0.41)	5,024	(0.08)	5,441	0.45	3,747	1.42	1,549
June	3,353	(0.39)	5,526	0.12	4,941	0.62	3,055	0.50	2,041
YTD Totals	61,496	0.01	61,133	0.18	51,686	0.69	30,532	1.12	14,434

City of Paso Robles
 Transit Ridership Report
 Year to Date thru 6/30/99

ALL Transit Services

	<u>Number of Operating Days</u>	<u>In-Service Vehicle Miles</u>	<u>In-Service Vehicle Hours</u>	<u>Total Paid Fares</u>	<u>Total Free Fares</u>	<u>Total Fares</u>	<u>PY Total Fares</u>
July	22	10,336	745	6,894	567	7,461	7,558
August	22	9,029	692	5,384	494	5,878	5,701
September	22	9,136	685	5,874	615	6,489	6,343
October	22	9,389	708	5,837	504	6,341	7,556
November	22	8,439	646	5,516	487	6,003	5,298
December	22	9,245	712	5,776	508	6,284	6,051
January	22	8,601	647	5,355	596	5,951	5,567
February	20	8,607	668	5,524	426	5,950	5,515
March	23	9,995	748	6,518	574	7,092	6,676
April	22	9,582	732	6,192	549	6,741	5,905
May	23	9,426	780	3,360	221	3,581	5,899
June	22	9,520	805	3,571	306	3,877	6,519
Total - YTD	264	111,305	8,567	65,801	5,847	71,648	74,588
Average Per Month	22	9,275	714	5,483	487	5,971	6,216
Average Per Day		426	33	252	22	275	286

City of Paso Robles
 Transit Ridership Report
 Year to Date thru 6/30/99

Fixed Route Transit Services

	<u>Number of Operating Days</u>	<u>In-Service Vehicle Miles</u>	<u>In-Service Vehicle Hours</u>	<u>Total Paid Fares</u>	<u>Total Free Fares</u>	<u>Total CATS Fares</u>	<u>PY Total Fares</u>
July	22	6,217	500	5,852	523	6,375	5,463
August	22	5,624	473	4,445	445	4,890	4,104
September	22	5,687	459	5,011	561	5,572	5,361
October	22	5,956	478	4,994	486	5,480	6,453
November	22	5,420	435	4,827	468	5,295	4,390
December	22	5,976	478	4,953	487	5,440	5,052
January	22	5,431	434	4,622	548	5,170	4,640
February	20	5,416	453	4,713	397	5,110	4,609
March	23	6,102	500	5,590	512	6,102	5,604
April	22	5,954	497	5,270	479	5,749	4,907
May	25	6,766	569	2,811	149	2,960	5,024
June	22	7,085	578	3,108	245	3,353	5,526
Total - YTD	266	71,634	5,854	56,196	5,300	61,496	61,133
Average Per Month	22	5,970	488	4,683	442	5,125	5,094
Average Per Day		269	22	211	20	231	238

City of Paso Robles
 Transit Ridership Report
 Year to Date thru 6/30/99

Dial-a-Ride Transit Services

	Number of Operating Days	In-Service Vehicle Miles	In-Service Vehicle Hours	Total Paid Fares	Total Free Fares	Total DAR Fares	PY Total Fares
July	22	4,119	245	1,042	44	1,086	2,095
August	22	3,405	219	939	49	988	1,597
September	22	3,449	226	863	54	917	982
October	22	3,433	230	843	18	861	1,103
November	22	3,019	211	689	19	708	908
December	22	3,269	234	823	21	844	999
January	22	3,170	213	733	48	781	927
February	20	3,191	215	811	29	840	906
March	23	3,893	248	928	62	990	1,072
April	22	3,628	235	922	70	992	998
May	20	2,660	211	549	72	621	875
June	22	2,435	228	463	61	524	993
Total - YTD	261	39,671	2,713	9,605	547	10,152	13,455
Average Per Month	22	3,306	226	800	46	846	1,121
Average Per Day		152	10	37	2	39	52

City of El Paso de Robles

TRANSIT RIDERSHIP REPORT
All Transit Services
Fiscal Year 1998-99

Total ALL Transit Services

	Operator Contract	Vehicle M & O	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses	Fare Revenues	Net Cost	Fare Box Ratio
July	\$ 18,691.30	\$ 7,033.68	\$ 900.00	\$ 26,624.98	\$ 5,184.72	\$ 21,440.26	19.47%
August	16,903.39	5,286.29	372.78	22,562.46	4,214.73	18,347.73	18.68%
September	17,166.57	5,030.79	687.80	22,885.16	4,844.15	18,041.01	21.17%
October	17,763.97	4,785.62	964.66	23,514.25	4,832.11	18,682.14	20.55%
November	16,891.59	10,004.36	560.69	27,456.64	4,120.93	23,335.71	15.01%
December	18,128.78	4,533.82	615.39	23,277.99	5,360.79	17,917.20	23.03%
January	16,225.70	5,420.90	761.22	22,407.82	5,574.53	16,833.29	24.88%
February	16,266.85	3,377.11	710.80	20,354.76	3,920.91	16,433.85	19.26%
March	18,757.28	5,032.28	2,462.77	26,252.33	5,772.66	20,479.67	21.99%
April	17,827.95	6,093.09	1,523.99	25,445.03	5,708.66	19,736.37	22.44%
May	18,946.71	7,315.91	1,000.45	27,263.07	5,842.08	21,420.99	21.43%
June	20,199.45	(1,029.19)	7,502.48	26,672.74	6,702.15	19,970.59	25.13%
Total	\$ 213,769.54	\$ 62,884.66	\$ 18,063.03	\$ 294,717.23	\$ 62,078.42	\$ 232,638.81	21.06%

Fixed Route Transit Services

	Operator Contract	Vehicle M & O	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses	Fare Revenues	Net Cost	Fare Box Ratio
July	\$ 12,548.01	\$ 3,958.66	\$ 100.00	\$ 16,606.67	\$ 3,605.93	\$ 13,000.74	21.71%
August	11,404.16	3,256.30	50.00	14,710.46	2,927.06	11,783.40	19.90%
September	11,503.51	2,538.01	220.58	14,262.10	3,146.04	11,116.06	22.06%
October	11,988.25	2,959.90	269.77	15,217.92	3,255.74	11,962.18	21.39%
November	11,299.53	4,800.97	222.04	16,322.54	2,861.35	13,461.19	17.53%
December	12,258.47	3,010.17	223.29	15,491.93	3,618.19	11,873.74	23.36%
January	10,889.56	3,731.85	220.21	14,841.62	3,132.10	11,709.52	21.10%
February	10,879.02	1,861.09	237.78	12,977.89	2,628.47	10,349.42	20.25%
March	12,538.48	3,102.37	993.31	16,634.16	4,036.26	12,597.90	24.26%
April	11,944.09	3,482.78	1,023.78	16,450.65	3,873.27	12,577.38	23.54%
May	13,657.24	3,741.40	525.47	17,924.11	4,120.65	13,803.46	22.99%
June	14,491.98	1,284.53	3,689.21	19,465.72	4,839.64	14,626.08	24.86%
Total	\$ 145,402.30	\$ 37,728.03	\$ 7,775.44	\$ 190,905.77	\$ 42,044.70	\$ 148,861.07	22.02%

Dial-a-Ride Transit Services

	Operator Contract	Vehicle M & O	Operating Expenses	Total Expenses	Fare Revenues	Net Cost	Fare Box Ratio
July	\$ 6,143.29	\$ 3,075.02	\$ 800.00	\$ 10,018.31	\$ 1,578.79	\$ 8,439.52	15.76%
August	5,499.23	2,029.99	322.78	7,852.00	1,287.67	6,564.33	16.40%
September	5,663.06	2,492.78	467.22	8,623.06	1,698.11	6,924.95	19.69%
October	5,775.72	1,825.72	694.89	8,296.33	1,576.37	6,719.96	19.00%
November	5,592.06	5,203.39	338.65	11,134.10	1,259.58	9,874.52	11.31%
December	5,870.31	1,523.65	392.10	7,786.06	1,742.60	6,043.46	22.38%
January	5,336.14	1,689.05	541.01	7,566.20	2,442.43	5,123.77	32.28%
February	5,387.83	1,516.02	473.02	7,376.87	1,292.44	6,084.43	17.52%
March	6,218.80	1,929.91	1,469.46	9,618.17	1,736.40	7,881.77	18.05%
April	5,883.86	2,610.31	500.21	8,994.38	1,835.39	7,158.99	20.41%
May	5,289.47	3,574.51	474.98	9,338.96	1,721.43	7,617.53	18.43%
June	5,707.47	(2,313.72)	3,813.27	7,207.02	1,862.51	5,344.51	25.84%
Total	\$ 68,367.24	\$ 25,156.63	\$ 10,287.59	\$ 103,811.46	\$ 20,033.72	\$ 83,777.74	19.30%

Note: Operating expenses do NOT include depreciation.

City of El Paso de Robles

DAR Ridership Report
 Special Evening Services
 May through September, 1999

	Number of Operating Days	Number of Operating Hours	Fares (a) < 8:00 pm	Fares (b) >8:00 pm	Total Fares	Fare Revenue	Cost	Fare Box Ratio
May (1)	4	32	2	6	8	\$ 54	623	8.7%
June	8	64	4	15	19	132	1,247	10.6%
July	25	200	33	24	57	255	3,896	6.5%
August	26	208	56	28	84	317	4,052	7.8%
September	25	200	51	19	70	221	3,896	5.7%
Total - YTD	88	704	146	92	238	\$ 979	\$ 13,714	7.1%
Average Per Day		8	1.7	1.0	2.7	\$11.13	\$ 156	7.1%

Average Revenue per Service Hour = \$1.39
 Average Cost per Service Hour = \$19.48
 Average SUBSIDY per Service Hour = \$18.09

Average Revenue per Rider = \$4.11
 Average Cost per Rider = \$57.62
 Average City SUBSIDY per Rider = \$53.51

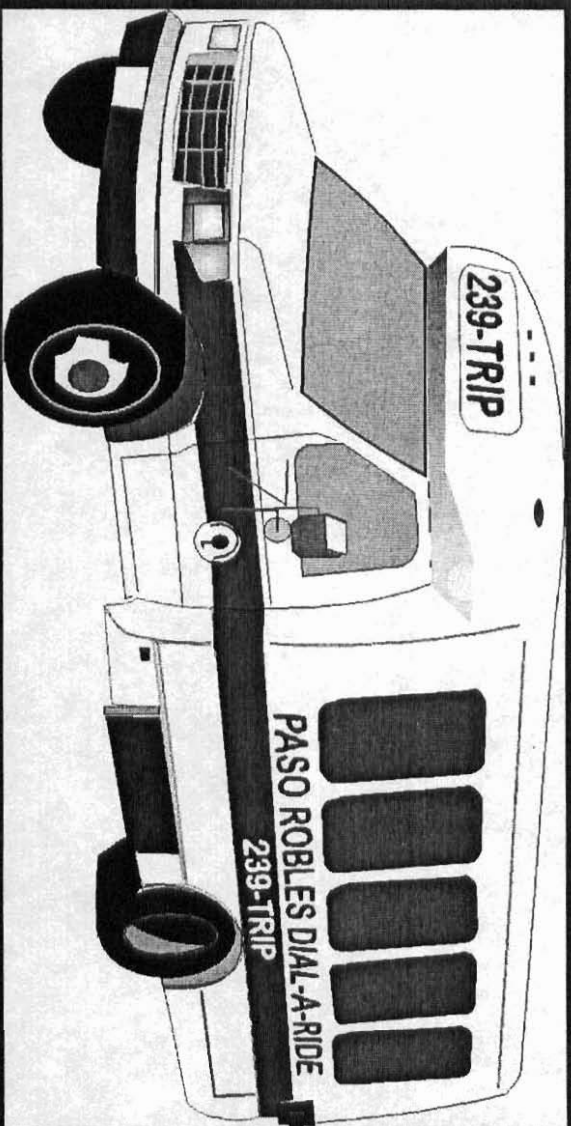
- (1) There were 5 weekends (10 service days) but service was only provided for two weekends
 (a) In July, 12 of the 33 riders between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. were free.
 In August, 25 of the 56 riders between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. were free.
 In September, 28 of the 51 riders between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. were free.
 (b) Between 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. there were no free riders.

Note: Cost does not include vehicle fuel or maintenance

ANNUAL REPORT

Paso Robles Transit Services

Fiscal Year Ending 6/30/99



- Demand Response Service - DAR
Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 - beginning 5/21/99 service was extended to 2:00 a.m. on Fridays & Saturdays
 - beginning 7/6/99 2:00 a.m. service was extended to include Monday thru Thursday

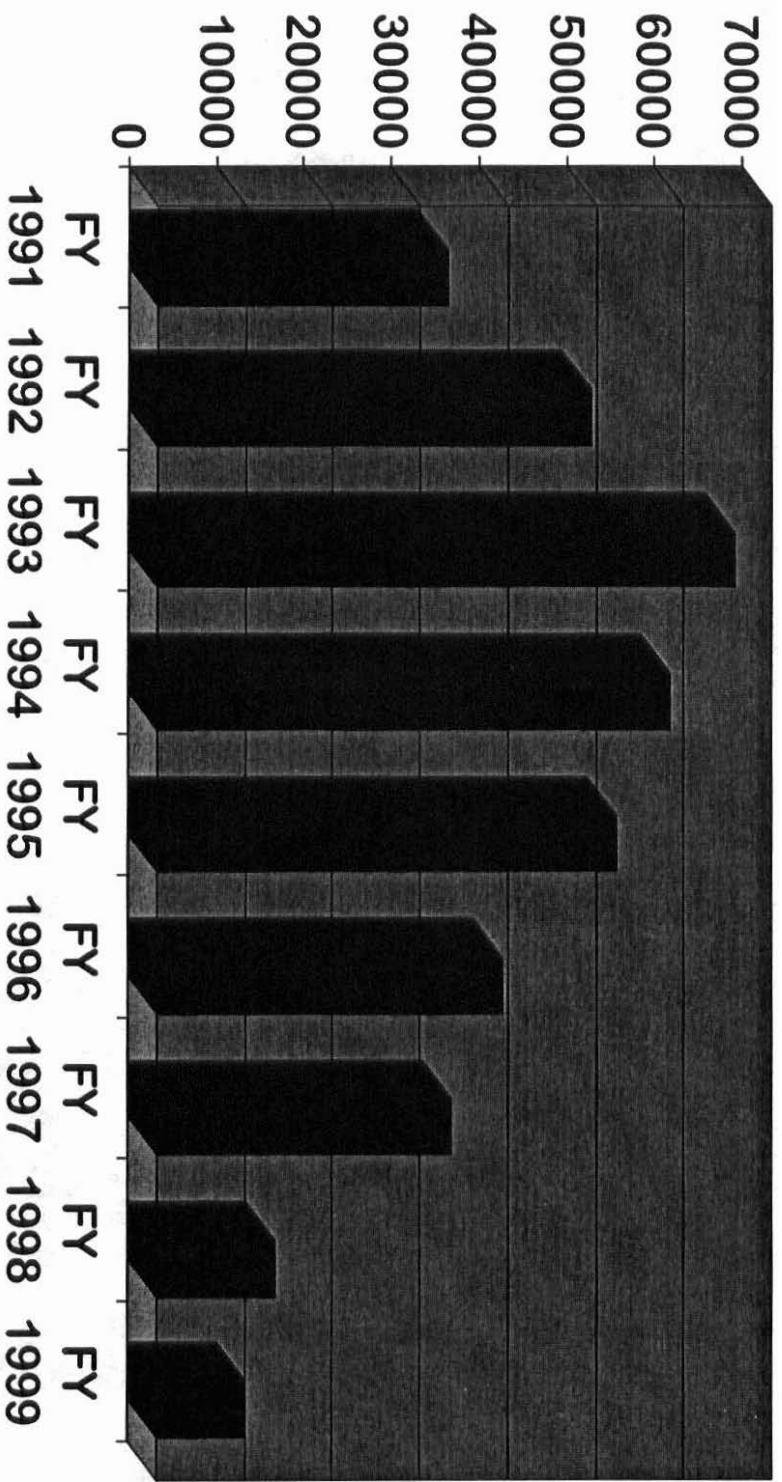
Dial-a-Ride

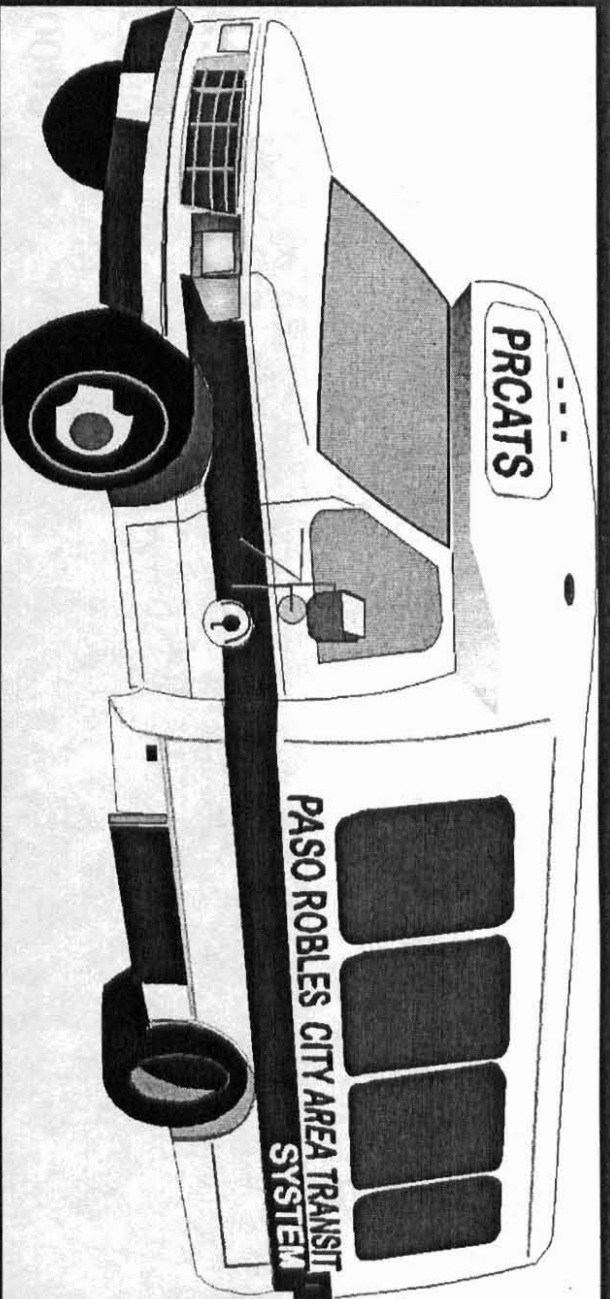
- Single bus operation
- 261 operational days
- 2,713 service hours (10.4 hrs. per day)
- 39,671 service miles (152 miles per day)
- 10,152 fares - 9,605 paid and 547 free
- 18.8% fare box ratio

Dial-a-Ride

- Total Expenditures (excluding depreciation)
= \$106,427.72
- Fare Revenues = \$20,034
- Gross cost per fare - \$10.48
- Revenue per fare - \$1.98
- Subsidy per fare - \$8.50

Dial-a-Ride Historical Ridership Data





- **Fixed Route Service - CATS**
Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- beginning 5/1/99 full Saturday service was added

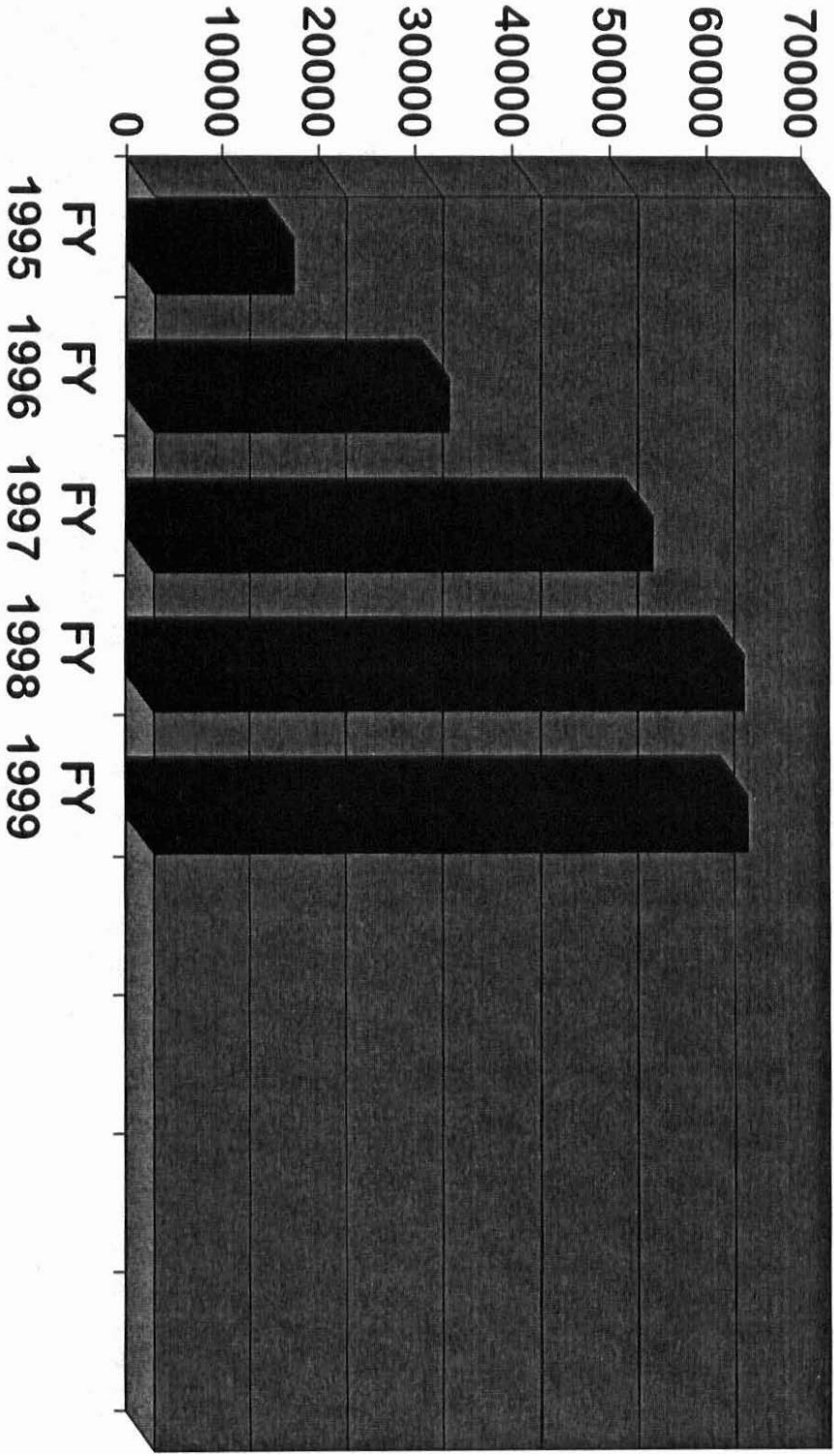
Fixed Route Service

- Two bus operation
- 266 operational days
- 5,854 service hours (22.0 hrs. per day)
- 71,634 service miles (269 miles per day)
- 61,496 fares - 56,196 paid and 5,300 free
- 21.8% fare box ratio

Fixed Route Service

- Total Expenditures (excluding capital and depreciation) = \$192,800
- Total Fare Revenues = \$42,045
- Gross cost per fare - \$3.14
- Revenue per fare - \$0.68
- Subsidy per fare - \$2.46

Fixed Route Service Historical Ridership Data



Transit System TOTALS

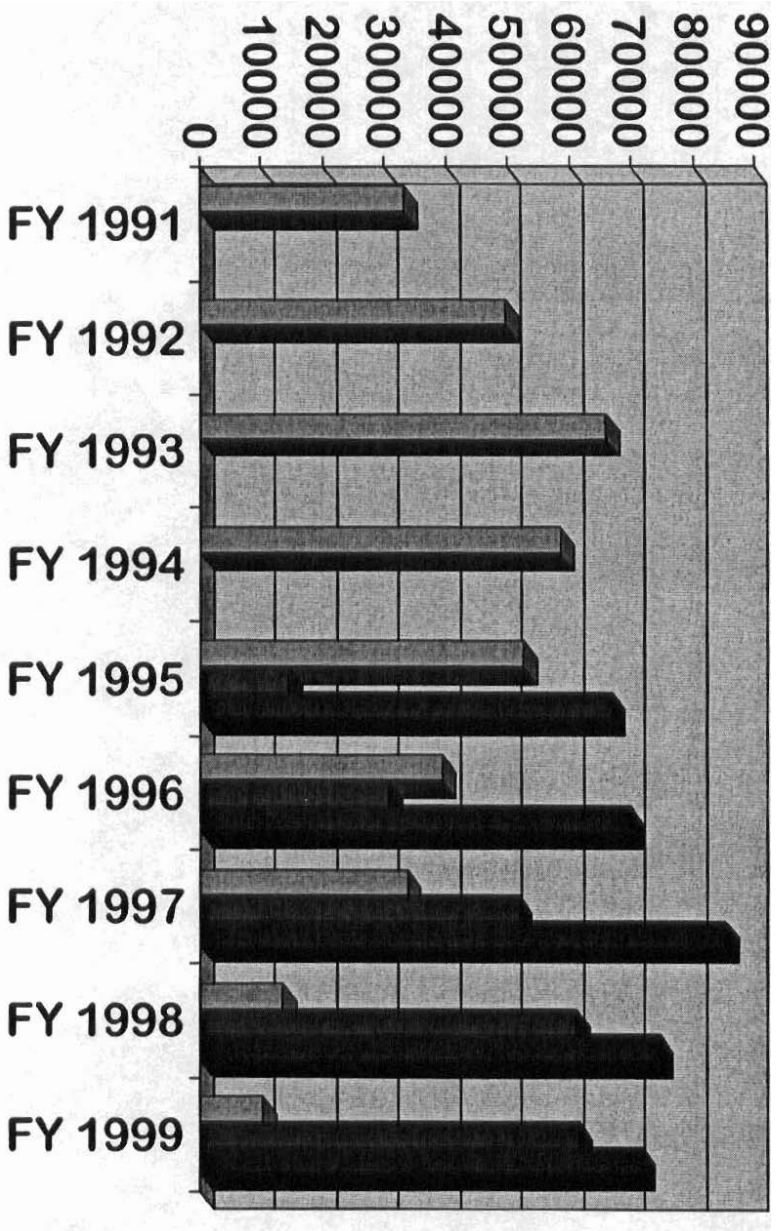
- Three buses
- 264 operational days/ave.
- 8,567 service hours (32.5 hrs. per day/ave.)
- 111,305 service miles (421 miles per day/ave.)
- 71,648 fares - 65,801 paid and 5,847 free
- 20.8% fare box ratio

Transit System TOTALS

- Total Expenditures (excluding capital and depreciation) = \$299,228
- Total Fare Revenues = \$62,078
- Gross cost per fare - \$4.18
- Revenue per fare - \$0.87
- Subsidy per fare - \$3.31

ALL SERVICES

Historical Ridership



SPECIAL REPORT

Service Modifications

PR DAR

Expanded Services

Effective 5/1/99:

- Fare Increase - \$1.50 to \$3

Effective 5/21/99:

- Friday & Saturday till 2:00 a.m.

Effective 7/6/99:

- Monday thru Thursday till 2:00 a.m.

PR DAR

- July - April / Average Daily Ridership = 41
- May - September / Average Daily Ridership (non-expanded) = 34
- May - September / Average Daily Expanded Ridership = 3 (238 total)
- May - September / Average Daily Revenues = \$11.24 (\$989 total)
- May - September / Daily Expanded Cost = \$155.84 (\$13,714 total)

PR CATS

Expanded Services:

Effective 5/1/99:

Fare Increase - \$1 to \$2

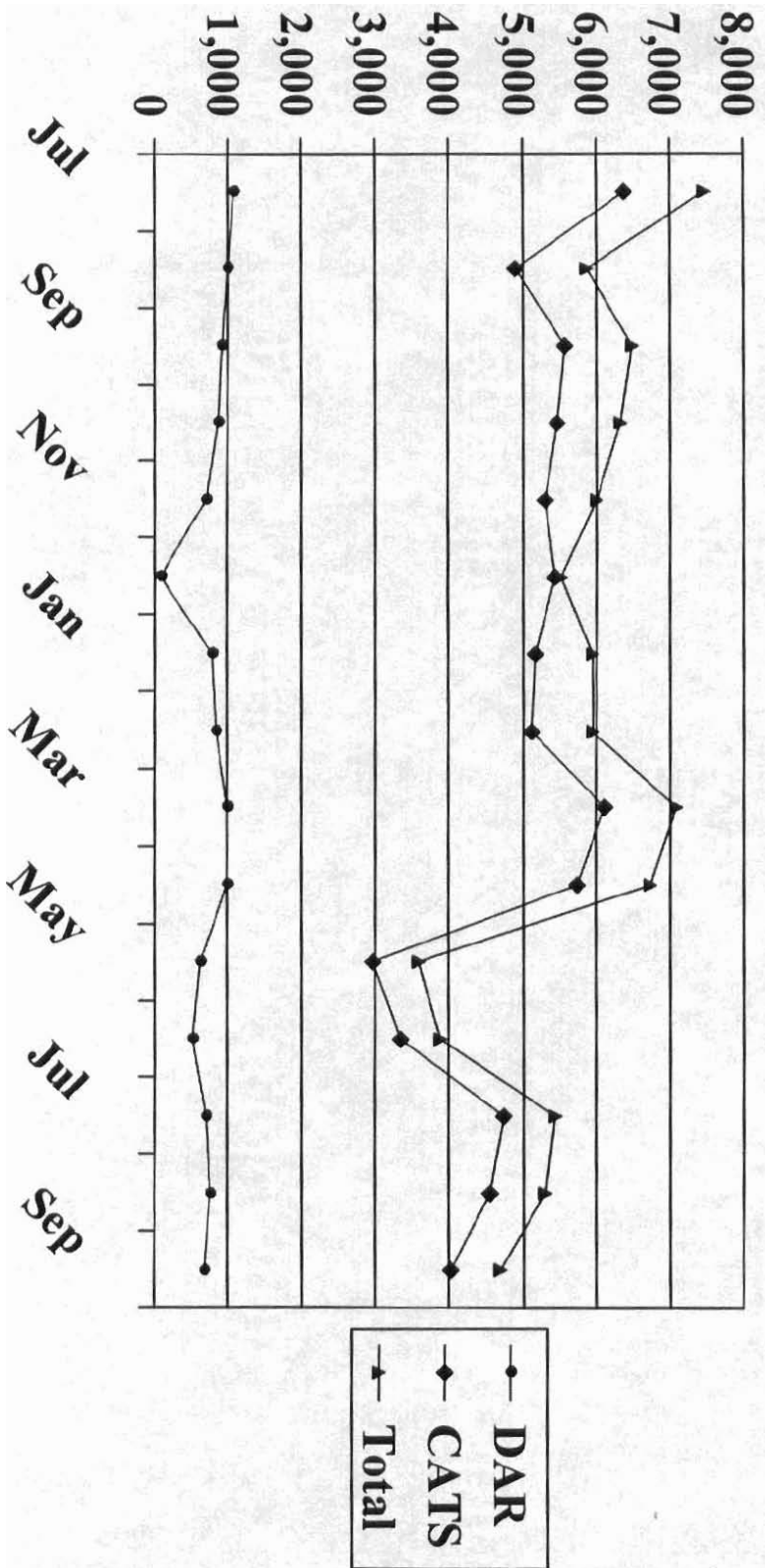
All Day Saturdays

PR CATS

- July - April / Average Daily Ridership = 252
- May - September / Average Daily Ridership (non-Saturday) = 156
- May - September / Average Saturday Ridership = 77

Total Ridership

July, 1998 to September, 1999



DAR Expanded Hours Results

- No. of Days = 88
- No. of Hours = 704
- Fares 6 to 8 p.m. = 146
- Fares 8 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. = 92
- Total Fares = 238
- Total Revenues = \$979
- Total Cost = \$13,714
- Fare Box Ratio = 7.1%
- July: 12 of 31 riders were FREE
- August: 25 of 56 riders were FREE
- September: 28 of 51 riders were FREE
- Between 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 a.m. - no FREE riders

DAR Expanded Hours Results

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- Ave. Revenue per Service Hour = \$1.39
- Ave. Revenue per Rider = \$4.11
- Ave. Cost per Service Hour = \$19.48
- Ave. Cost per Rider = \$57.62
- Ave. SUBSIDY per Service Hour = \$18.09
- Ave. SUBSIDY per Rider = \$53.51