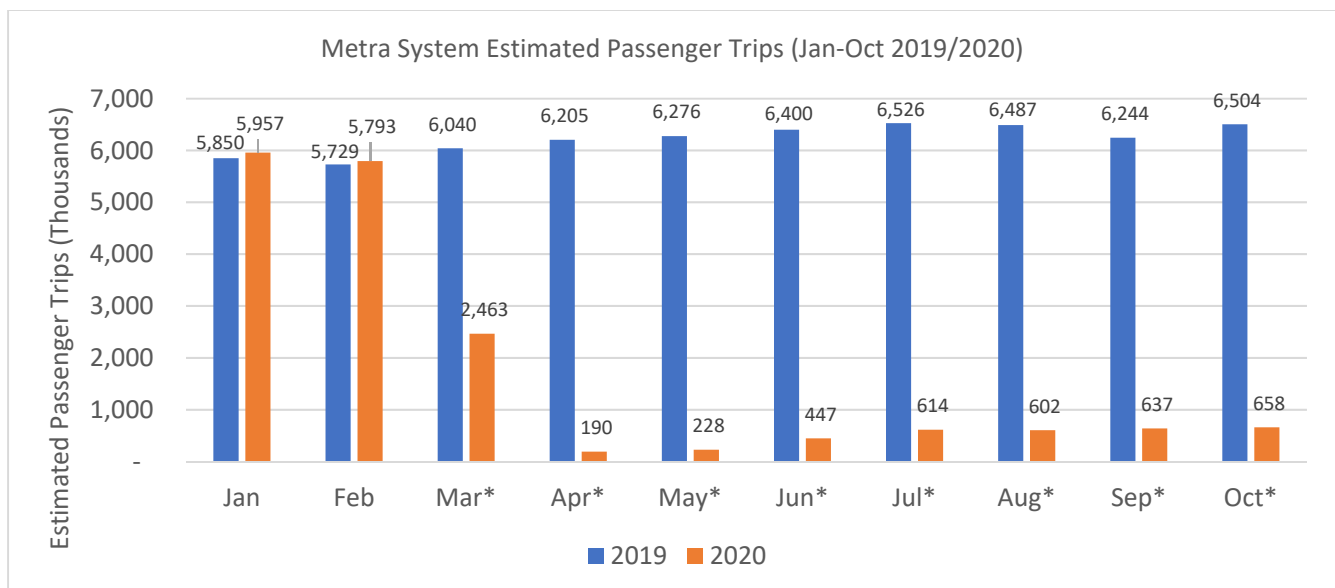




TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jim Derwinski, CEO/Executive Director
SUBJECT: October 2020 Ridership Trends

DATE: November 13, 2020

Ridership increased slightly in October compared to last month as the State of Illinois and the city of Chicago remained in Phase IV of their respective COVID-19 recovery plans. The city of Chicago issued a non-essential business curfew on Oct 23, effective 10 pm to 6 am. Preliminary October 2020 estimated passenger trips were about 657,910, a 3.3 percent increase from the 636,810 estimated passenger trips in September 2020, and an 89.8 percent decrease from October 2019. October 2020 had one less weekday and one additional Saturday compared to October 2019.

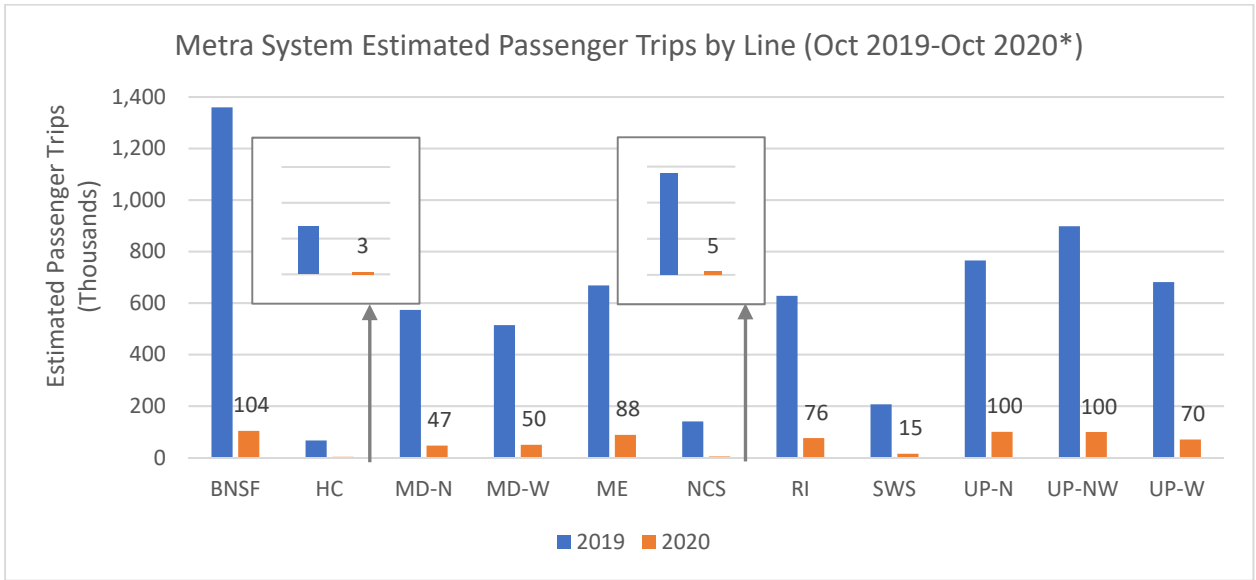


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Metra operated 382 trains per day for all weekdays in October and 181 trains for all Saturdays, Sundays.

Sales for the special \$10 all-day pass continued in October.

The system averaged 26,090 riders per weekday in October, reaching a maximum of 27,990 riders per weekday on Thursday, October 8. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays were the strongest performing days throughout the month, with an average of 26,960, 26,950, and 26,830 riders per day, respectively. Friday average ridership of 25,000 riders per day exceeded Monday ridership of 24,790.



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