# COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM RIDERSHIP TRENDS

April 2016



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### I. OVERVIEW

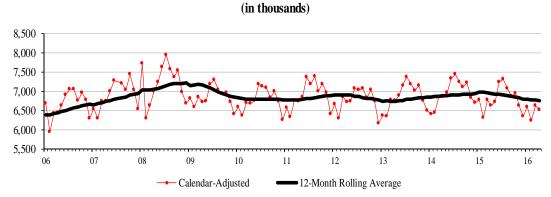
Reported system ridership (including free trips) in April 2016 decreased by 2.5% compared to April 2015. April 2016 had one less weekday, one additional Saturday, and the same number of Sundays compared to April 2015. April 2016 ridership decreased by 1.8% compared to April 2015 after adjusting for calendar differences.

April			(in 000s)		Percent	Change
		2014	2015	2016	14 vs. 16	15 vs. 16
Reported		6,795	6,575	6,416	-5.6%	-2.4%
Free Trips		90	87	81	-10.2%	-7.3%
Total (Reported & F	ree)	6,885	6,663	6,497	-5.6%	-2.5%
Free Trips & Calend	ar-Adjusted	6,858	6,634	6,517	-5.0%	-1.8%
February - April	(Last 3 months)	20,110	19,730	19,473	-3.2%	-1.3%
January - April	(Year-to-Date)	26,546	26,494	25,986	-2.1%	-1.9%
Last 12 Months		82,583	83,317	81,122	-1.8%	-2.6%

#### System Ridership

Figure 1 presents system ridership adjusted for calendar differences by month since 2006. The twelve-month rolling average is included to display the underlying trend in passenger use.

Figure 1: Calendar-Adjusted System Ridership\*



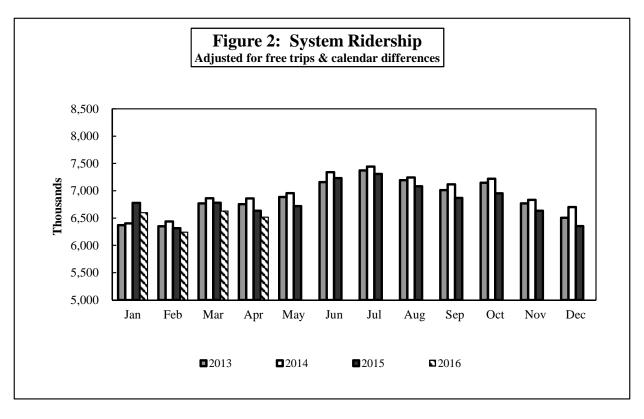
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Table 1 and Figure 2 present calendar-adjusted monthly ridership totals for the Metra system.

# Table 1Metra System Passenger Trips by Month

	P	assenger Tr	rips (in 000's	5)	Year-to-	-Year Percer	nt Change
	2013	2014	2015	2016	13 vs. 14	14 vs. 15	15 vs. 16
January	6,371	6,403	6,778	6,598	0.5%	5.9%	-2.7%
February	6,349	6,438	6,315	6,240	1.4%	-1.9%	-1.2%
March	6,769	6,861	6,780	6,627	1.3%	-1.2%	-2.3%
April	6,755	6,858	6,634	6,517	1.5%	-3.3%	-1.8%
May	6,885	6,956	6,718		1.0%	-3.4%	
June	7,157	7,340	7,232		2.6%	-1.5%	
July	7,370	7,443	7,306		1.0%	-1.8%	
August	7,194	7,242	7,082		0.7%	-2.2%	
September	7,012	7,118	6,869		1.5%	-3.5%	
October	7,145	7,218	6,954		1.0%	-3.7%	
November	6,767	6,834	6,635		1.0%	-2.9%	
December	6,504	6,701	6,354		3.0%	-5.2%	
Annual Total	82,278	83,413	81,656		1.4%	-2.1%	

(Adjusted for free trips & calendar differences)



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# **II. RIDERSHIP INFLUENCES**

Many different factors influence day-to-day and year-to-year ridership trends. Some factors are within Metra's control, such as service changes and marketing promotions. However, many more factors (such as weather, gas prices, and the economy) that are outside of Metra's direct control can influence ridership.

<u>**Calendar Differences**</u> – April 2016 had one less weekday, one additional Saturday, and the same number of Sundays compared to April 2015.

	1	Weekday			Saturday		Sunday/Holiday			All Days		
	2015	2016	Diff	2015	2016	Diff	2015	2016	Diff	2015	2016	Diff
Jan	21	20	-1	5	5	0	5	6	1	31	31	0
Feb	20	21	1	4	4	0	4	4	0	28	29	1
Mar	22	23	1	4	4	0	5	4	-1	31	31	0
Apr	22	21	-1	4	5	1	4	4	0	30	30	0
YEAR-TO-DATE	85	85	0	17	18	1	18	18	0	120	121	1

#### Service Changes

<u>Heritage Corridor</u> – On March 14, 2016, a mid-afternoon outbound train was permanently added to the weekday schedule.

**Rock Island District** – On June 6, 2015, six express trains were added to the Saturday and Sunday schedule as part of a trial weekend service enhancement lasting through November 29, 2015. On November 30, 2015, the weekend service enhancement became permanent, an additional outbound express train was added on weekdays, and schedule times were adjusted on several weekday trains to reflect actual operating conditions and improve connections. On June 15, 2014, schedule times were adjusted on 16 weekday inbound trains, 19 weekday outbound trains, and all Saturday and Sunday trains to increase schedule accuracy and improve service reliability.

#### **Roadway Construction Projects**

Jane Byrne Interchange Reconfiguration – In March 2015, work began on a major reconfiguration of the Jane Byrne Interchange. During the first phase of the construction, the number of lanes was reduced on several ramps and the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway, and access to Congress Parkway from the Dan Ryan was via a detour. The project is expected to last until Summer 2016.

Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) Reconstruction and Widening – Phase 1 of the project, between Rockford and Elgin, was completed in December 2014. The second phase of the project, between Elgin and the Kennedy Expressway, began in Spring 2015 and is scheduled for completion in 2016.

**IL Route 59 Reconstruction and Widening** – Multiple phases of the project, which began Summer 2013, have caused significant traffic delays and impacted Metra

commuters using the Route 59 Station on the BNSF Line. Construction was completed in late November 2015.

<u>Union Station Access</u> – The Adams Street Bridge Reconstruction Project began in late January 2016 and is scheduled for completion in early 2017. Throughout 2016, this project will periodically restrict pedestrian access to Union Station via Adams Street.

The Union Station Transit Center, a component of the Loop Link project, began construction in 2015. The center will consolidate CTA bus connections for Metra passengers at Union Station, and is scheduled for completion in early summer 2016.

<u>Special Events</u> – Special events often bring large crowds into Chicago during off-peak hours. No special event tickets were sold in April, and no special events prompted Metra to add additional service. Metra offered free rides to children and young adults under 18 on Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day (April 28).

Chicago hosted numerous conventions and trade shows in April at McCormick Place and other venues throughout the city. No conventions or trade shows arranged for special Metra Electric passes.

<u>**Gas Prices**</u> – The average price of a gallon of regular unleaded gas was \$2.24 in April 2016, \$0.43 lower than April 2015 and \$0.24 higher than March 2016.

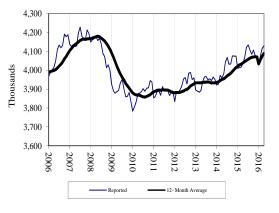


Chicago-Gary-Kenosha Region Average Gas Price

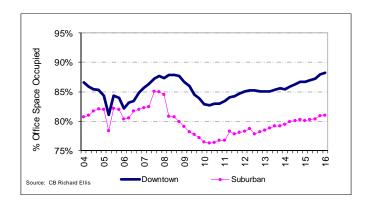
**Economy** – The number of persons employed in the six-county Chicago Region increased 2.3% in April 2016 compared to April 2015.

Month	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	15 vs. 16
Jan	3,834	3,896	3,922	4,010	4,033	0.6%
Feb	3,886	3,890	3,927	4,014	4,078	1.6%
Mar	3,881	3,884	3,972	4,016	4,116	2.5%
Apr	3,896	3,893	3,960	4,038	4,129	2.3%
May	3,915	3,940	3,980	4,066		
Jun	3,954	3,964	4,045	4,122		
Jul	3,961	3,966	4,068	4,134		
Aug	3,928	3,951	4,032	4,108		
Sep	3,984	3,955	4,033	4,084		
Oct	3,989	3,945	4,076	4,107		
Nov	3,951	3,964	4,075	4,078		
Dec	3,960	3,951	4,075	4,072		
YTD Average	3,874	3,891	3,945	4,020	4,089	1.7%
Annual Average	3,928	3,933	4,014	4,071	4,089	0.5%

Persons Employed in Chicago Region (thousands)



**Office Occupancy** - The graph below provides office occupancy rates for Downtown Chicago and suburban locations. In the First Quarter of 2016, Downtown Chicago posted an 88.2% office occupancy rate, up 0.2% from the previous quarter. The office occupancy rate in the suburbs rose to 81.0% from the previous quarter's rate of 80.9%.



#### **Downtown and Suburban Office Occupancy**

### III. RIDERSHIP

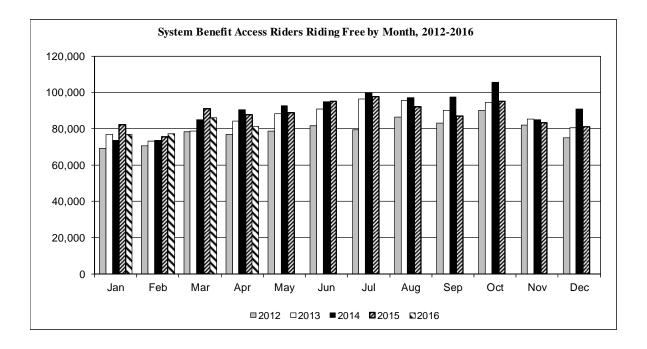
Table 2 (pg. 12) presents reported rail line ridership for three time periods (current month, last three months, and last 12 months) for the last two years based on reported ticket sales. Estimated ridership on the North region lines (UP-N, MD-N, NCS, and UP-NW) was down 2.1%, lines serving the West region (MD-W, UP-W, and BNSF) were down 2.2%, and lines serving the South region (HC, RID, SWS, and MED) were down 3.5%. A system summary of ridership by fare zone for April 2016 and the February 2016 – April 2016 period is provided in Table 3 (p. 13). Figure 3 and Table 4 (p. 14) provide data on average passenger trip length.

Passenger load counts are taken by conductors before the first stop on outbound trains and after the last stop before entering the downtown on inbound trains. Table 5 presents average daily conductor load counts by service period for February 2016 – April 2016 (p. 15). Table 6 presents capacity utilization by service period for February 2016 – April 2016 (p. 15).

Benefit Access Program (formerly Circuit Breaker) - Under the Benefit Access Program, low-income seniors and individuals with disabilities are eligible for free transportation on Metra with proper identification. The table below presents the average daily conductor load counts for Benefit Access trips by service period as well as the total number of Benefit Access trips recorded for the month. The graph that follows shows the total number of Benefit Access trips by month between 2012 and 2016.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015		2 2 2 5	2 (22	2 (02	2.664	0.750	0.740	2.417	0.540	0.704	2.426	
Avg Wkday	3,332	3,305	3,632	3,498	3,661	3,758	3,713	3,647	3,518	3,734	3,486	3,205
Avg Sat	1,497	1,509	1,558	1,633	1,781	1,822	1,831	1,828	1,739	1,631	1,704	1,480
Avg Sun/Hol	895	856	944	993	1,105	1,239	1,226	1,298	1,213	1,202	1,111	944
Typical week	19,053	18,890	20,662	20,118	21,190	21,853	21,621	21,362	20,541	21,505	20,242	18,447
Total Reported*	81,935	75,558	90,857	87,468	88,753	94,928	97,624	92,221	86,895	95,121	83,191	81,141
2016												
Avg Wkday	3,207	3,182	3,302	3,307								
Avg Sat	1,494	1,550	1,476	1,521								
Avg Sun/Hol	864	1,012	1,024	1,018								
Typical week	18,391	18,474	19,012	19,074								
Total Reported*	76,784	77,078	85,954	81,123								

**Benefit-Access Free Trips** 



**<u>Reduced-Fare Sales</u>** – In collaboration with the Regional Transportation Authority's (RTA) Reduced-Fare Permit Program, Metra allows qualified users to ride at a reduced rate. The following types of users are eligible for a reduced-fare permit through the RTA's Reduced-Fare Permit Program. Metra is eligible for reimbursement of the lost revenue by Illinois Department of Transportation.

- All senior citizens who are within three weeks of their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday or older (see Benefit Access Program for further information)
- Medicare card recipients who receive Social Security benefits
- People with disabilities who receive Social Security benefits
- Veterans with disabilities who receive Service-connected disability benefits
- People with disabilities whose doctors validate their disability
- Full-time students enrolled in an accredited grade school or high school with a valid letter of certification from their school (on school stationery) or valid school identification. Bearing the student's name, school name and authorized signature.

Metra also offers reduced-fare tickets to children ages 7 to 11 and to active duty U.S. military personnel. The table below shows all reduced-fare ticket sales by month for 2015 and 2016.

		20	)15			20	16	
	Monthly	Ten-Ride	One-Way	Conductor	Monthly	Ten-Ride	One-Way	Conductor
January	3,194	12,701	29,752	31,566	3,227	13,652	29,830	27,709
February	3,136	8,722	26,460	30,165	3,229	10,806	32,860	28,032
March	3,337	11,446	43,689	38,790	3,328	12,215	56,952	34,402
April	3,134	11,848	47,752	38,249	3,286	12,109	43,836	29,853
May	3,174	11,078	42,979	40,082	0	0	0	0
June	2,970	12,989	73,214	50,145	0	0	0	0
July	3,050	12,526	87,205	49,640	0	0	0	0
August	2,822	12,792	66,996	41,582	0	0	0	0
September	3,342	12,529	35,973	33,656	0	0	0	0
October	3,438	13,325	40,336	36,099	0	0	0	0
November	3,320	12,238	37,391	32,810	0	0	0	0
December	2,820	11,917	54,298	37,473	0	0	0	0
YTD	12,801	44,717	147,653	138,770	13,070	48,782	163,478	119,996

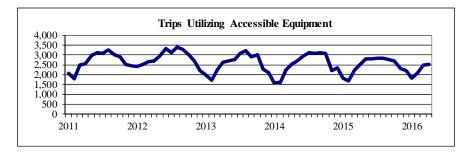
Reduced-Fare Ticket Sales (2015-2016)

**Police Officer and Firefighter Free Rides** – Chicago-area uniformed police officers from any municipality, including sheriff's deputies, bailiffs, and corrections officers, and Chicago firefighters are allowed free transportation on Metra. These free rides are not reimbursed by the State of Illinois. The table below presents the average daily conductor load counts for "Police Officer and Firefighter" trips by service period as well as the total number of these trips recorded for the month.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015 Avg Wkday	219	207	216	222	232	256	236	239	204	188	184	182
Avg Sat	19	13	10	24	33	22	38	49	23	18	21	19
Avg Sun/Hol	10	22	10	11	10	11	14	26	22	11	7	11
Typical week	1,126	1,067	1,103	1,144	1,203	1,312	1,233	1,272	1,066	966	947	938
Total Reported	4,754	4,269	4,854	5,018	4,864	5,761	5,615	5,403	4,491	4,259	3,801	4,126
2016 Avg Wkday Avg Sat	194 10	186 9	211 18	220 16								
Avg Sun/Hol	6	8	11	9								
Typical week	985	948	1,082	1,125								
Total Reported	3,961	3,977	4,960	4,738								

Police Officers and Firefighters in Uniform Riding Free

<u>Accessible Equipment Use</u> - All Metra trains have at least one accessible car; however, some individual stations are not yet fully accessible. The figure below presents the number of trips utilizing on-board accessibility equipment (wheelchair lifts on diesel lines or bridge plates on the Electric Line) by month since 2011.



**<u>Bike Program</u>** – Bikes are allowed on weekday early morning, off-peak, and reverse commute trains, and on all weekend trains. Five bikes are allowed in each diesel rail accessible car, and two bikes are allowed per car on the Metra Electric District. Train crews have the final authority on accommodating bikes. The table below shows the average usage by month for the program.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2015												
Avg Wkday	383	333	507	698	854	938	1,023	1,080	975	947	779	546
Avg Sat	245	207	313	561	704	817	720	755	804	580	390	296
Avg Sun/Hol	150	125	227	439	519	628	697	646	693	598	396	243
Total Bikes Carried	10,026	7,983	13,550	19,356	23,710	26,412	29,197	29,692	27,160	26,126	19,505	14,411
2016												
Avg Wkday	400	452	567	691								
Avg Sat	221	349	305	441								
Avg Sun/Hol	159	257	283	424								
Total Bikes Carried	10,054	11,911	15,394	18,423								

Bikes on Trains Program Usage		Bikes	on	Trains	Program	Usage
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<u>Comparison of Actual vs. Budgeted Passenger Trips</u> – Each year as part of the budgeting process, monthly passenger trips for upcoming years are forecasted. The table below shows 2015 actual, 2016 budgeted, and 2016 actual passenger trips. For April 2016, passenger trips were 1.6% unfavorable to budget.

Month	2015 Actual	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	% Chg
JAN	6,764,204	6,739,437	6,512,955	-3.4%
FEB	6,297,426	6,241,176	6,309,556	1.1%
MAR	6,769,610	6,709,142	6,666,044	-0.6%
APR	6,662,551	6,603,039	6,497,034	-1.6%
MAY	6,655,682	6,596,232	0	-100.0%
JUN	7,259,878	7,195,031	0	-100.0%
JUL	7,285,907	7,220,827	0	-100.0%
AUG	7,100,153	6,945,335	0	-100.0%
SEP	6,895,751	7,054,747	0	-100.0%
OCT	6,949,189	7,168,594	0	-100.0%
NOV	6,605,591	6,674,810	0	-100.0%
DEC	6,384,538	6,639,677	0	-100.0%
YTD	26,493,789	26,292,794	25,985,589	-1.2%
Annual Total	81,630,476	81,788,046		

#### Passenger Trips (Reported + Free): Actual vs. Budget

		Reported		Re	ported & Free	Trips
April			2015 vs 2016	Î		2015 vs 2016
-	2015	2016	%Change	2015	2016	%Change
BNSF	1,344,424	1,313,327	-2.3%	1,353,327	1,322,683	-2.3%
Electric Lines	723,852	694,834	-4.0%	745,539	713,862	-4.2%
Heritage*	59,031	58,860	-0.3%	59,047	58,902	-0.2%
Milw-N	561,394	544,480	-3.0%	567,851	550,450	-3.1%
Milw-W	541,295	528,190	-2.4%	553,589	538,345	-2.8%
North Central	145,705	140,389	-3.6%	146,293	140,975	-3.6%
Rock Island	673,563	653,849	-2.9%	680,642	660,513	-3.0%
SouthWest	218,128	211,014	-3.3%	219,360	212,336	-3.2%
UP-N	726,036	725,465	-0.1%	739,857	739,617	0.0%
UP-NW	906,844	881,281	-2.8%	916,161	889,479	-2.9%
UP-W	674,812	664,225	-1.6%	680,886	669,875	-1.6%
SYSTEM	6,575,083	6,415,911	-2.4%	6,662,551	6,497,034	-2.5%
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February - April	2015	2016	2016 vs 2016	2015	2016	2016 vs 2016
		2016	%Change		2016	%Change
BNSF	3,942,445	3,920,817	-0.5%	3,970,198	3,949,389	-0.5%
Electric Lines	2,152,879	2,088,099	-3.0%	2,217,816	2,144,929	-3.3%
Heritage*	201,731	174,691	-13.4%	201,782	174,756	-13.4%
Milw-N	1,677,599	1,639,342	-2.3%	1,695,558	1,656,734	-2.3%
Milw-W	1,590,907	1,584,979	-0.4%	1,624,818	1,615,632	-0.6%
North Central	426,488	422,813	-0.9%	428,324	424,862	-0.8%
Rock Island	2,006,340	1,965,885	-2.0%	2,026,858	1,985,942	-2.0%
SouthWest	646,673	636,642	-1.6%	650,666	640,260	-1.6%
UP-N	2,151,126	2,160,880	0.5%	2,190,226	2,204,196	0.6%
UP-NW	2,685,402	2,649,081	-1.4%	2,712,103	2,674,354	-1.4%
UP-W	1,994,114	1,985,252	-0.4%	2,011,238	2,001,582	-0.5%
SYSTEM	19,475,703	19,228,479	-1.3%	19,729,586	19,472,634	-1.3%
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Last 12			14-15 vs 15-16			14-15 vs 15-16
Months	2014-2015	2015-2016	%Change	2014-2015	2015-2016	%Change
BNSF	16,509,921	16,232,558	-1.7%	16,632,408	16,347,097	-1.7%
Electric Lines	9,065,604	8,676,325	-4.3%	9,330,303	8,925,978	-4.3%
Heritage*	748,729	689,499	-7.9%	749,133	689,733	-7.9%
Milw-N	7,191,581	6,931,900	-3.6%	7,267,397	7,012,583	-3.5%
Milw-W	6,774,432	6,619,674	-2.3%	6,916,906	6,747,972	-2.4%
North Central	1,803,891	1,741,985	-3.4%	1,813,589	1,751,225	-3.4%
Rock Island	8,400,794	8,144,280	-3.1%	8,496,190	8,234,983	-3.1%
SouthWest	2,642,327	2,573,239	-2.6%	2,653,772	2,587,594	-2.5%
UP-N	9,205,928	9,071,582	-1.5%	9,379,833	9,246,888	-1.4%
UP-NW	11,501,152	11,129,424	-3.2%	11,621,454	11,233,711	-3.3%
UP-W	8,373,856	8,271,000	-1.2%	8,456,060	8,344,515	-1.3%
SYSTEM	82,218,213	80,081,463	-2.6%	83,317,043	81,122,276	-2.6%

# Table 2: Passenger Trips by Rail Line

\*Due to a reporting anomaly, Heritage Corridor passenger trips are overstated in 2015, while the other lines traveling to CUS are understated.

# Table 3System Ridership by Fare Zone

Zone						Percent	Share
Pair	Miles	2015	2016	Change	% Change	2015	2016
AA	0-5	22,931	23,065	134	0.6%	0.3%	0.4%
AB	5-10	488,550	487,565	-985	-0.2%	7.4%	7.6%
AC	10-15	879,807	885,091	5,284	0.6%	13.4%	13.8%
AD	15-20	1,096,783	1,083,388	-13,395	-1.2%	16.7%	16.9%
AE	20-25	1,396,958	1,357,062	-39,896	-2.9%	21.2%	21.2%
AF	25-30	832,418	828,542	-3,876	-0.5%	12.7%	12.9%
AG	30-35	504,073	495,902	-8,171	-1.6%	7.7%	7.7%
AH	35-40	430,528	415,595	-14,933	-3.5%	6.5%	6.5%
AI	40-45	145,624	139,811	-5,813	-4.0%	2.2%	2.2%
AJ	45-50	27,409	26,496	-913	-3.3%	0.4%	0.4%
AK	50-55	31,617	28,832	-2,785	-8.8%	0.5%	0.4%
AM	60-65	9,973	9,071	-902	-9.0%	0.2%	0.1%
Interme	diate*	214,430	216,051	1,621	0.8%	3.3%	3.4%
Conduc	tor	303,198	209,908	-93,290	-30.8%	4.6%	3.3%
Group		3,129	3,299	170	5.4%	0.0%	0.1%
Weeker	nd & Special Event Tickets	204,883	216,142	11,260	5.5%	3.1%	3.4%
Total	-	6,575,083	6,415,976	-159,107	-2.4%	100.0%	100.0%

#### April 2015 vs. April 2016

#### Last Three Months

Zone						Percent	Share
Pair	Miles	2015	2016	Change	% Change	2015	2016
AA	0-5	65,684	72,730	7,046	10.7%	0.3%	0.4%
AB	5-10	1,442,404	1,444,538	2,134	0.1%	7.4%	7.5%
AC	10-15	2,612,046	2,639,608	27,562	1.1%	13.4%	13.7%
AD	15-20	3,248,509	3,238,260	-10,249	-0.3%	16.7%	16.8%
AE	20-25	4,133,794	4,072,069	-61,725	-1.5%	21.2%	21.2%
AF	25-30	2,475,323	2,489,607	14,284	0.6%	12.7%	12.9%
AG	30-35	1,500,657	1,487,374	-13,283	-0.9%	7.7%	7.7%
AH	35-40	1,269,748	1,252,496	-17,252	-1.4%	6.5%	6.5%
AI	40-45	433,486	422,434	-11,052	-2.5%	2.2%	2.2%
AJ	45-50	81,002	79,236	-1,766	-2.2%	0.4%	0.4%
AK	50-55	89,804	87,892	-1,912	-2.1%	0.5%	0.5%
AM	60-65	28,002	28,520	518	1.8%	0.1%	0.1%
Interme	diate*	650,664	647,093	-3,571	-0.5%	3.3%	3.4%
Conduct	tor	859,661	639,367	-220,294	-25.6%	4.4%	3.3%
Group		9,962	9,397	-565	-5.7%	0.1%	0.0%
Weeken	d & Special Event Tickets	642,620	656,144	13,524	2.1%	3.3%	3.4%
Total		19,475,703	19,228,614	-247,089	-1.3%	100.0%	100.0%

\*Trips that do not begin or end in Fare Zone A.

Note: Free trips and refunds are not included.

# Figure 3

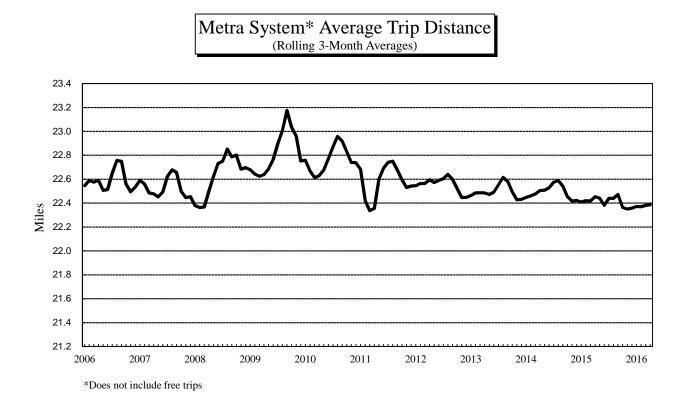


 Table 4

 Passenger Miles & Average Trip Length by Rail Line

 April

Line	Pa	ssenger Miles	(in 000's)		% Chng	Ave	erage Trip Lo	ength
	2015	2016	Change	% Chng	in Trips	2015	2016	% Chng
BNSF	31,660	30,851	-809	-2.6%	-2.3%	23.55	23.49	-0.2%
Electric Lines	14,314	13,664	-650	-4.5%	-4.0%	19.77	19.66	-0.6%
Heritage	1,663	1,644	-20	-1.2%	-0.3%	28.18	27.93	-0.9%
Milw-North	12,982	12,520	-462	-3.6%	-3.0%	23.12	22.99	-0.6%
Milw-West	13,374	13,091	-283	-2.1%	-2.4%	24.71	24.78	0.3%
North Central	4,675	4,464	-211	-4.5%	-3.6%	32.08	31.80	-0.9%
Rock Island	14,365	13,882	-483	-3.4%	-2.9%	21.33	21.23	-0.4%
SouthWest	4,180	4,030	-150	-3.6%	-3.3%	19.16	19.10	-0.3%
UP-North	12,407	12,147	-261	-2.1%	-0.1%	17.09	16.74	-2.0%
UP-NW	22,984	22,239	-745	-3.2%	-2.8%	25.35	25.24	-0.4%
UP-West	15,068	14,870	-198	-1.3%	-1.6%	22.33	22.39	0.3%
System*	147,672	143,402	-4,270	-2.9%	-2.4%	22.46	22.35	-0.5%

\*Does not include free trips.

# Table 5 System Passenger Loads by Service Period February - March - April

	Pas	senger Loads		% Cha	inge	Shar	re of Total*	
Service Period	2014	2015	2016	14 vs 16	15 vs 16	14	15	16
<u>Average Weekday</u>								
Peak Period/Peak Direction	220,900	222,400	224,100	1.4%	0.8%	76%	77%	77%
Peak Period/Reverse Direction	20,000	20,100	19,300	-3.5%	-4.0%	7%	7%	7%
Midday	31,400	30,700	30,200	-3.8%	-1.6%	11%	11%	10%
Evening	16,900	17,000	15,800	-6.5%	-7.1%	<u>6%</u>	<u>6%</u>	<u>5%</u>
Total Weekday	289,200	290,200	289,400	0.1%	-0.3%	100%	100%	100%
Typical Week with Five Weekdays								
Weekday Peak Per/Peak Dir	1,104,500	1,112,000	1,120,500	1.4%	0.8%	72%	72%	73%
Weekday Off-Peak	341,500	339,000	326,500	-4.4%	-3.7%	22%	22%	21%
Saturday	60,000	58,400	57,000	-5.0%	-2.4%	4%	4%	4%
Sunday	<u>32,800</u>	35,500	35,100	7.0%	-1.1%	<u>2%</u>	2%	2%
Total Week	1,538,800	1,544,900	1,539,100	0.0%	-0.4%	100%	100%	100%
Total Off-Peak	434,300	432,900	418,600	-3.6%	-3.3%	28%	28%	27%

\*Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

Table 6 System Capacity Utilization by Service Period February - March - April

	% Ca	pacity Utilizati	on	% Ch	ange
Service Period	2014	2015	2016	14 vs 16	15 vs 16
Average Weekday					
Peak Period/Peak Direction	71.0%	70.9%	71.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Peak Period/Reverse Direction	34.2%	34.7%	34.7%	0.5%	0.0%
Midday	43.2%	42.2%	41.4%	-1.8%	-0.7%
Evening	28.2%	28.3%	27.8%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Total Weekday	57.6%	57.5%	57.9%	0.3%	0.4%
Typical Week with Five Weekdays					
Weekday Peak Per/Peak Direction	71.0%	70.9%	71.3%	0.3%	0.4%
Weekday Off-Peak	35.7%	35.5%	35.2%	-0.5%	-0.3%
Saturday	37.0%	35.6%	34.6%	-2.4%	-1.0%
Sunday	<u>39.5%</u>	<u>39.3%</u>	<u>37.9%</u>	-1.6%	-1.4%
Total Week	55.8%	55.6%	55.8%	0.0%	0.2%
Total Off-Peak	36.2%	35.8%	35.3%	-0.8%	-0.5%

# **IV. TICKET SALES**

Table 7 (p. 20) provides a breakdown by rail line of April sales by ticket type for 2015 and 2016. Estimated ridership and revenue data by ticket type is shown on Table 8 (p. 21).

Table 9 (p. 21) breaks down the April ticket sales by method of purchase, which includes station (agents and vending machines), Ventra Mobile App, Ticket-by-Mail, Ticket-by-Internet, conductor sales, and Commuter Benefit.

**February 2016 Fare Increase** – Effective February 1, 2016, Metra fares rose by an average of 2.0%. One-way ticket prices rose by \$0.25, ten-ride ticket prices rose by \$1.75, and monthly ticket prices rose by \$2.50. Reduced fare ten-ride ticket prices rose by \$0.75, and reduced fare monthly ticet prices rose by \$1.25.

**February 2015 Fare Increase** – Effective February 1, 2015, Metra fares rose by an average of 10.8%. Part of the fare (and policy) changes was to restore the price of tenride tickets to nine times the price of one-way tickets, reversing a change made in February 2013. Despite the restoration of the discount, most ten-ride tickets increased in price. For the February 2015-January 2016 period monthly ticket sales fell by 5.9% and ten-ride ticket sales rose by 14.0% compared to the same period in 2014-2015.

The shift from monthly tickets to ten-ride tickets was gradual and continued throughout 2015. As such, the effects of this shift in ticket preference will continue to be evident in the month to month comparisons through most of 2016. As the year progresses, these effects are anticipated to become less pronounced.

	Ар	ril
	Tickets	Revenue
Monthly	17,732	\$2,959,741.50
Ten-Ride	44,537	\$2,314,115.00
One-Way	129,430	\$761,933.00
Weekend	11,062	\$88,469.00

<u>Ventra Mobile App</u> – The Ventra Mobile App launched on November 18, 2015. The table below summarizes ticket sales through the app for April 2016.

<u>Credit/Debit Card Sales</u> – Tickets can be purchased via credit card on the internet through Metra's website, at station windows, and by using ticket vending machines at select locations. The table below shows credit card sales by ticket type for 2015 and 2016. Note that this table does not include tickets sold through the Ventra Mobile App.

2015													
Ticket Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Internet Sales													
Monthly	5,344	5,137	5,054	5,046	5,047	5,132	5,013	5,050	5,252	5,279	5,180	4,652	20,581
Ten-Ride	3,848	2,728	2,885	2,787	2,825	3,317	3,291	3,143	3,220	3,425	2,900	2,039	12,248
Station Sales													
Monthly	37,510	37,126	38,541	38,146	35,517	37,309	36,740	34,414	38,646	39,213	36,512	25,988	151,323
Ten-Ride	81,799	62,151	75,408	74,547	73,476	84,976	83,655	82,836	81,556	83,207	76,533	63,254	293,905
One-Way	127,173	107,887	143,171	142,180	151,752	185,687	219,960	198,853	153,963	155,500	132,762	148,024	520,411
Weekend & Special Event	6,408	5,698	10,632	7,391	12,524	22,501	21,733	26,246	10,327	8,965	7,256	10,460	30,129
Ticket Vending Machines													
Monthly	7,566	5,057	6,075	7,184	7,346	6,983	7,508	7,333	6,830	7,864	7,513	5,312	25,882
Ten-Ride	22,427	21,716	26,742	26,746	25,030	29,755	30,869	30,570	28,944	30,954	27,527	21,362	97,631
One-Way	49,407	43,827	55,397	58,526	59,381	71,637	88,963	79,130	63,679	66,690	56,275	56,306	207,157
Weekend	3,608	3,576	4,324	4,381	6,027	5,928	7,808	7,395	5,544	5,127	5,612	4,750	15,889
Total	345,090	294,903	368,229	366,934	378,925	453,225	505,540	474,970	397,961	406,224	358,070	342,147	1,375,156
2016													
Ticket Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Internet Sales													
Monthly	4,356	4,004	3,654	3,605									15,619
Ten-Ride	2,361	1,781	1,609	1,482									7,233
Station Sales													
Monthly	27,522	26,427	28,627	28,632									111,208
Ten-Ride	66,109	51,467	54,211	51,056									222,843
One-Way	95,774	93,589	129,237	109,531									428,131
Weekend & Special Event	7,040	5,119	9,008	7,429									28,596
Ticket Vending Machines													
Monthly	5,151	5,015	5,323	5,215									20,704
Ten-Ride	21,034	16,610	16,699	15,399									69,742
One-Way	37,599	35,112	41,729	36,737									151,177
Weekend	3,617	3,568	3,681	3,697									14,563
Total		242,692		262.783									1,069,816

Credit/Debit Card Sales -- Number of Tickets Sold

The table on the following page shows the number of tickets sold through Credit Card Ticket Vending Machines at each of the five downtown stations beginning January 2015. Note that monthly ticket sales are reported based on the month the ticket was valid, not the date the ticket was purchased (e.g. a March monthly ticket purchased on February 22 is reported as a March sale).

	2015													
Station Ticke	et Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
LaSalle Street Station														
	Monthly	508	33	454	472	492	465	558	505	523	579	531	471	1,467
	Ten-Ride	674	747	1,467	1,200	1,134	1,420	1,369	1,417	1,406	1,343	1,349	1,147	4,088
	One-Way	1,864	1,845	3,136	2,899	3,337	3,801	4,129	3,435	3,249	3,313	3,093	2,949	9,744
	Weekend	142	168	282	298	304	352	317	237	268	267	371	252	890
Millennium Station	Manadala	000	047	074	054	070	005	005	070	000	007	050	007	4 050
	Monthly	308	217	374	354	372	325	335	279	300	397	350	337	1,253
	Ten-Ride	1,556	1,665	1,806	2,150	1,585	1,639	1,735	1,528	1,949	2,176	1,930	1,297	7,177
	One-Way	5,891 169	5,780 115	7,295 194	7,383 231	6,387 260	8,302 209	10,466 211	8,851 238	7,184 219	7,909 251	6,808 240	6,321	26,349
Ogilvie Center	Weekend	109	115	194	231	200	209	211	230	219	201	240	140	709
Ogime Center	Monthly	2,195	1,033	1,576	2,156	2,238	2,101	2,288	2,312	1,653	2,253	2,032	1,437	6,960
	Ten-Ride	6,099	7,055	8,479	8,549	7,871	10,063	10,012	,	,	10,210	9,260	7,031	30,182
	One-Way	5,635	5,415	6,589	7,702	7,567	10,509	12,245	,	8,677	9,057	7,792	7,539	25,341
	Weekend	233	191	304	421	595	704	763	846	578	510	583	373	1,149
Union Station	Wookona	200	101	001	121	000	701	100	010	010	010	000	0/0	1,110
ee. olalon	Monthly	3,200	2,672	2,877	3,273	3,273	3,081	3,303	3,186	3,312	3,531	3.443	2,165	12,022
	Ten-Ride	10,902	,	11,321	,	,	12,358	,	,	,	12,767	-, -	8,715	42,951
	One-Way	19,319	16,190	19,844	20,627	23,318	27,204	29,983	28,192	23,864	22,136	19,724	20,929	75,980
	Weekend	1,267	1,089	1,109	1,308	2,011	1,572	2,014	1,757	1,522	1,401	1,691	1,125	4,773
Van Buren Street Station		, -	,	,	,	<i>y</i> -	<i>y</i> =	, -	, -	<i>,</i> -	, -	<i>,</i> = =	, -	, -
	Monthly	99	62	134	24	96	53	100	92	109	101	98	130	319
	Ten-Ride	265	248	382	317	345	424	486	431	400	483	423	318	1,212
	One-Way	1,420	1,280	1,695	1,435	1,482	1,648	2,596	2,125	1,980	2,352	1,823	1,587	5,830
	Weekend	29	44	38	36	63	29	62	52	21	56	53	33	147
Total		61,775	55,114	69,356	72,298	73,520	86,259	96,341	91,595	78,780	81,092	72,671	64,296	258,543
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	2016 et Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
Station Ticke LaSalle Street Station	et Type					May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
	et Type Monthly	375	360	426	421	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582
	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride	375 1,014	360 619	426 822	421 790	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245
	<b>et Type</b> Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way	375 1,014 2,144	360 619 1,184	426 822 1,964	421 790 1,698	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990
LaSalle Street Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride	375 1,014	360 619	426 822	421 790	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245
	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend	375 1,014 2,144	360 619 1,184	426 822 1,964	421 790 1,698	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793
LaSalle Street Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly	375 1,014 2,144 221 255	360 619 1,184 124 337	426 822 1,964 242 344	421 790 1,698 206	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191
LaSalle Street Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend	375 1,014 2,144 221	360 619 1,184 124	426 822 1,964 242	421 790 1,698 206 255	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793
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LaSalle Street Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916
LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916
LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146 196	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856 155	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198 156	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716 178	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916 685
LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146 196 1,365	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856 155 1,294	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198 156 1,472	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716 178 1,442	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916 685 5,573
LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station Ogilvie Center	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146 196 1,365 7,100	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856 155 1,294 5,247	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198 156 1,472 5,311	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716 178 1,442 5,021	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916 685 5,573 22,679
LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station	At Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146 196 1,365 7,100 4,795 280	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856 155 1,294 5,247 4,306 214	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198 156 1,472 5,311 5,398 349	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716 178 1,442 5,021 4,844 243	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916 685 5,573 22,679 19,343 1,086
LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station Ogilvie Center	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146 196 1,365 7,100 4,795 280 2,159	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856 155 1,294 5,247 4,306 214 2,152	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198 156 1,472 5,318 349 2,194	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716 178 1,442 5,021 4,844 243 2,151	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916 685 5,573 22,679 19,343 1,086 8,656
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LaSalle Street Station Millennium Station Ogilvie Center	et Type Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way Weekend Monthly Ten-Ride One-Way	375 1,014 2,144 221 255 1,454 5,146 1,365 7,100 4,795 280 2,159 8,247 12,778	360 619 1,184 124 337 1,237 4,856 155 1,294 5,247 4,306 214 2,152 6,585 10,818	426 822 1,964 242 344 1,180 5,198 156 1,472 5,311 5,398 349 2,194 6,598 13,572	421 790 1,698 206 255 999 4,716 178 1,442 5,021 4,844 243 2,151 5,887 11,335	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	1,582 3,245 6,990 793 1,191 4,870 19,916 685 5,573 22,679 19,343 1,086 8,656 27,317 48,503
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Total Number of Tickets Sold at Credit Card TVMs in Downtown Stations

Link-Up and PlusBus - Metra participates in joint ticket programs with CTA and Pace. Monthly Metra pass holders can purchase a Link-Up pass for connecting travel on CTA and Pace buses. The Link-Up pass is accepted on peak-period CTA services and most Pace services. Monthly Metra pass holders can also purchase a PlusBus pass in conjunction with their monthly ticket good for unlimited travel on most Pace buses. The table below presents Link-Up and PlusBus sales for April 2016. Note that Link-Up and PlusBus sales through the Ventra Mobile App are not included.

		Ap	oril			
		Link-Up			PlusBus	
	2015	2016	Change	2015	2016	Change
BNSF	873	699	-174	1,006	915	-91
Other CUS Lines	833	647	-186	96	49	-47
Electric	696	560	-136	54	43	-11
Rock Island	482	429	-53	30	22	-8
Union Pacific	941	788	-153	228	158	-70
Total	3,825	3,123	-702	1,414	1,187	-227

#### Link-Up and PlusBus Sales

		Januar	y-April			
		Link-Up			PlusBus	
	2015	2016	Change	2015	2016	Change
BNSF	3,697	2,999	-698	4,180	3,702	-478
Other CUS Lines	3,520	2,747	-773	370	233	-137
Electric	2,960	2,285	-675	223	153	-70
Rock Island	2,052	1,826	-226	116	95	-21
Union Pacific	4,029	3,310	-719	901	675	-226
Total	16,258	13,167	-3,091	5,790	4,858	-932

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		2015	2016	Change	%Chng		2015	2016	Change	%Chng
MONT	HLY					STATION & MOBILE ONE-WAY				
	BNSF	21,693	21,090	-603	-2.8%	BNSF	77,647	78,079	432	0.6%
	Electric Lines	10,526	10,001	-525	-5.0%	Electric Lines	78,458	86,868	8,410	10.7%
	Heritage	1,129	1,090	-39	-3.5%	Heritage	1,123	1,714	591	52.6%
	Milw-N	8,057	7,616	-441	-5.5%	Milw-N	34,688	37,348	2,660	7.7%
	Milw-W	8,398	8,177	-221	-2.6%	Milw-W	38,535	41,320	2,785	7.2%
	North Central	2,391	2,312	-79	-3.3%	North Central	4,934	6,583	1,649	33.4%
	Rock Island	11,292	10,913	-379	-3.4%	Rock Island	40,777	40,574	-203	-0.5%
	SouthWest	3,920	3,710	-210	-5.4%	SouthWest	7,594	9,183	1,589	20.9%
	UP-N	9,411	9,282	-129	-1.4%	UP-N	41,770	50,441	8,671	20.8%
	UP-NW	13,745	13,085	-660	-4.8%	UP-NW	58,772	62,614	3,842	6.5%
	UP-W	10,046	<u>9,871</u>	<u>-175</u>	-1.7%	UP-W	46,079	<u>49,126</u>	<u>3,047</u>	<u>6.6%</u>
	SYSTEM	100,608	97,147	-3,461	-3.4%	SYSTEM	430,377	463,850	33,473	7.8%
TEN-R	IDE					CONDUCTOR ONE-WAY				
	BNSF	26,788	26,925	137	0.5%	BNSF	30,960	21,792	-9,168	-29.6%
	Electric Lines	13,807	13,982	175	1.3%	Electric Lines	40,672	22,186	-18,486	-45.5%
	Heritage	856	974	118	13.8%	Heritage	983	614	-369	-37.5%
	Milw-N	13,008	13,683	675	5.2%	Milw-N	30,355	20,576	-9,779	-32.2%
	Milw-W	9,032	9,038	6	0.1%	Milw-W	30,787	22,611	-8,176	-26.6%
	North Central	2,780	2,796	16	0.6%	North Central	10,782	6,808	-3,974	-36.9%
	Rock Island	11,175	11,184	9	0.1%	Rock Island	23,078	17,266	-5,812	-25.2%
	SouthWest	3,426	3,681	255	7.4%	SouthWest	7,377	4,780	-2,597	-35.2%
	UP-N	19,793	20,944	1,151	5.8%	UP-N	56,241	40,658	-15,583	-27.7%
	UP-NW	17,865	18,287	422	2.4%	UP-NW	40,599	31,332	-9,267	-22.8%
	UP-W	13,928	14,036	108	0.8%	UP-W	31,364	21,285	-10,079	-32.1%
	SYSTEM	132,458	135,530	3,072	2.3%	SYSTEM	303,198	209,908	-93,290	-30.8%
WEEF	KEND & SPECIAL	L EVENT T	ICKET SA	LES		PERCENT SHARE BY TICKET TYP	E			
	BNSF	14,721	15,682	961	6.5%	Monthly	9.6%	9.8%	0.2%	
	Electric Lines	6,316	6,715	399	6.3%	Ten-Ride	12.6%	13.7%	1.0%	
	Heritage	0	3	3		Station & Mobile One-Way	41.0%	46.7%	5.7%	
	Milw-N	8,879	9,497	618	7.0%	Conductor One-Way	28.9%	21.1%	-7.8%	
	Milw-W	8,610	8,969	359	4.2%	Total One-Way	70.0%	67.9%	-2.1%	
	North Central	0	18	18		Weekend & Special Event	7.8%	8.7%	0.9%	
	Rock Island	5,488	6,026	538	9.8%	* 				
	SouthWest	196	222	26	13.3%					
	UP-N	10,956	10,371	-585	-5.3%					
	UP-NW	15,879	17,011	1,132	7.1%					
	UP-W	10,908	<u>11,942</u>	1,034	9.5%					
	SYSTEM	81,953	86,456	4,503	5.5%					

# Table 7Ticket Sales by Type and Line\*April 2015 vs. April 2016

\*Free trips are not included and not adjusted for ticket refunds.

Due to a reporting anomaly, Heritage Corridor over the counter tickets are overstated in 2015, while the other lines traveling to CUS are understated.

# Table 8 Systemwide Ridership and Revenue by Ticket Type April

				Percent	Share o	f Total
PASSENGER TRIPS	2015	2016	Change	Change	2015	2016
Monthly	4,326,144	4,177,321	-148,823	-3.4%	65.7%	65.0%
10-Ride	1,324,580	1,355,300	30,720	2.3%	20.1%	21.1%
One-Way - Station & Mobile	430,377	463,850	33,473	7.8%	6.5%	7.2%
One-Way - Conductor	303,198	209,908	-93,290	-30.8%	4.6%	3.3%
Weekend & Special Event - Station & Mobile	52,853	82,533	29,680	56.2%	0.8%	1.3%
Weekend & Special Event - Conductor	152,030	133,608	-18,423	-12.1%	2.3%	2.1%
TOTAL	6,589,182	6,422,519	-166,663	-2.5%	100.0%	100.0%
PASSENGER REVENUE						
Monthly	\$16,568,079	\$16,192,337	-\$375,742	-2.3%	59.5%	58.5%
10-Ride	6,572,837	6,923,591	350,754	5.3%	23.6%	25.0%
One-Way - Station & Mobile	2,448,539	2,744,764	296,225	12.1%	8.8%	9.9%
One-Way - Conductor	1,589,521	1,117,805	-471,715	-29.7%	5.7%	4.0%
Weekend & Special Event - Station & Mobile	169,126	264,104	94,978	56.2%	0.6%	1.0%
Weekend & Special Event - Conductor	486,312	427,452	-58,860	-12.1%	1.7%	1.5%
TOTAL	\$27,834,413	\$27,670,052	-\$164,361	-0.6%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Free trips, refunds, and group sales are not included.

# Table 9 System Ticket Sales by Method of Purchase April

		Monthly			Ten-Ride	
TICKET SALES	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change
Station & Mobile (Credit)	45,330	46,679	3.0%	101,293	103,515	2.2%
Station (Cash/Check)	12,078	11,625	-3.8%	16,687	19,091	14.4%
Total Station	57,408	58,304	1.6%	117,980	122,606	3.9%
By Mail	5,057	3,844	-24.0%	3	7	133.3%
By Internet	5,046	3,605	-28.6%	2,787	1,482	-46.8%
Commuter Benefits	33,097	31,394	-5.1%	11,688	11,435	-2.2%
Total	100,608	97,147	-3.4%	132,458	135,530	2.3%
		One-Way		Weekei	nd & Special 1	Event
TICKET SALES	2015	2016	% Change	2015	2016	% Change
Station & Mobile (Credit)	200,706	229,029	14.1%	11,772	17,989	52.8%
Station (Cash/Check)	229,671	234,821	2.2%	9,369	15,024	60.4%
Total Station	430,377	463,850	7.8%	21,141	33,013	56.2%
On-Train	303,198	209,908	-30.8%	60,812	53,443	-12.1%
Total	733,575	673,758	-8.2%	81,953	86,456	5.5%

Note: Free trips, refunds, and group sales are not included.

### **V. PASSENGER REVENUES**

The table below presents system passenger revenues for February, the last three months, and the last 12 months. Revenues decreased by 0.5% in April 2016 when compared to April 2015.

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April		Percent Change							
	2014	2015	2016	14 vs. 15	15 vs. 16				
April	\$25,813	\$27,771	\$27,627	7.6%	-0.5%				
February - April	\$75,208	\$81,998	\$82,845	9.0%	1.0%				
January - April	\$99,349	\$107,472	\$110,074	8.2%	2.4%				
Last 12 Months	\$310,270	\$321,173	\$341,229	3.5%	6.2%				

### **System Passenger Revenues**

Table 10 (p. 23) breaks out passenger revenues by rail line for the last two years. Figure 5 (p. 24) illustrates system average fare (i.e., revenue per passenger trip). Table 11 (p. 24) presents average fare and revenue levels by rail line.

April			2015 vs 2016		
•	2015	2016	%Change		
BNSF	\$5,793,513	\$5,766,989	-0.5%		
Electric Lines	2,827,149	2,778,435	-1.7%		
Heritage**	266,211	271,089	1.8%		
Milw-N	2,445,770	2,413,256	-1.3%		
Milw-W	2,384,200	2,369,467	-0.6%		
North Central	731,139	712,903	-2.5%		
Rock Island	2,746,226	2,712,956	-1.2%		
SouthWest	871,662	864,663	-0.8%		
UP-N	2,795,595	2,842,027	1.7%		
UP-NW	4,032,467	3,999,901	-0.8%		
UP-W	2,877,437	2,895,430	0.6%		
SYSTEM	\$27,771,369	\$27,627,117	-0.5%		
February - April			2016 vs 2016		
	2015	2016	%Change		
BNSF	\$16,919,284	\$17,211,149	1.7%		
Electric Lines	8,421,395	8,365,894	-0.7%		
Heritage**	903,729	805,158	-10.9%		
Milw-N	7,266,841	7,282,627	0.2%		
Milw-W	6,989,788	7,119,370	1.9%		
North Central	2,126,778	2,149,067	1.0%		
Rock Island	8,155,489	8,149,448	-0.1%		
SouthWest	2,585,456	2,606,247	0.8%		
UP-N	8,261,762	8,463,952	2.4%		
UP-NW	11,903,505	12,039,514	1.1%		
UP-W	8,464,329	8,652,978	2.2%		
SYSTEM	\$81,998,356	\$82,845,404	1.0%		
Last 12			14-15 vs 15-16		
Months	2014-2015	2015-2016	%Change		
BNSF	\$65,833,115	\$70,482,916	7.1%		
Electric Lines	32,661,472	34,312,922	5.1%		
Heritage**	3,128,701	3,122,919	-0.2%		
Milw-N	28,956,043	30,425,625	5.1%		
Milw-W	27,578,278	29,382,569	6.5%		
North Central	8,393,854	8,762,062	4.4%		
Rock Island	31,580,283	33,401,268	5.8%		
SouthWest	9,695,379	10,418,393	7.5%		
UP-N	33,175,156	35,253,572	6.3%		
UP-NW	47,301,836	49,998,993	5.7%		
UP-W	32,869,220	35,667,302	8.5%		
SYSTEM	\$321,173,337	\$341,228,541	6.2%		

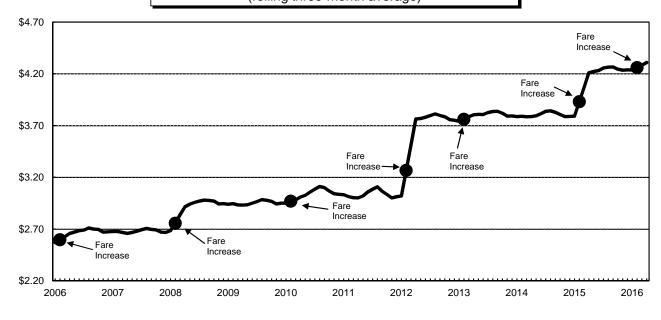
 Table 10: Passenger Revenues by Rail Line\*

\*Excludes South Shore and reduced-fare reimbursement.

\*\*Due to a reporting anomaly, Heritage Corridor revenues are overstated, while the other lines traveling to CUS are understated.

#### Figure 5





\*Does not include free trips

# Table 11 Passenger Revenues & Average Fare by Rail Line\*

January - April

Line	Passenger Revenue (in 000's)				% Change	Average Fare		
	2015	2016	Change	% Chng	in Trips	2015	2016	% Chng
BNSF	\$22,154	\$22,876	\$722	3.3%	-1.0%	\$4.19	\$4.37	4.3%
Electric Lines	11,006	11,047	41	0.4%	-4.1%	\$3.81	\$3.99	4.7%
Heritage**	1,165	1,059	-105	-9.1%	-12.9%	\$4.40	\$4.59	4.4%
Milw-N	9,619	9,696	77	0.8%	-3.6%	\$4.23	\$4.42	4.5%
Milw-W	9,127	9,437	310	3.4%	-0.9%	\$4.29	\$4.48	4.3%
North Central	2,790	2,864	74	2.6%	-1.3%	\$4.88	\$5.07	4.0%
Rock Island	10,670	10,821	151	1.4%	-2.6%	\$3.97	\$4.13	4.1%
SouthWest	3,375	3,472	97	2.9%	-1.9%	\$3.89	\$4.08	4.9%
UP-N	10,916	11,294	378	3.5%	-0.2%	\$3.75	\$3.89	3.7%
UP-NW	15,597	16,019	421	2.7%	-1.8%	\$4.33	\$4.52	4.6%
UP-W	11,052	11,489	437	4.0%	-0.8%	\$4.14	\$4.34	4.8%
System***	\$107,472	\$110,074	\$2,601	2.4%	-1.9%	\$4.11	\$4.29	4.4%

\*Excludes reduced-fare reimbursement.

\*\*Due to a reporting anomaly, Heritage Corridor revenues are overstated, while the other lines traveling to CUS are understated.

\*\*\*Does not include free trips