

Planning Board Report

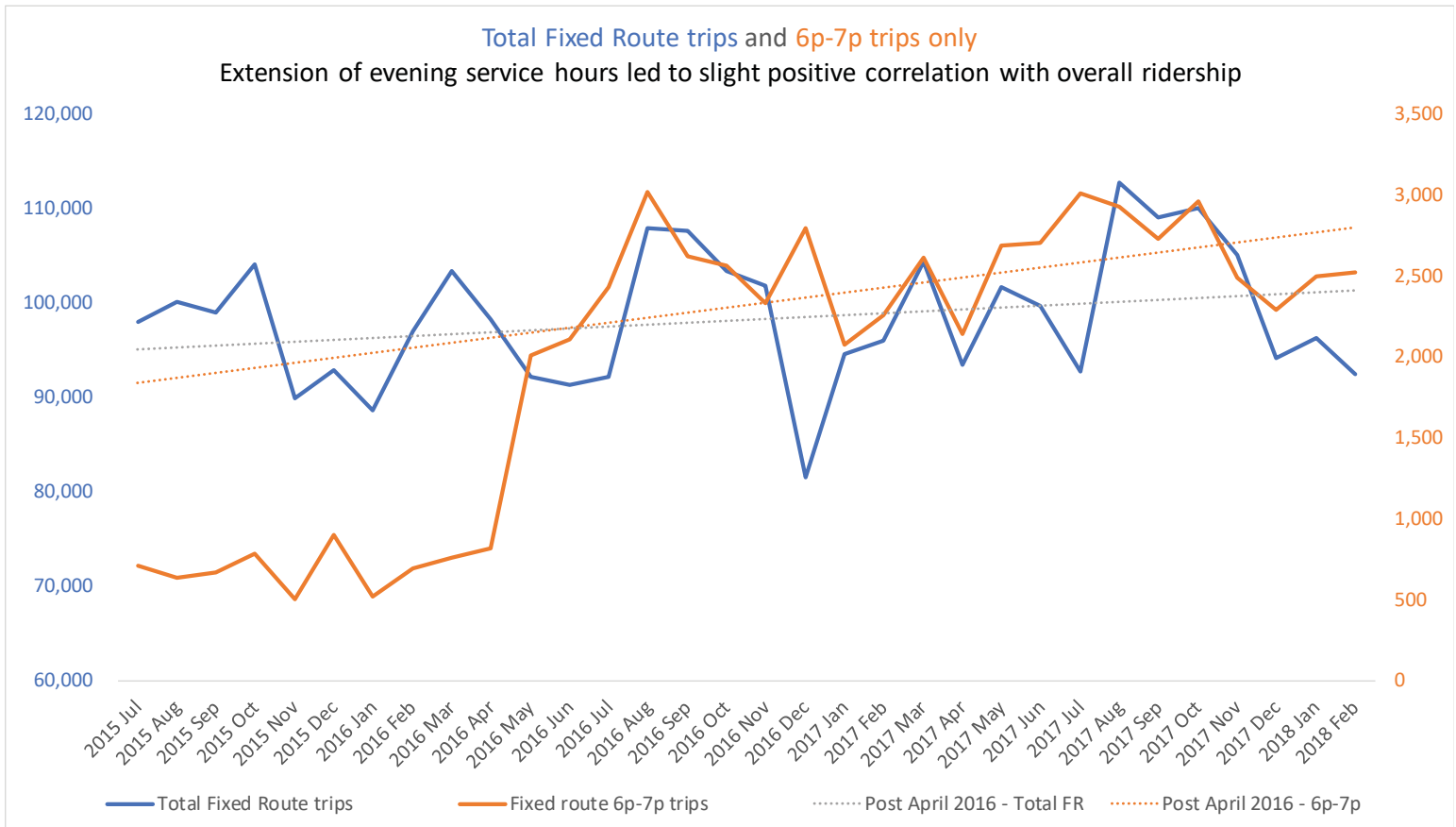
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Ridership Table Notes

- Line 12: New category, City Employees.

Extension of Service Hours - Effect on Total Ridership

- Extended evening service hours which began in April 2016 correlates with increased ridership during the 6pm-7pm hour and increased overall ridership.



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LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING #1 & INTERACTIVE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Date: Tuesday April 10, 2018

Steering Committee: 4:30p-5:30p, Topeka SNCO Public Library, Anton Room 202 (2nd floor)

Interactive Public Workshop: 6p-8p, Topeka SNCO Public Library, Marvin Auditorium (1st floor)

INTERACTIVE PUBLIC WORKSHOP - FORMAT & GOALS

The goal of this workshop is to identify priorities and gather similar information that will be solicited through the MetroQuest online survey tool.

The room will be set up with several interactive stations, and there will be no formal presentation. This will allow participants to come and go as it works for their schedule. Stations include:

DRAW YOUR OWN BUS ROUTE

Using Remix software and staff assistance, participants will be able to alter existing routes, create new routes, and see how their proposed changes affect the budget in real time.

TAKE THE METROQUEST SURVEY

Staff will be available with laptops and tablets to assist participants as they complete the online MetroQuest survey tool.

IF TOPEKA METRO'S BUDGET WAS \$1000

Participants will receive 10 \$100 "Metro bucks" to spend however they wish. They will be presented with 8 blind voting banks for the 8 priority areas from the MetroQuest site. They may choose to spread their budget evenly or place more \$ into their highest priority areas.

SHOW US ON A MAP

Participants will identify improvements they would like to see on a map of Topeka. Increased bus service, better amenities, safety concerns, and bikeshare infrastructure will be labeled for further analysis in the long range planning process.

WHAT DID WE MISS?

Participants can share other thoughts and concerns through open-ended verbal or written comments to staff.

Other Projects in Motion

March 2018

- LONG RANGE TRANSIT PLAN
 - Awaiting final results of statistically valid survey.
 - MetroQuest online public engagement tool to go live 3/26/18.
 - Steering committee to be finalized soon.
 - Steering Committee kickoff meeting & interactive public workshop on 4/5.
 - Board meeting 4/6.
- SOTO
 - 496 trips through 1/31/18
 - 1/16- 1/31 average rides per day = 22
- BUS TECHNOLOGY
 - Wi-Fi
 - AVL
 - Remote update Headsigns and Annunciator
 - 5339 Grant due Feb 16, 2018, decision made in Apr 2018, funding available Jul 2018.
- TRANSIT APP (Where's my bus?)
 - Estimated completion date dependent on AVL capability.
- CITY PLANNING PROCESSES
 - Momentum 2022: Andy Fry attending meetings as part of Infrastructure/Mobility/Quality of Place subcommittee.
 - Complete Streets Design Guidelines: First draft expected in late March 2018.
 - Transportation Safety Plan: City consultant identifying targeted priority areas.