## CHAPTER III

STATUS AND PERFORMANCE OF MAJOR TRANSIT SYSTEMS

The New York State Department of Transportation is required by Section 18-b of Transportation Law to report on the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of transit service. This Chapter addresses this requirement by presenting an overview of trends in the performance of the State's transit systems.

The Chapter is divided into two sections.

- A Statewide overview of the performance transit systems, grouped by service type and common market characteristics.
- A detailed reporting on the status and performance of specific transit systems that report financial and operating statistics to the Department of Transportation under the requirements of Section 17-a of State Transportation Law.

This Report departs from the practice of past Transit Annual Reports in the scope of data analyzed. In 2001, the Department of Transportation, Passenger Transportation Division has engaged in an extensive effort to improve the quality, consistency and management of the data it collects under both the 17 a and STOA formula payment processes. As a result this Chapter provides a five year perspective on efficiency, effectiveness and economy measures, by each reporting transit system and for each of the major service modes (rail, bus, rural, paratransit, etc.). Also, with the release of the 2000 Census, this report is presenting a ten year snapshot of transit service area demographic, ridership and service trends drawn from the STOA revenue passenger and revenue mile statistics.

The statewide transit ridership and service overview section of this Chapter has traditionally been reported on a Fiscal Year basis. This Report presents this overview material on a calendar year basis, to be consistent with the 17 -a reporting years of the vast majority of transit systems that are covered in the more detailed section of the report on specific transit systems.

The New York State Department of Transportation classifies transit systems as either downstate or upstate. Downstate systems serve the Metropolitan Transportation Commuter District and include:

Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) - New York City Transit (MTA-NYCT), two MTA commuter rail operations, and local bus systems serving the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, and Rockland. Systems serving the remainder of the State comprise the upstate transit system grouping, including the four public transportation authorities, intercity bus operations and systems serving small urbanized areas (SUZAs), nonurbanized area counties, and small cities.

The overview section of this chapter will summarize five year ridership and vehicle mile trends by these service groupings. It will also provide an overview of trends in "Effectiveness," "Efficiency" and "Economy" statistical measures comprised of the following ratios:

- "Effectiveness" is measured by the revenue passenger to revenue vehicle mile ratio;
- "Efficiency" is measured by the operating cost per revenue vehicle mile ratio;
- "Economy" is measured by the operating revenue to operating cost ratio.

Effectiveness, efficiency and economy performance measure figures in this report include data for all sponsored operators that reported 17-a statistics for 2000. In prior reports tables have included financial and operational data for the largest systems within the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Commuter District. Thus the more comprehensive five year statistics in this report will not match those found in previous Transit Annual Reports. Non-urbanized and small city systems are not required to submit 17-a statistics. The SUZAs that are included in this analysis are: the Utica Transit Authority (UTA), Greater Glens Falls Transit (GGFT), Broome County Transit and the Chemung County Transit System (CCTS).

## RIDERSHIP TRENDS

2000 was another record setting year for the Statewide Transit Operating Assistance Program (STOA). Statewide ridership reached its highest level -- 2.49 billion passengers -- since the inception of the STOA program in 1974. STOA-eligible ridership has risen at an annualized rate of 3.17 percent from 1990 to 2000.Downstate systems account for 97.3 percent of total statewide ridership, 88.1 percent of which is attributable to transit operations within New York City. Upstate systems serve 2.67 percent of New York State's (NYS) transit riders.

Figure III-1 shows downstate ridership increasing by 6.3 percent from 1999 to 2000 . The largest increase
occurred on the NYC Transit subway systems where 98 million more trips were made on the subway in 2000 than in 1999.

MTA NYC Transit ridership in 2000 accounted for 83.7 percent of NYS ridership. System-wide ridership on MTA properties increased 3.9 percent to 2.2 billion in 2000.

MTA Commuter Rail services experienced 4.3 percent growth in ridership in 2000 , serving over 136 million revenue passengers. NYCDOT sponsored private operators experienced a 6.7 percent increase in ridership, serving over 110 million revenue passengers in 2000.

Figure III-1

A) Includes only revenue passengers with origins and destinations in New York State.
B) Other Formula Bus Systems: Dutchess Co., Orange Co., Putnam Co., City of Long Beach, City of Glen Cove and City of Poughkeepsie.
C) Tappan Zee Bridge Bus Service provided under contract to Rockland County.

Figure III-2

|  | Upstate Revenue Passengers |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NEW YORK STATE | CY | CY | CY | CY | \% Change | $\begin{array}{c\|} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ 96 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { \% Change } \\ & 99 \text { to } 00 \end{aligned}$ |
| SYSTEM | 1990 | 1996 | 1999 | 2000 | 90 to 00 |  |  |
| Upstate Authorities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NFTA | 29,977,136 | 23,192,964 | 25,164,193 | 23,268,469 | -16.1\% | 8.5\% | -7.5\% |
| R-GRTA | 18,417,425 | 13,457,627 | 12,520,140 | 13,571,646 | -32.0\% | -7.0\% | 8.4\% |
| CNYRTA | 12,094,914 | 9,280,215 | 8,901,420 | 8,607,900 | -26.4\% | -4.1\% | -3.3\% |
| CDTA | 11,731,979 | 9,960,074 | 9,679,786 | 9,601,497 | -17.5\% | -2.8\% | -0.8\% |
| Upstate Authority Total: | 72,221,454 | 55,890,880 | 56,265,539 | 55,049,512 | -22.1\% | 0.7\% | -2.2\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Broome County Transit | 2,728,715 | 3,038,605 | 2,777,597 | 2,742,840 | 1.8\% | -8.6\% | -1.3\% |
| Utica-Rome Urbanized Area Utica Transit Authority | N/A | 2,374,088 | 1,385,049 | 1,231,368 | N/A | -41.7\% | -11.1\% |
| City of Rome, VIP | 339,016 | 230,703 | 255,906 | 243,162 | -24.5\% | 10.9\% | -5.0\% |
| Chemung County Transit (A) | 1,058,731 | 971,300 | 745,256 | 752,059 | -29.6\% | -23.3\% | 0.9\% |
| Tompkins/Ithaca Urbanized |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tompkins County (B) | 1,229,450 | 1,501,128 | 2,364,518 | 2,609,403 | 27.9\% | 8.7\% | 10.4\% |
| City of Ithaca (C) | 810,719 | 899,242 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Greater Glens Falls Transit | 213,738 | 289,298 | 302,223 | 319,690 | 41.4\% | 4.5\% | 5.8\% |
| 1) SUZA Total | 6,380,369 | 9,304,364 | 7,830,549 | 7,898,522 | 22.7\% | -15.8\% | 0.9\% |
| 2) Small City and County | 6,317,555 | 3,208,175 | 3,292,941 | 3,271,548 | -47.9\% | 2.6\% | -0.6\% |
| City/County Systems (1+2) | 12,697,924 | 12,512,539 | 11,123,490 | 11,170,070 | -12.4\% | -11.1\% | 0.4\% |
| Intercity Bus Companies (D) (E) | 1,084,835 | 1,005,826 | 119,640 | 127,105 | -89.0\% | -88.1\% | 6.2\% |
| Upstate Total: | 86,004,213 | 69,409,245 | 67,508,669 | 66,346,687 | -21.5\% | -2.7\% | -1.7\% |

A) Includes services provided by the operator in Tioga, Schuyler and Chemung Counties.
B) Inlcudes services sponsored by Tompkins County: Tioga Transport, Tompkins County Rural, CU Transit and Gadabou
C) Includes Ithaca Transit and Swarthout \& Ferris. As of 1st quarter 97-98 this is sponsored by Tompkins County.
D) The number of operators in this category has changed over time.
E) Intercity routes were restructured in 1999. For additional information see Chapter V. The number of operators in these categories has changed over ti

In addition, Downstate Suburban bus systems experienced a modest 1.4 percent growth in ridership to nearly 72 million revenue passengers in 2000.

Figure III-2 shows overall ridership upstate between 1990 and 2000. Upstate ridership, accounting for approximately 2.67 percent of the statewide total, declined by a modest 1.7 percent between 1999 and 2000.

Roughly 83 percent of upstate ridership is attributable to services provided by the four authority systems. These systems experienced a decline in ridership of 2.2 percent between 1999 and 2000.

Ridership for the Small Urbanized Areas (SUZAs) increased by a slight .9 percent in 2000 over 1999, while the small city and rural county systems experienced a slight decline of .6 percent.

The dramatic change from 1996 to 1999 in upstate intercity bus ridership reflects the impacts of a restructuring of routes. The State of New York is no longer subsidizing intercity bus routes that run along the Thruway. Rather, the State has decided to only subsidize those "branch" routes that connect rural areas to nearby urban areas. In 2000, subsidized upstate
intercity ridership increased by 6.2 percent over 1999.

## TRANSIT SERVICE TRENDS

The overall level of transit service available in New York State, as measured by revenue vehicle miles of service, has increased by 4.4 percent from 1999 to 2000.

Figure III-3 presents revenue vehicle mile data for the downstate systems, which provided 92.4 percent of the revenue vehicle miles of service in the State. The MTANYCT subway and bus operations accounted for twothirds of the total revenue vehicle miles of service provided throughout the State; the MTA commuter rail operations provided an additional 14.2 percent of statewide service.

The increase in MTA-NYCT subway miles from 1999 to 2000 was 3.2 percent while bus vehicle miles increased 5.3 percent over the same period. These service increases were instituted to meet the tremendous increases in ridership demand.

Revenue miles of service also increased for NYCDOT sponsored private bus and downstate suburban bus operators by approximately 3 percent each from 1999 to 2000.

Figure III-4 shows that revenue vehicle miles of service for the upstate transit systems increased by 4.8 percent from 1999 to 2000. The four upstate authorities, accounting for 58.7 percent of the upstate total revenue miles, experienced a 3.1 percent increase in revenue miles from 1999 to 2000.

The combined SUZA systems operated 4.7 percent more revenue miles in 2000 than in 1999 while small City, and rural County systems provided 8.5 percent increases in service miles in 2000.

Fares have remained very stable over the ten year period 1990 to 2000, with most systems maintaining fares at 1996 levels. The 16.0 percent increase in State

Figure III-3

|  | Downstate Revenue Vehicle Miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NEW YORK STATE | CY | CY | CY | CY | \%Change | \% Change | \% Change |
| SYSTEMS | 1990 | 1996 | 1999 | 2000 | 90 to 00 | 96 to 00 | 99 to 00 |
| NYCT: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subway | 310,202,167 | 311,684,280 | 324,769,356 | 335,260,189 | 8.1\% | 7.6\%. | 3.2\% |
| Bus | 92,692,560 | 91,527,899 | 94,743,196 | 99,790,216 | 7.7\% | 9.0\%. | 5.3\% |
| Paratransit | N/A | 4,349,477 | 11,995,953 | 18,824,991 | N/A | 332.8\% | 56.9\% |
| NYCT Subtotal: | 402,894,727 | 407,561,656 | 431,508,505 | 453,875,396 | 12.7\% | 11.4\%. | 5.2\% |
| Commuter Rail: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| LIRR | 56,671,400 | 56,499,700 | 57,138,100 | 56,998,000 | 0.6\% | 0.9\%. | -0.2\% |
| MNCR (A) | 28,743,135 | 33,292,557 | 37,614,132 | 39,488,452 | 37.4\% | 18.6\% | 5.0\% |
| Commuter Rail Subtotal: | 85,414,535 | 89,792,257 | 94,752,232 | 96,486,452 | 13.0\% | 7.5\%. | 1.8\% |
| MTA Total: | 488,309,262 | 497,353,913 | 526,260,737 | 550,361,848 | 12.7\% | 10.7\% | 4.6\% |
| Other New York City: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Staten Island Ferry | 162,748 | 161,205 | 163,557 | 164,385 | 1.0\% | 2.0\% | 0.5\% |
| NYC Private Bus | 29,655,236 | 24,084,197 | 26,531,809 | 27,330,029 | -7.8\% | 13.5\% | 3.0\% |
| Other NYC Total: | 29,817,984 | 24,245,402 | 26,695,366 | 27,494,414 | -7.8\% | 13.4\% | 3.0\% |
| Suburban Bus Systems: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Westchester Co. | 9,482,822 | 10,518,891 | 10,531,403 | 10,845,436 | 14.4\% | 3.1\% | 3.0\% |
| Nassau Co. | 9,298,775 | 10,361,127 | 11,361,529 | 11,757,650 | 26.4\% | 13.5\%. | 3.5\% |
| Suffolk Co. | 6,309,861 | 6,975,230 | 8,196,440 | 8,450,252 | 33.9\% | 21.1\% | 3.1\% |
| Rockland Co. | 5,603,566 | 6,108,271 | 6,840,722 | 6,984,466 | 24.6\% | 14.3\%. | 2.1\% |
| Other Formula Bus (C) | 3,602,408 | 4,119,311 | 4,810,800 | 5,007,787 | 39.0\% | 21.6\% | 4.1\% |
| Downstate Suburban Bus: | 34,297,432 | 38,082,830 | 41,740,894 | 43,045,591 | 25.5\% | 13.0\% | 3.1\% |
| Intercity Bus Companies | 4,992,946 | 5,607,811 | 5,987,063 | 6,229,132 | 24.8\% | 11.1\% | 4.0\% |
| Trans-Hudson Service (C) | 193,774 | 242,362 | 242,831 | 242,837 | 25.3\% | 0.2\%. | 0.0\% |
| Downstate Total: | 557,611,398 | 565,532,318 | 600,926,891 | 627,373,822 | 12.5\% | 10.9\% | 4.4\% |

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|  | Upstate Revenue Vehicle Miles |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NEW YORK SYSTEMS | $\begin{gathered} \text { CY } \\ 1990 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CY } \\ 1996 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CY } \\ 1999 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { CY } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | \% Change <br> 90 to 00 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 96 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | \% Change 99 to 00 |
| Upstate Authorities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NFTA | 10,518,977 | 8,809,829 | 9,663,733 | 9,589,372 | -8.8\% | 8.8\% | -0.8\% |
| R-GRTA | 8,135,078 | 8,032,996 | 8,590,299 | 8,927,389 | 9.7\% | 11.1\% | 3.9\% |
| CNYRTA | 5,759,431 | 4,813,002 | 4,561,238 | 4,776,884 | -17.1\% | -0.8\% | 4.7\% |
| CDTA | 6,707,590 | 6,178,236 | 6,639,631 | 7,060,187 | 5.3\% | 14.3\% | 6.3\% |
| Upstate Authority Total: | 31,121,076 | 27,834,063 | 29,454,901 | 30,353,832 | -2.5\% | 9.1\% | 3.1\% |
| Small Urbanized Area (SUZA) <br> Broome County Transit |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 1,636,469 | 1,620,346 | 1,692,672 | 1,863,237 | 13.9\% | 15.0\% | 10.1\% |
| Utica-Rome Urbanized Area Utica Transit Authority | N/A | 1,162,935 | 1,147,862 | 1,140,108 | N/A | -2.0\% | -0.7\% |
| City of Rome, VIP | 188,895 | 224,901 | 240,164 | 228,791 | 21.1\% | 1.7\% | -4.7\% |
| Chemung County Transit (A) | 1,277,136 | 1,248,939 | 1,149,368 | 1,260,844 | -1.3\% | 1.0\% | 9.7\% |
| Tompkins/Ithaca Urbanized |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tompkins County (B) | 688,525 | 1,048,792 | 1,615,574 | 1,628,378 | 54.5\% | 13.9\% | 0.8\% |
| City of Ithaca (C) | 365,732 | 380,901 | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Greater Glens Falls Transit | 218,427 | 281,386 | 298,751 | 313,041 | 43.3\% | 11.2\% | 4.8\% |
| 1) SUZA Total | 4,375,184 | 5,968,200 | 6,144,391 | 6,434,399 | 47.1\% | 7.8\% | 4.7\% |
| 2) Small City and County (D) | 8,347,203 | 8,906,840 | 10,737,555 | 11,874,831 | 42.3\% | 33.3\% | 10.6\% |
| City/County Systems (1+2) | 12,722,387 | 14,875,040 | 16,881,946 | 18,309,230 | 43.9\% | 23.1\% | 8.5\% |
| Intercity Bus Companies (D) | 5,095,612 | 4,753,376 | 3,001,829 | 3,040,861 | -40.3\% | -36.0\% | 1.3\% |
| Upstate Total: | 48,939,075 | 47,462,479 | 49,338,676 | 51,703,923 | 5.6\% | 8.9\% | 4.8\% |

A) includes services provided by the operator in Tioga, Schuyler and Chemung Counties.
B) includes all services sponsored by Tompkins County: Tioga Transport, Tompkins County Rural, CU Transit and Gadabout.
C) includes Ithaca Transit and Swarthout \& Ferris. As of 1st quarter $97-98$ this is sponsored by Tompkins Count
D) The number of operators in these categories has changed over time.
transit funding since SFY 1995-1996, detailed in the preceding Chapter, has enabled transit systems in the State's urbanized and rural areas to maintain fares at or below the national average, making transit a viable and affordable transportation alternative.

Fare inceases, over the ten year period from 1990 to 2000, by peer group transit systems are shown in Figures III-5 through III-10

Figure III-5


Figure III-6


Figure III-7


Figure III-8


Figure III-9


Figure III-10


Driving the trends in ridership and service are a number of factors that will be described for each of the major systems in the detailed system sections that follow. On a broad level, the following demographic shifts and other factors have contributed to the trends described above:

- Downstate population growth has been very strong, particularly in New York City. This, along with record employment growth and substantial fare discounting initiatives in the MetroCard program, have driven up ridership on transit service oriented to Manhattan. This is seen in the strong performance of all MTA
systems as well as commuter services sponsored by downstate suburban counties.
- A more dispersed pattern of population and employment in downstate suburban areas has presented a challenge in servicing this changing market. Downstate suburban county transit systems have experienced modest growth in ridership but higher growth in revenue miles. Services are having to extend into new areas and expanded hours of the day to serve changing demand.
- Upstate, core transit service areas, the traditional upstate urban centers, have experienced declining population, while overall transit service regions have grown or remained fairly stable. The service challenge for Upstate Authorities and SUZAs has been to adequately serve existing, if shrinking traditional markets, while tapping growing markets in the suburban portions of their service areas. Seen in this context, flat or declining ridership corresponding with slight increases in service miles can be expected, as these systems adjust service to new market conditions.


## Transit Service Performance Measures

Service Effectiveness: The ratio of revenue passengers to revenue vehicle miles is the statistical measure NYSDOT uses for the system-wide effectiveness of transit service. At an aggregate level, by transit system, this effectiveness measure provides only a generalized picture.

Figure III-11

| Revenue Passengers per Revenue Vehicle Mile |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operator |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | Annualized |  |
| Change 1996-2000 |  |  |  |$|$

Service effectiveness differs dramatically among routes within a particular system, and this measure averages out those differences. But for comparative purposes among systems and from year to year the measure

Figure III-12

provides some useful insights into service and usage trends.

Over the five year period, from 1996 to 2000, as shown in figures III-11 and III-12, MTA-NYCT and NYCDOT saw the greatest increases in effectiveness, as measured by this ratio. The NYC Subway system showed the largest improvement in this measure over the five year period from 1996 to 2000, at an annualized increase of 3.57 percent. NYC Transit Bus had the best performance on this measure carrying 5.95 passengers per mile in 2000, an annualized increase of 2.19 percent over the five year period. NYCDOT sponsored private bus operators improved on this measure by 3.5 annualized percentage points, carrying 3.9 passengers per mile in 2000.

The MTA commuter rail systems experienced a modest in 1.54 percent annualized increase over the five year period carrying 1.46 passengers per mile in 2000.

The downstate suburban bus systems along with the Upstate Authories and SUZAs each experience declines in this measure. This reflects the changing market conditions, a dispersing population and employment pattern, described in the previous section. The SUZA's experienced the largest five year annualized decline, 6.34 percent. Downstate suburban bus and Upstate Authorities experienced more modest declines of . 68 and 1.41 percent in this measure.

Service Efficiency is measured by the operating cost per revenue vehicle mile. This measure reflects a unit price view of transit service.

As seen in the efficiency data is shown on Figures III13 and III-14, every category of service experienced an increase in cost per mile over the five year period.

However, MTA NYC Transit Bus was the only

Figure III-13

| Operating Cost per Revenue Vehicle Mile |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operator |  |  | Annualized |
| MTA NYC Transit Rail | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | Change 1996-2000 |
| MTA NYC Transit Bus | $\$ 6.07$ | $\$ 6.40$ | $1.33 \%$ |
| MTA Commuter Rail | $\$ 11.24$ | $\$ 13.18$ | $4.07 \%$ |
| NYCDOT Private Bus | $\$ 13.57$ | $\$ 14.47$ | $1.62 \%$ |
| Downstate Suburban Bus | $\$ 9.25$ | $\$ 9.93$ | $1.79 \%$ |
| Upstate Authorities | $\$ 5.07$ | $\$ 5.55$ | $2.26 \%$ |
| Upstate Small Urbanized | $\$ 5.64$ | $\$ 6.09$ | $1.93 \%$ |
| CPI Rate | $\$ 3.05$ | $\$ 3.28$ | $1.83 \%$ |

Figure III-14

category of service for which cost increases exceeded inflation.

The general success of New York State's transit systems to keep cost per mile growth to less than the rate of inflation is a positive sign that expanding service to meet new and emerging market conditions can be done in a cost effective manner.

Service Economy is measured by the ratio of operating revenue to operating cost. This ratio is presented in Figures III-15and III-16 for each transit grouping. A major influence on this measure is the amount of farebox revenue a system is able to generate, a function of ridership and fares.

This measure reflects a combination of passenger per mile and fare revenue trends. Over the five year period

Figure III-15

| Operating Revenue to Operating Cost |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operator | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | Annualized <br> Change 1996-2000 |
| MTA NYC Transit Rail | $89.45 \%$ | $78.33 \%$ | $-3.26 \%$ |
| MTA NYC Transit Bus | $55.36 \%$ | $42.44 \%$ | $-6.43 \%$ |
| MTA Commuter Rail | $47.66 \%$ | $47.58 \%$ | $-0.04 \%$ |
| NYCDOT Private Bus | $53.01 \%$ | $47.36 \%$ | $-2.78 \%$ |
| Downstate Suburban Bus | $53.57 \%$ | $45.98 \%$ | $-3.75 \%$ |
| Upstate Authorities | $35.44 \%$ | $33.62 \%$ | $-1.31 \%$ |
| Upstate Small Urbanized | $35.35 \%$ | $35.71 \%$ | $0.25 \%$ |

Figure III-16

from 1996 to 2000 all but the SUZA category of transit system saw this cost recovery ratio decline.

Downstate this can be attributed to increased expenses associated with dramatic service increases, coupled with reduced revenue growth attributable to Metrocard pricing incentives. Despite record growth in riders, fare revenue did not keep pace with the expenses. New York City Transit experienced the greatest reduction in cost recovery ratio ( 6.43 percent).

The trend for downstate suburban bus also reflects the impact of Metrocard, described above, where it has been implemented, primarily by MTA Long Island Bus. But the overall trend primarily reflects the cost for service increases that have exceeded fare revenue resulting from increased ridership. This is a trend that is comparable to the Upstate Authority experience, where slight increases in service miles have coincided with slight decreases in ridership and associated fare revenue.

The SUZA cost recovery number is driven by passenger revenues reported by the Chemung County Transit System that include contract revenues from Medicaid transportation. This contract went into effect in 1998 driving the up the "economy" measure for the entire SUZA category. The underlying trend, setting aside the computation of Medicaid revenue, closely tracks the Upstate Authority trend of slight decline.

## System Status Report

A detailed update on the status and performance of major transit system in New York State follows. This Section will present an overview of trends in the performance of major urbanized area transit systems. Each transit system section will describe ridership, service trends in the context of changing market conditions and service initiatives, as well as an analysis
of service effectiveness, efficiency and economy over the five year period from 1996 to 2000.

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| Base Fare: | $\$ 1.50$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Last Increase: | $\$ .25$ on $11 / 12 / 95$ |

New York City Transit (MTA-NYCT), a subsidiary of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), operates the NYC subway system, extensive bus service, contracts for the provision of paratransit service in New York City and manages the Staten Island Railway (SIR). Due to the manner in which MTANYCT budgets for the operation of the SIR, that system will be discussed in a separate section of this Chapter.

Consistent with recent past trends, NYCT experienced strong ridership growth in 2000. Overall system ridership increased by 6.8 percent from 1999 to 2000. This annual growth is roughly equal to the annualized rate of growth over the 5-year period from 1996 through 2000. Subway ridership increased 7.6 percent in 2000 and at an annualized growth rate of 5.6 percent from 1996 to 2000. Bus ridership increased by 4.95 percent from 1999 to 2000 and at a steeper annualized growth rate of 9.4 percent from 1996 to 2000.
This strong ridership performance is based on a variety of factors including the MetroCard Program, a robust regional economy, population increases, and

improvements in NYCT's overall level and quality of

service. This review will comment on these factors, NYCT's cost performance, as well as the performance of NYCT's subway, bus, and paratransit operations.

MetroCard has implemented a series of fare initiatives, designed to make transit more convenient and less costly for the transit customer. For a summary of when these fare initiatives were initiated please see Table IV4 of the 1998 Annual Report on Public Transportation Assistance Programs in New York State and for a more complete review of the Metro Card program see Chapter V of this report.


MetroCard market share continued to grow during 2000, from 78.9 percent in January up to 81.1 percent

| MTA NY City Transit |  | Fixed Route |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 Characteristics | Admin |  | Bus | Paratransit |  | Subway | Total |
| Revenue Passengers |  |  | 699,000,000 (a). | 1,785,537 |  | 1,381,000,000 (a) | 2,081,785,537 |
| Number of Vehicles |  |  | 4,489 | 633 | (b) | 5,758 | 10,880 |
| Number of Employees | 5,392 |  | 14,060 | 650 |  | 26,548 | 46,650 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles |  |  | 98,907,000 | 18,824,991 |  | 323,177,000 | 440,908,991 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours |  |  | 12,642,000 | 1,736,416 |  | 17,497,000 | 31,875,416 |
| Total Operating Revenue |  | - | \$656,119,600 | \$25,300,000 | (c). | \$1,624,780,400 | \$2,306,200,000 |
| Total Operating Expense | 737,900,000 | (d) | \$1,173,900,000 | \$69,145,293 | (e) | \$1,628,000,000 | \$3,539,800,000 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile |  |  | \$11.87 | \$3.67 |  | \$5.04 | \$8.03 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Hour |  |  | \$92.86 | \$39.82 |  | \$93.04 | \$111.05 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile |  | - | 7.07 | 0.09 | - | 4.27 | 4.72 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour |  | . | 55.29 | 1.03 | - | 78.93 | 65.31 |
| Total Operating Revenue/Op. Expense |  |  | 0.56 | 0.37 |  | 1.00 | 0.65 |
| Operating Expense/Revenue Passenger |  |  | 1.68 | 38.73 |  | 1.18 | 1.70 |
| Total Op. Revenue/Revenue Passenger |  |  | 0.94 | 14.17 |  | 1.18 | 1.11 |

(a) Rev. Passenger Statistics rounded in to nearest million in MTA Reporting, (b) Contractor vehicles - Not included in MTA reported total, (c) Includes NYC fare re-imbursement subsidy as"operating revenue," (d) Admin expenses also cover administrative employees listed in subway, partransit and bus modal totals, (e) Cost of contracting service. MTA's cost, $\$ 85.2$ million, is reflected in fixed route and admin expense columns
by the end of the year. During the year market share for Unlimited-Ride MetroCards - the one Day fun Pass and the 7-Day and 30-Day Unlimited-Ride MetroCards increased dramatically, from 34.8 percent in January to 40.3 percent at year's end.

These MetroCard fare policies have been of particular benefit to Bus usage. Bus use is traditionally more discretionary than subway use and thus fare policies designed to make the marginal cost of additional transit trips close to zero have provided a substantial incentive for increased use of the bus system.

Ridership increases have also been driven by continued strong performance of the New York Metropolitan area regional economy. In New York City, there were 99,800 additional jobs created in 2000, a 2.8 percent increase over 1999. This represents both the largest absolute increase and the largest percent increase in City employment since comparable records were first kept in 1950. With 3.72 million jobs in 2000, NYC had more jobs than at any time since 1970.

Over the past 10 years, the population of NYC has grown 9.3 percent, with the strongest growth occurring in the outer boroughs. The largest percentage population growth was $17.09 \%$ in Staten Island. Manhattan grew by 3.34 percent, a sizable increase on a large base. The borough of Queens had the largest absolute increase of 277,781 people roughly $40 \%$ of the total change in New York City's population.

Subway ridership, the dominant mode bringing people from the outer boroughs into Manhattan has continued a strong growth trend. Similarly, bus ridership on routes
that feed the subway and routes operating in areas where subway service is limited, continued to be very strong.

To keep up with increasing demand NYCT has increased service and improved service quality. Bus service has increased by 4.8 percent, from 94.3 million revenue miles in 1999 to 98.9 million miles in 2000. From 1996 to 2000 revenue miles of service increased at an annualized rate of 3.6 percent. Subway service, increased by 3.3 percent from 312.9 million revenue miles in 1999 to 323.2 million revenue miles in 2000 . Over the five year period subway service increased at an annualized rate of nearly 2 percent. Service quality also improved in terms of better on-time performance, and fewer incidences of equipment failure.

These service improvements and increases in the level of service comes at a cost. On a systemwide basis NYC Transit operational costs increased by 12.3 percent from 1999 to 2000. Over the five year period costs have increased at a slightly slower pace averaging an annualized growth rate of 6.1 percent. Factors that drive cost increases include the number of employees in the organization, amount of overtime needed, and salary increases.

The number of NYCT employees in 2000 increased 2.6 percent over 1999. NYCT exceeded its 2000 overtime budget by $\$ 29.8$ million. Of this Buses accounted for $\$ 28.4$ million. This increase was attributed to

vacancies for bus operators and to increased bus shifting requirements caused by capacity constraints at depots. Finally there was a $5 \%$ wage increase on 12/15/99 followed by a $3 \%$ increase on 12/15/00.

When costs are normalized by the level of service (revenue vehicle miles), over 5 years, however, NYCT costs growth is slightly above inflation.

NYCT Subway: Subway ridership increased 7.6 percent, from 1999 to 2000 , and $34.3 \%$ in the last decade, to 1.38 billion revenue passengers: the highest subway ridership figure since the advent of the STOA program. Subway revenue vehicle miles increased by 3.3 percent from 1999 to 2000 . The revenue passenger to revenue vehicle mile ratio has consistently increased over the 5 year period from 1996 to 2000 with an annualized increase of 3.6 percent. From 1999 to 2000, the ratio increased by 4.2 percent.
NNYCT continued to improve its subway car Mean


| MTA -NYC <br> Transit Service Area | 1990 | 2000 | $\begin{gathered} \% \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total NYC <br> Population | 7,322,564 | 8,008,278 | 9.36\% |
| Bronx <br> Population | 1,203,789 | 1,332,650 | 10.70\% |
| Kings <br> Population | 2,300,664 | 2,465,326 | 7.16\% |
| Manhattan <br> Population | 1,487,536 | 1,537,195 | 3.34\% |
| Queens <br> Population | 1,951,598 | 2,229,379 | 14.23\% |
| Richmond Population | 378,977 | 443,728 | 17.09\% |
| Pop. Over 65 | 953,317 | 937,857 | -1.62\% |
| Pop. Under 19 | 1,888,075 | 2,153,450 | 14.06\% |
| NYC <br> Employment | 3,492,208 | 3,605,978 | 3.26\% |
| NYC Transit Bus Ridership | 467,559,123 | 698,898,862 | 49.48\% |
| Subway Ridership | 1,028,305,701 | 1,381,078,915 | $34.31 \%$ |
| Paratransit Ridership | 0 | 378,746 | NA |
| Rev. Miles NYC Transit Bus | 92,692,560 | 99,790,216 | 7.66\% |
| Rev. Miles Subway | 308,116,379 | 333,230,541 | 8.15\% |
| Rev. Miles <br> Paratransit | 0 | 4,297,867 | NA |

Distance Between Failures (MDBF), a key measure of service reliability. The 12 month average for the 5,777 subway cars improved by 26.8 percent from 86,884 miles in 1999 to 110,180 in 2000 . MDBF has been improving while the number of miles the fleet travels is increasing. The record MDBF reflects NYCT's continuing commitment of adhering to car-maintenance schedules and equipment-improvement programs. OnTime Performance, based on scheduled train trips, continued to improve in 2000. Terminal On-Time performance increased to 96 percent in 2000 up from

## 94.9 percent in 1999.

On top of NYCT's ambitious car overhaul program NYCT plans to replace subway cars that have reached the end of their useful life. NYCT has three new subway car contracts underway and budgeted for the amounts listed below:

1. Purchase of 680 "A" (the lettered lines) Division Rail Cars from Bombardier: R-142, \$1 Billion;
2. Purchase of 400 " A " (the lettered lines) Division Rail Cars from Kawasaki: R-142A, \$620 million;
3. Purchase of 212 "B" (the numbered lines) Division Rail Cars from Kawasaki: R-143, \$400 million

Delivery of the first 5 car operating unit from Bombardier and the Kawasaki R-142As were made in early January, 2000.

The new car series includes enhancements for passenger comfort and safety, including improved interior space, seating and information systems. The cars are equipped with systems that will enable Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC) to use computers to control, guide, speed and stop the trains. The CBTC system is currently being tested on the Carnesie (L) line.

NYCT Bus: 2000 bus ridership was 699 million, nearly a 5 percent increase over 1999, and almost $50 \%$ increase from 1990. The recent increases in ridership, coupled with a less than proportionate increases in vehicle miles of 4.83 percent led to an increase in revenue passengers per revenue mile of slightly less than 1 percent in 2000. This continued a positive a 5 -

year trend during which the annualized increase in this measure of service effectiveness was 5.58 percent. Since 1990 this measure of effectiveness has increased by 50 percent.

The bus fleet continued to expand in 2000 to accommodate additional ridership. The total active fleet maintained by the end of 2000 was 4,489 buses, a 2.6 percent increase over 1999. Since 1997, (when the 2 fare zone was eliminated) the bus fleet has expanded by 622 buses, 16.1 percent. In 2000, NYCT received 471 new buses, with an additional 335 buses on order.

The new buses will replace buses scheduled to be retired, as well as to further increase the fleet to anticipate future demand. The receipt of new buses in 2000 enabled NYCT to reduce the number of buses exceeding the 12 -year standard to 629 , resulting in a drop in the average age of the bus fleet in 2000 to 5.36 years from 5.96 year in 1999 .

NYCT's fleet is greatly diversified as compared to the 1980s when all buses were standard 40 foot transit buses. NYCT's is the most diversified fleet, perhaps in the nation. The fleet now consists of 464: 45 foot MCI buses, 365: 60 foot New Flyer articulated buses, and 200: Low Floor Buses. This diversified bus fleet increases capacity on the bus routes with the highest demand, increases passenger amenities, reduces operating and labor costs, and reduces the overall level of harmful air pollutants. The use of larger capacity buses has increased the number of seats available even more rapidly that the number of buses would imply.

Perhaps the most dramatic demonstration of the increase of all of the above factors has been in NYCT's express bus services, particularly on Staten Island. Staten Island has no direct rail connections to Manhattan, and is dependent on express bus and the Staten Island Ferry for this travel. NYCT's Staten Island express bus ridership has increased $143 \%$, from 14,000 to 34,000 daily riders.

Brooklyn express bus ridership has increased $186 \%$. Factors contributing to this increase include: (a) large population growth, (b) use of luxury 45 foot, 57 passenger MCI Coaches, introduced in 1999, (c) reduction in the express bus fare to $\$ 3.00$ with

MetroCard in 1998, and (d) initiation of HOV and Exclusive Bus Lanes by the State Department of Transportation in the Gowanus and Staten Island Expressway corridors. In particular, the introduction of the MCI's has been instrumental in this growth. Each bus has $43 \%$ more seating, and more luxurious, as well. The expanded service could not possibly have been provided without these larger buses.

NYCT has also developed an aggressive and diverse approach to reduction of emissions. The fleet includes 221 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses, and 10 innovative experimental hybrid electric buses. Five additional hybrids were on order in 2000 but not yet received. The entire bus fleet is committed to clean air. All new diesels are so-called clean diesel, which include catalyzed exhaust filters. NYCT will retrofit all of its older four stroke engines with this technology by 2003, and will retire its oldest and dirtiest two stroke engines by that date.

Along with an expanded fleet of new cleaner buses, NYCT began using a new, cleaner diesel fuel (ultra-low-sulphur-diesel) in its entire fleet of diesel buses in 2000. Diesel particulate emissions from new and retrofitted new engines will be reduced by up to $95 \%$ when this cleaner fuel is used in conjunction with clean diesel engines.

In addition to new buses, NYCT has embarked upon an aggressive bus maintenance program. Shop operations completed 134 general overhauls ( 60.4 percent of its 2000 goal), 404: three-year upgrades ( 93.1 percent of its 2000 goal), and 262: twelve-year upgrades (86.6 percent of its 2000) goal.

Bus Reliability indicators continued to show improvement in 2000. The 12-month average for Mean Distance Between Failure (MDBF) of 2,608 miles, was 21.4 percent better than the 1999 average of 2,149 , and 25.1 percent better than the 1998 average of 2,084 . Improvements in bus reliability reflect the continuing emphasis on improving bus maintenance, as well as delivery of new buses.

NYCT - Paratransit: NYCT contracts out paratransit service to several providers, the largest being Atlantic Paratrans and American Transit. Paratransit. Ridership has grown nearly 49 percent from 1999 to 2000 , and increased at an annualized rate of 32.7 percent from 1996 to 2000.

This explosive growth in ridership is largely due to the

service increases, instituted to ensure compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act. Revenue Vehicle Miles increased nearly 57 percent from 1999 to 2000 and over a five year period service increased at an annualized rate of nearly 33 percent per year. Because service growth out paced ridership increases, the service effectiveness measure for paratransit declined by 5 percent from 1999 to 2000 and by an annualized rate of 11.7 percent from 1996 to 2000.

Service growth is also the principal reason for increasing costs from 1999 to 2000, and also drove growth over the 5-year period at an annualized rate of 37 percent. Cost growth, per revenue mile, grew 42.5 percent from 1999 to 2000. However, over the five year period the cost per mile declined at an annualized rate of 8.9 percent.

The Passenger Revenue to Operating Cost ratio has been between 3 to 5 percent over the past five years. Paratransit service is very cost intensive and it is difficult to generate economies of scale without having a high rate of subscription service.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - MTA: New York City Transit (excluding Staten Island Railway)

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 2,229,300,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 323,300,000$ |
| State | $\$ 858,100,000$ |
| Federal | $\$ 0$ |
| TBTA | $\$ 163,000,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 76,900,000$ |
| Total | $\$ 3,650,600,000$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries (b) | $\$ 2,213,900,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe (b) | $\$ 692,600,000$ |
| Ins. | $\$ 81,100,000$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 191,300,000$ |
| Lease | $\$ 312,100,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 48,800,000$ |
| Total incl. \$85.2M for Paratransit | $\$ 3,539,800,000$ |



Bus Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


NYCT: System Total Operating and Performance Statistics

| MTA - NYCT <br> Systemwide | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $1997$ <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | \% Change | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 1,598,354,210 | 1,673,323,083 | 1,829,962,606 | 1,950,198,315 | 2,081,785,537 | 6.75\% | 6.83\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 388,754,600 | 397,527,291 | 405,568,134 | 419,236,953 | 440,908,991 | 5.17\% | 3.20\% |
| Op. Cost | \$2,793,300,000 | \$2,945,100,000 | \$2,994,400,000 | \$3,151,600,000 | \$3,539,800,000 | 12.32\% | 6.10\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$2,193,000,000 | \$2,209,661,000 | \$2,143,000,000 | \$2,187,700,000 | \$2,306,200,000 | 5.42\% | 1.27\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 4.11 | 4.21 | 4.51 | 4.65 | 4.72 | 1.50\% | 3.52\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$7.19 | \$7.41 | \$7.38 | \$7.52 | \$8.03 | 6.80\% | 2.81\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 78.51\% | 75.03\% | 71.57\% | 69.42\% | 65.15\% | -6.14\% | -4.56\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |

## NYCT-Operations

Rev. Passenger per Rev. Vehicle Mile


## NYCT-Operations

 Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile

NYCT-Operations Operating Revene to Operating Cost


NYCT Operating and Performance Statistics - Subway (excluding Staten Island Railroad)

| MTA - NYCT <br> Subway | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $1,110,026,000$ | $1,131,676,000$ | $1,203,000,000$ | $1,283,000,000$ | $1,381,000,000$ | $7.64 \%$ | $5.61 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $299,291,000$ | $304,094,000$ | $305,747,000$ | $312,894,000$ | $323,177,000$ | $3.29 \%$ | $1.94 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,807,273,303$ | $\$ 1,859,413,296$ | $\$ 1,814,566,079$ | $\$ 1,883,676,102$ | $\$ 2,056,745,209$ | $9.19 \%$ | $3.29 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 1,627,188,400$ | $\$ 1,628,874,400$ | $\$ 1,544,882,400$ | $\$ 1,541,336,400$ | $\$ 1,624,780,400$ | $5.41 \%$ | $-0.04 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 3.71 | 3.72 | 3.93 | 4.10 | 4.27 | $4.21 \%$ | $3.60 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 6.04$ | $\$ 6.11$ | $\$ 5.93$ | $\$ 6.02$ | $\$ 6.36$ | $5.71 \%$ | $1.32 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $90.04 \%$ | $87.60 \%$ | $85.14 \%$ | $81.83 \%$ | $79.00 \%$ | $-3.46 \%$ | $-3.22 \%$ |





NYCT Subway
Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile


NYCT Subway Operating Revenue to Operating Cost


MTA New York City Transit - Operating Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route Bus and Paratransit

| MTA - NYCT <br> Bus | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $487,753,000$ | $540,912,000$ | $626,000,000$ | $666,000,000$ | $699,000,000$ | $4.95 \%$ | $9.41 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $85,773,000$ | $86,844,000$ | $90,669,000$ | $94,347,000$ | $98,907,000$ | $4.83 \%$ | $3.63 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 986,026,697$ | $\$ 1,085,686,704$ | $\$ 1,179,833,921$ | $\$ 1,267,923,898$ | $\$ 1,483,054,791$ | $16.97 \%$ | $10.74 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 555,911,600$ | $\$ 566,786,600$ | $\$ 577,017,600$ | $\$ 623,463,600$ | $\$ 656,119,600$ | $5.24 \%$ | $4.23 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 5.69 | 6.23 | 6.90 | 7.06 | 7.07 | $0.12 \%$ | $5.58 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 11.50$ | $\$ 12.50$ | $\$ 13.01$ | $\$ 13.44$ | $\$ 14.99$ | $11.57 \%$ | $6.87 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $56.38 \%$ | $52.21 \%$ | $48.91 \%$ | $49.17 \%$ | $44.24 \%$ | $-10.03 \%$ | $-5.88 \%$ |







| MTA - NYCT <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 575,210 | 735,083 | 962,606 | $1,198,315$ | $1,785,537$ | $49.00 \%$ | $32.74 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $3,690,600$ | $6,589,291$ | $9,152,134$ | $11,995,953$ | $18,824,991$ | $56.93 \%$ | $50.28 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 19,642,258$ | $\$ 27,716,833$ | $\$ 29,280,187$ | $\$ 30,931,721$ | $\$ 69,145,293$ | $123.54 \%$ | $36.98 \%$ |
| Pass Rev. | $\$ 862,815$ | $\$ 1,165,150$ | $\$ 1,519,338$ | $\$ 1,843,435$ | $\$ 2,620,734$ | $42.17 \%$ | $32.02 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.16 | 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.10 | 0.09 | $-5.05 \%$ | $-11.68 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 5.32$ | $\$ 4.21$ | $\$ 3.20$ | $\$ 2.58$ | $\$ 3.67$ | $42.45 \%$ | $-8.85 \%$ |
| Pass. Rev./Op. Cost | $4.39 \%$ | $4.20 \%$ | $5.19 \%$ | $5.96 \%$ | $3.79 \%$ | $-36.40 \%$ | $-3.62 \%$ |






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| Base Fare: | $\$ 1.50$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Last Increase: | $\$ .25$ on 11/12/95 |

MTA Staten Island Railway (SIR) runs 24 hour service between the St. George Ferry Terminal and Tottenville stations. The SIR serves 22 stations running the length of Staten Island and primarily serves the Manhattan commuter market. At the St. George station, customers can make connections with the Staten Island Ferry service.

The Staten Island travel market has become less centered on travel to Manhattan as employment on Staten Island has grown. From 1990 to 2000 Staten Island employment increased $23.5 \%$ compared to the more modest increase in Manhattan employment of $1.68 \%$. Travel within Staten Island, as well as to employment locations in New Jersey, has become an increasingly significant share of travel.

Therefore in spite of the strong $17 \%$ population growth from 1990 to 2000 on Staten Island, ridership on the


Manhattan-focused SIR has declined by a little over 30

percent during the 10 year period.
A large part of this decline in SIR ridership since 1990 has been the vast increase in amount and quality of service on the NYCT Staten Island Express Bus service (see NYCT Section of this report), which offered one seat rides to Lower and Midtown Manhattan, compared to two or three seat service via SIR \& the ferry.


| Staten Island Railway |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2000 Characteristics |  |
| Revenue Passengers | $4,088,000$ |
| Number of Vehicles | 64 |
| Number of Employees | 297 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | $2,030,000$ |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 25,805 |
| Total Operating Revenues | $5,003,000$ |
| Total Operating Expense | $23,866,000$ |
| Operating Cost /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 11.76 |
| Operating Cost / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 924.86 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 2.01 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 158.42 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.21 |
| Operating Cost / Revenue Passenger | 5.84 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 1.22 |

Since 1997, ridership on the SIR has stabilized. It has grown, with some variations, from 1997 to 2000. A major factor in stabilizing the ridership has been the introduction of the MetroCard program. It had the effect of reducing the total fares by providing for free transfers to other MTA / NYCDOT services in Manhattan. (The ride on the Staten Island Ferry has been free of charge since July 4, 1997.)

Staten Island Railway level of service is tied to the level of service provided by the Staten Island Ferry and since ridership on both the Staten Island Ferry and the Railroad has been declining, over the long term, the level of service has been reduced. SIR vehicle miles of service declined by $5.52 \%$ from 1999 to 2000. The five year trend in service has actually consisted of a very modest increase of $1.3 \%$ but over the 10 year period vehicle miles of service reflects a modest overall reduction of $2.69 \%$.

In 2000 the revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of service effectiveness, went up by $9.64 \%$. This reflects the increase in ridership coinciding with a reduction in service miles. However, over the 5 year period service effectiveness declined by $5.64 \%$ as the slight increase in revenue miles corresponded with a decline in ridership of $4.4 \%$.

From 1999 to 2000 cost per mile, a measure of efficiency, worsened by rising nearly $16 \%$. Operating costs rose $9.53 \%$, outpacing the rate of reduction in vehicle miles of $5.52 \%$. Over $81 \%$ of the change in costs was due to salaries and wages which went up


| MTA-SIR <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| Staten Island <br> Population | 378,977 | 443,728 | $17.09 \%$ |
| New York City <br> Population | $7,322,564$ | $8,008,278$ | $9.36 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 <br> (NYC) | 953,317 | 937,857 | $-1.62 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 <br> (NYC) | $1,888,075$ | $2,153,450$ | $14.06 \%$ |
| Staten Island <br> Employment | 71,452 | 88,243 | $23.50 \%$ |
| Manhattan <br> Employment | $2,342,695$ | $2,382,166$ | $1.68 \%$ |
| SIR Ridership | $5,935,440$ | $4,112,820$ | $-30.71 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> SIR | $2,085,788$ | $2,029,648$ | $-2.69 \%$ |

$12.5 \%$ from 1999 to 2000. This increase was due to the general salary increase of $5 \%$ which took effect on 12/15/99 and another $3 \%$ salary increased which took effect on 12/15/00 followed by a restructuring of cost. However, over a five year period SIR's cost per vehicle mile was a only slightly above inflation for that time period. ( $2.69 \%$ versus an inflation rate of $2.35 \%$ ).

Revenue to cost ratio (operating revenue to operating cost), a measure of service "economy" has been negatively impacted by the fare initiatives of the

MetroCard program, declining NYC Staten Island Ferry Ridership, and dramatically increased express bus ridership. The cost recovery ratio dropped from $37.21 \%$ in 1996, before the MetroCard was implemented, to $20.96 \%$ in the year 2000 .

The primary reason for the decline in cost recovery ratio is the nature of the fare collection system on SIR. Revenues are collected only at St George. This means that morning inbound riders pay. Outbound afternoon riders also pay upon entering the system at St George, but now, the vast majority of them enter with a free transfer because they have already paid a MetroCard Fare in Manhattan. Also, no fare is collected for local travel on the system (i.e. not to/from St George). Therefore, the decline in the cost recovery ratio despite the ridership stability is a reflection of systemwide policy to collect nearly half the revenue elsewhere in the NYCT system.

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 4,364,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 17,255,000$ |
| State | $\$ 2,402,000$ |
| Federal | $\$ 0$ |
| Other | $\$ 639,000$ |
| Total | $\$ 24,660,000$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 15,171,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 4,180,000$ |
| Ins. | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Power | $\$ 1,997,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 2,218,000$ |
| Total | $\$ 23,866,000$ |



Rail Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Staten Island Railway: System Total Operating and Performance Statistics

| MTA -SIR SYSTEM TOTAL | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 4,897,000 | 3,753,000 | 4,108,000 | 3,946,242 | 4,088,000 | 3.59\% | -4.41\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,928,000 | 2,103,000 | 2,131,000 | 2,148,491 | 2,030,000 | -5.52\% | 1.30\% |
| Op. Cost | \$20,381,000 | \$19,691,000 | \$20,641,000 | \$21,789,000 | \$23,866,000 | 9.53\% | 4.03\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$7,584,000 | \$6,517,000 | \$4,607,000 | \$4,617,000 | \$5,003,000 | 8.36\% | -9.88\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.54 | 1.78 | 1.93 | 1.84 | 2.01 | 9.64\% | -5.64\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$10.57 | \$9.36 | \$9.69 | \$10.14 | \$11.76 | 15.93\% | 2.69\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 37.21\% | 33.10\% | 22.32\% | 21.19\% | 20.96\% | -1.07\% | -13.36\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |


|  | Staten Island Railway <br> Rev. Passenger per Rev. Vehicle Mile |
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MTA LONG ISLAND
RAIL ROAD
Jamaica Station
Jamaica, NY 11435
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Web Site: www.mta.nyc.ny.us/lirr/index.html
State Legislative Districts:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Senate: } & 1-22,25-28,30 \\
\text { Assembly: } & 1-44,48-58,62-67,70,73
\end{array}
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Base Fare: $\quad$ Distance-based - Average \$4.16
Last Increase: 9\% (avg.) On 11/12/95
The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) provides commuter rail service between Nassau and Suffolk counties and New York City, and is the largest commuter rail system in the nation. The LIRR was incorporated in 1834. In 1966, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) acquired all of the capital stock of the LIRR from its parent, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In February 1980, the LIRR's Certificate of Incorporation was amended to convert it into a subsidiary public benefit corporation of the MTA.

The LIRR's 2000 ridership of 85.3 million passengers constituted a 3.9 percent increase over 1999 ridership. Over the five year period from 1996 to 2000 ridership increased at annualized rate of 3.5 percent. Ridership, in 2000, was the highest it has been since 1949 and over the 10 year period ridership is up by $15 \%$.

The strong performance of the regional economy and

continued growth in the NY metropolitan area appear to be the driving factors in ridership growth. This economic strength is also shown in the nearly 5.5 percent population increase on Long Island from 1990

to 2000. The nature of much of the employment increase in Manhattan, which included increases in the high income finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE) sector of the economy, resulted in a large increase in travel demand for commute from suburbs, which manifests itself as commuter rail ridership increases, including LIRR. So the impact on LIRR ridership is larger than the raw number of population and jobs

would indicate

Also contributing to ridership growth is stable level of service coupled with an increase in the quality of

| MTA - Long Island Rail Road |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2000 Characteristics |  |
| Revenue Passengers | $85,340,000$ |
| Number of Pass. Cars in Rail Fleet | 1,050 |
| Number of Operating Employees | 5,468 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | $56,998,000$ |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | $1,809,179$ |
| Total Operating Revenue | $379,981,000$ |
| Total Operating Expense | $860,913,000$ |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 15.10 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 475.86 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.50 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 47.17 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.44 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 10.09 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 4.45 |

MTA Statistical 17A Reporting (ridership \& Miles rounded)

| MTA-LIRR <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Total <br> Population | $2,575,702$ | $2,718,451$ | $5.54 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 318,369 | 362,488 | $13.86 \%$ |
| Pop. Under <br> 19 | 674,567 | 754,229 | $11.81 \%$ |
| Employment | $1,563,385$ | $1,657,503$ | $6.02 \%$ |
| Manhattan <br> Employment | $2,342,695$ | $2,382,166$ | $1.68 \%$ |
| LIRR <br> Ridership | $75,301,828$ | $85,339,521$ | $13.33 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> LIRR | $56,671,400$ | $56,998,000$ | $0.58 \%$ |

MTA Statistical Reporting for STOA Payment (not rounded)

service. Revenue miles of service declined by less than 1 percent from 1999 to 2000, from 57.4 Million miles to 56.9 Million miles and has has remained very stable over the past 10 years increasing at 0.58 percent.

Service quality has improved as measured by the increasing average Mean Distance Between Failure
(MDBF) rate which increased by 17.3 percent for LIRR's entire fleet. from 24,216 miles in 1999 to 28,405 miles in 2000.

Achieving a MDBF performance target of 36,000 miles should be aided by the LIRR's Fleet Strategy of completing the $\mathrm{M}-1$ overhauls, proceeding with the M 3 mid-life overhauls and purchasing new M-7 cars.

The initial purchase of the M-7 cars will be used to increase the spare ratio to the industry standard of 15 percent from its current 10.7 percent.

The LIRR is nearing the end of its overhaul program for 132 M-1 cars. An overhaul includes replacing nine major systems: HVAC, propulsion, automatic train control, brake equipment, door operators, heat circuit breaker panels, toilet, buffer/train line systems, inverters and new trucks.
At the beginning of 2000, the LIRR completed the placing into service of the new $\mathrm{C}-3$ bi-level fleet, which replace the old diesel fleet. The new diesel fleet consists of 134 bi-level coaches, 23 dual-mode locomotives, and 23 diesel locomotives. This new fleet mix allows for a one seat ride into Penn Station from diesel territory, eliminating the need for a transfer at Jamaica Station for those trips.

For 2000 the overall On-Time Performance was 92.7 percent, a modest improvement over the 91 percent achieved in 1999. Qualitatively the LIRR improved the comfort of its cars with an intensified effort to fix onboard climate control systems. 95.1 percent of the fleet during 2000 was in compliance with climate standards.

The stable level of revenue and improved service quality have resulted in revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of service "effectiveness," improving by 4.64 percent from 1999 to 2000. This strong performance trend held up for the 5 -year analysis period as the ratio improved at an annualized rate of 3.25 percent.

In addition to improving service effectiveness, LIRR has been able to contain costs to below inflation. Operating Costs increased by 1.13 percent from 1999 to 2000 and 2.5 percent annualized from 1996 to 2000. Last year's increase was principally the result of depreciation, and higher salary and fringe benefit costs. These cost increases coupled with the very slight decrease in vehicle miles caused the cost per mile, a measure of service "efficiency" to increase by less than 2 percent from 1999 to 2000. Over the five year period 1996-2000 operating cost per vehicle mile increased at the annualized rate of 2.25 percent, slightly below the annualized inflation rate of 2.35 percent for that time period.

This cost containment, coupled with increasing ridership has led to an improvement in the cover ratio
(operating revenues to operating costs), a measure of service "economy," from 42.9 percent in 1999 to 44.14 percent in 2000 . The 5 year trend for this measure is very stable, declining very slightly by .05 percent from 1996 to 2000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - MTA - LONG ISLAND RAIL ROAD (LIRR)

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 354,773,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| MTA Subsidy | $\$ 506,140,000$ |

MTA Subsidy $\quad \$ 506,140,000$
$\overline{\text { Total }}$
$\$ 860,913,000$


Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 352,347,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 157,364,000$ |
| Insurance | $\$ 10,907,000$ |
| Parts | $\$ 58,869,000$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 44,532,000$ |
| Services | $\$ 36,222,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 200,672,000$ |
| Total | $\$ 860,913,000$ |



Rail Fleet Characteristics


LIRR: System Total Operating and Performance Statistics

| MTA-LIRR System Total | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathbf{2 0 0 0} \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 74,411,000 | 78,663,000 | 80,272,000 | 82,113,322 | 85,340,000 | 3.93\% | 3.49\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 56,487,000 | 57,909,000 | 57,969,000 | 57,385,000 | 56,998,000 | -0.67\% | 0.23\% |
| Op. Cost | \$780,670,000 | \$709,898,000 | \$745,040,000 | \$851,309,000 | \$860,913,000 | 1.13\% | 2.48\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$345,208,000 | \$349,362,000 | \$353,677,000 | \$365,213,000 | \$379,981,000 | 4.04\% | 2.43\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.32 | 1.36 | 1.38 | 1.43 | 1.50 | 4.64\% | 3.25\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$13.82 | \$12.26 | \$12.85 | \$14.84 | \$15.10 | 1.81\% | 2.25\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 44.22\% | 49.21\% | 47.47\% | 42.90\% | 44.14\% | 2.88\% | -0.05\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |

MTA-LIRR
Rev. Passenger per Rev. Vehicle Mile




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## MTA METRO-NORTH RAILROAD

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Web Site: http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/index.html
State Legislative Districts:
Senate: 26-28, 30-41
Assembly: 63, 64, 68, 73-99

Base Fare: Distance-based, Average \$4.64
Last Increase: $\quad 9 \%$ (avg.) on 11/12/95
The Metro-North Railroad (MNCR), incorporated as a subsidiary of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 1982, provides commuter rail service from the northern suburbs of New York City, terminating in Manhattan at Grand Central Terminal. MNCR provides service on the Harlem and Hudson Lines in Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester and Bronx Counties, the New Haven Line starting in Connecticut and operating through Westchester and Bronx Counties. MNCR also contracts with New Jersey Transit to provide service on the Pascack and Port Jervis Lines through Rockland and Orange Counties to the Hoboken Terminal.

In 2000 Metro-North carried a record 71.8 million customers (including totals from Connecticut). This represents an increase of 4.8

percent over 1999 ridership, a 3.4 percent annualized increase over a 5 -year period and over a 25 percent increase over a ten-year

period. This strong ridership performance, to a large extent, reflects the robust regional economy and strong 7.6 percent growth in population, over this past decade (1990 to 2000), in the Railroad's service area.

The nature of much of the employment increase in Manhattan, which included increases in the high income finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE) sector of the economy, resulted in a large increase in travel demand for commute from suburbs, which manifests itself as

commuter rail ridership increases, including MNCR. So the impact on MNCR ridership is larger than the raw number of population and jobs would indicate.

| MTA - Metro North Railroad* |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 2000 Characteristics |  |  |
| Revenue Passengers | $71,843,000$ |  |
| Number of Vehicles | 927 | 5,050 |
| Number of Employees | $50,444,000$ |  |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | $1,287,717$ |  |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | $359,853,000$ |  |
| Total Operating Revenue | $694,072,000$ |  |
| Total Operating Expense | 13.76 |  |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 538.99 |  |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Hour | 1.42 |  |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 55.79 |  |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 0.52 |  |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 9.66 |  |
| Operating Cost / Revenue Passenger | 5.01 |  |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger |  |  |
| * Includes Connecticut |  |  |



Another factor in the ridership increase is the improvement in service miles and quality. Improved service was added, particularly, in diesel territory, as the new diesel equipment was received. Revenue vehicle miles of service went up by 4.35 percent from 1999 to 2000 and increased at an annualized rate of 3.9 percent over the five year period.

| MTA-MNCR <br> Service Area* | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total <br> Population** | $1,791,391$ | $1,927,474$ | $7.60 \%$ |
| Pop. Over <br> $65^{* *}$ | 222,239 | 240,839 | $8.37 \%$ |
| Pop. Under <br> $19^{* *}$ | 478,537 | 553,074 | $15.58 \%$ |
| Employment | 738,028 | 762,976 | $3.38 \%$ |
| Manhattan <br> Employment | $2,342,695$ | $2,382,166$ | $1.68 \%$ |
| MNCR <br> Ridership* | $40,988,873$ | $51,439,153$ | $25.50 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> MNCR* | $28,743,135$ | $39,488,452$ | $37.38 \%$ |

* Excludes Connecticut Statistics
** Excludes Bronx and Manhattan

This level of service is being provided with an electric fleet that includes a large percentage of vehicles (the M-1 Fleet $19 \%$ of Fleet total) that are nearly 30 years old. The replacement vehicles (the M-7 cars) are scheduled to enter service beginning in 2005. The Diesel / push pull portion of the fleet ( $25 \%$ of the fleet total), on the other hand, was replaced in the late 1990's. This includes new coaches, and new Genesis dual mode locomotives, the first replacements in 50 years.

As a result of the vehicle maintenance problems, the Mean Distance Between Failures(MDBF) of 54,355 miles, was $17.1 \%$ lower than the stated goal of 65,575 miles, but still far ahead of many other comparable commuter rail systems. This is reflected in the very high on time performance measure of $96.7 \%$ for calendar year 2000. This outstanding performance statistic reflects Metro-North's commitment to maintain an infrastructure that is in a relatively good state of repair, in spite of the fleet age and mechanical problems related with new technology.

In addition to providing more service and better quality service, Metro-North has been focusing on improving other passenger amenities such as new and/or improved station facilities and more customer parking.

In 2000, Metro-North constructed 760 new spaces and improved 320 spaces at existing passenger rail stations. In New Rochelle, over 600 spaces in a commercial garage were made available to commuters. In Bridgeport, CT a new 900 -space garage replaced a 750 space surface lot. 105 new spaces were created at Mamaroneck, Beacon, Brewster North, Salisbury Mills-Cornwall and additional spaces were created at Purdy station, Wassaic, Tenmile River and Haverstraw.

These service improvements and improved passenger amenities coupled with a strong local economy and population growth have translated into record ridership.

Revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of service "effectiveness," was essentially unchanged from 1999 to 2000, as passenger increase kept pace with service mile increases. Likewise, for the five-year period 1996 to 2000 the measure was virtually unchanged, declining from 1.45 to 1.42 . This means that Metro-north is doing what it can to accommodate the latent demand that still is in the market for commuter rail service.

What is surprising is that this increase in service does not come at a dramatic increase in cost. From 1999 to 2000 operating costs grew at 2.3 percent, well below the national inflation rate of 3.36 percent. Wages and Salaries went up by 4.87 percent and Fringe Benefits went up 7 percent; accounting for 45 percent of the cost increase. An important driver of cost growth is the 4.3 percent increase in vehicle miles of service. The remaining increase in costs were tied to depreciation and other corporate costs.

The rate of increase in cost was exceeded by the rate of increase in vehicle miles of service. Thus the cost per mile, a measure of service "efficiency," improved by nearly 2 percent from 1999 to 2000. Over five years, the operating cost per mile remained very stable, increasing at less than 1 percent annualized, less than half of the inflation rate during that time period.

Finally, the relatively modest operating cost increases coupled with consistent ridership growth at essentially flat fares have caused the

2000 cover ratio (Operating Revenues to Operating costs) to increase by 3.8 percent over 1999 to 51.85 percent. Over the five years, however, the cover ratio declined slightly, by less than 1 percent. The decline in cover ratio over the five year period is primarily driven by cost increases associated with an increase in service.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - MTA - METRO NORTH RAILROAD

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 333,337,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| MTA Subsidy | $\$ 360,735,000$ |

$\overline{\text { Total }}$
\$694,072,000


Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 299,587,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 117,913,000$ |
| Insurance | $\$ 15,377,000$ |
| Parts | $\$ 0$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 41,220,000$ |
| Services | $\$ 26,153,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 193,822,000$ |
| Total | $\$ 694,072,000$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


MNCR: System Total Operating and Performance Statistics

| MTA MNR <br> System Total | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | $62,939,000$ | $63,854,000$ | $66,409,000$ | $68,533,000$ | $71,843,000$ | $4.83 \%$ | $3.36 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $43,318,000$ | $45,010,000$ | $46,752,000$ | $48,341,000$ | $50,444,000$ | $4.35 \%$ | $3.88 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 573,997,000$ | $\$ 580,141,000$ | $\$ 608,403,000$ | $\$ 678,624,000$ | $\$ 694,072,000$ | $2.28 \%$ | $4.86 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 300,422,000$ | $\$ 313,807,000$ | $\$ 327,380,000$ | $\$ 338,840,000$ | $\$ 359,853,000$ | $6.20 \%$ | $4.62 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.45 | 1.42 | 1.42 | 1.42 |  | 1.42 | $0.46 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 13.25$ | $\$ 12.89$ | $\$ 13.01$ | $\$ 14.04$ | $\$ 13.76$ | $-0.50 \%$ |  |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $52.34 \%$ | $54.09 \%$ | $53.81 \%$ | $49.93 \%$ | $51.85 \%$ | $3.84 \%$ | $-0.95 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $172.24 \%$ |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |



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NEW YORK CITY
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http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/dot/home.html

State Legislative Districts:

| Senate: | $7,9-23,25-34$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Assembly: | $16,17,20-58,62-83$ |

The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) sponsors seven private transit operators within New York City: Command Bus, Green Bus Lines, Jamaica Buses, Queens Surface, Triboro Coach, Liberty Lines Express, and New York Bus Tours.

The NYCDOT system is comprised of 1,291 buses, more than $1 / 4$ the size of the MTA NYC Transit bus fleet, and constitutes the $9^{\text {th }}$ largest fleet and the largest privately operated fleet in the nation.

Five of these operators provide local and express service, while two provide exclusively express service. Together, there are 35 express and 47 local routes. Liberty Lines and New York Bus Tours provide express services from the Bronx to Manhattan. Green Bus Lines, Jamaica Buses, Queens Surface and Triboro Coach provide local service in Queens and express service from Queens to Manhattan. Command Bus provides local service in Brooklyn and express service from Brooklyn to Manhattan. A number of the Queens local services also extend to adjacent boroughs, i.e.


Queens Surface to the Bronx and Manhattan, Jamaica to Nassau, and Green Bus Lines to Brooklyn and Manhattan.


2000 was another very successful year for the NYCDOT sponsored public transit system due to continuing growth of city economy in most important areas: financial services, media and tourism. Total employment surpassed 3.8 million for the first time since 1969 and unemployment fell to 5.2 percent. Ridership on the New York City sponsored private bus

companies increased 6.7 percent in 2000 over 1999. Over five year period, from 1996 to 2000, ridership increased from 82 million in 1996 to 110.6 million in 2000, 7.8 percent annualized growth rate, and 35 percent growth overall. The largest ridership gains

| NYCDOT BUS | Green | Jamaica | Command | Liberty | NY Bus | Queens | Triboro | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 Characteristics | Bus Lines | Bus | Bus | Lines | Tours | Surface | Coach |  |
| Revenue Passengers | 34,933,437. | 11,044,839. | 3,170,849. | 2,974,187. | 3,943,879. | 28,079,213. | 26,460,393. | 110,606,797 |
| Number of Vehicles | 235. | 103. | 133. | 86. | 137. | 337 | 260. | 1,291 |
| Number of Employees | 657. | 252. | 260. | 228. | 295. | 832. | 547. | 3,071 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 5,631,659. | 1,992,046 | 2,763,282. | 2,534,629. | 3,303,422. | 6,956,792. | 4,148,199 | 27,330,029 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 615,808 | 205,705 | 217,421. | 194,549. | 244,722. | 674,065. | 461,580. | 2,613,850 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 33,396,046 | 10,914,464. | 6,729,137. | 8,340,285. | 10,995,445. | 30,550,262. | 27,055,875 | 127,981,514 |
| Total Operating Expense | 57,603,765 | 25,289,458 | 20,321,282 | 18,904,939 | 24,629,149 | 76,105,922 | 48,426,595. | 271,281,110 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 10.23 . | 12.70 | 7.35 . | 7.46 | 7.46 | 10.94 . | 11.67 . | 9.93 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 93.54. | 122.94 . | 93.47 . | 97.17. | 100.64 . | 112.91. | 104.91 . | 103.79 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 6.20 . | 5.54. | 1.15 . | 1.17 | 1.19 . | 4.04 . | 6.38 . | 4.05 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 56.73 . | 53.69 . | 14.58 . | 15.29 . | 16.12 . | 41.66 | 57.33 . | 42.32 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.58 . | 0.43 . | 0.33 . | 0.44 . | 0.45 . | 0.40 . | 0.56 . | 0.47 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 1.65 . | 2.29 . | 6.41 . | 6.36 | 6.24 . | 2.71 . | 1.83 | 2.45 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 0.96 | 0.99 . | 2.12 | 2.80 | 2.79 | 1.09 | 1.02 | 1.16 |

were among the NYCDOT operations in Queens.
The major reasons for this remarkable and record breaking increase in ridership are:

- New York City population increased by 9.4 percent, reaching 8 million population for the first time in its history. Much of the increase was comprised of immigrant groups, whose employment and other travel is heavily dependent on transit. Queens population, where most of the NYCDOT service is located grew almost 15 percent, rising to over 2.2 million.
- Employment grew more than 3 percent; but that masks an early decade decline and a larger late decade increase, paralleling the transit ridership growth.
- Successful implementation of MetroCard Gold "One City- One Fare" Policy and fare initiatives together with MTA-NYCT. This policy provided fare discounts, universal free transfer, and other fare initiatives described in Chapter V on Mobility and Innovation in NY State Public Transportation.

Passenger revenue declined in 1997 and 1998, as expected, because the fare initiatives discounted fares even as ridership increased. Subsequently, in 1999 \& 2000, as no new discounts were introduced, but riderhip gains continued at lower rate, passenger revenue solidly increased for the second straight year by 16.7 percent from $\$ 98.9 \mathrm{M}$ in 1999 to $\$ 115.4 \mathrm{M}$ in 2000. Overall passenger revenue increased by 25.7 percent in these two years.

However the decrease in special reimbursement by 42.9 percent and charter/contract revenue by 41.9 percent
partially offset growth in passenger revenue, limiting total operating revenue growth to 5.9 percent in year 2000. For two year period operating revenue increased by 12 percent

Over five year period, revenue vehicle miles have increased in every year, from 24.1 million in 1996 to 27.3 million in 2000 , a 3.2 percent annualized growth rate. This service increase was needed to accommodate the ridership increase over this period.

The total NYCDOT private carrier bus fleet increased from 1,134 in 1997 to 1,291 in 2000. This increase in fleet size was necessary to accommodate the large ridership increases. This was accomplished by maintaining the fleet replacement and delaying retirement of older buses. A total 595 buses, 46.1 percent of the total fleet, are over-age (older 12 years). Three operators Jamaica Buses, Liberty Lines Express, and New York Bus Tours have total average age of bus fleet older than 12 years. To meet ADA requirements 934 buses, 72 percent, are equipped with wheelchair lifts.

New York City has committed to promoting alternative fuel buses and current fleet contains 353 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles, 27 percent of the fleet. NYCDOT completed construction of new CNG bus garage facilities for Command buses in Southeast Brooklyn and for Queens Surface in College Point Queens.

In terms of system performance, systemwide costs increased 6.31 percent from 1999 to 2000. Operating costs from 1996-2000 increased 21.8 percent, about 5 percent per year. Contributing to these expense increases were unusually large increases in the last

year for fuel and utilities, and lease and rental costs. Fuel costs went up 40.6 percent and utilities up 29.5 percent, lease and rentals was up 21.4 percent from 1999 to 2000. This parallels increases in these categories incurred by all transit systems.

The increase in cost is substantially a result of an increase in service. The increases in costs, coupled with the increases in service caused the cost per mile to go up 3.2 percent from 1999 to 2000 . However, over a five year period, cost per mile increased at a rate of 1.79 percent, less than the annualized inflation rate for that time period. This indicates costs that are generally under control, and account mostly for service increases.

The revenue passenger to revenue vehicle mile ratio increased by 3.6 percent from 1999 to 2000 . Over the past 5 years, the ratio increased at an annualized rate of 4.4 percent. This is an indication of system efficiency, as ridership grew faster than service expansion. There were substantial ridership gains in off-peak periods, such as mid-day, weekends, etc., where sufficient capacity was available to accommodate these new riders. At other times, particularly in peak periods, service often operates at peak capacity.

The combination of the fare discounts and cost increases caused the "cover ratio", (revenue to cost ratio) to decrease at an annualized rate of 2.79 percent from 1996 to 2000. However in year 2000 the ratio declined only 0.2 percent from 47.4 percent in 1999 to 47.2 percent in 2000.

| NYCDOT <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | 2000 | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| NYC Population | $7,322,564$ | $8,008,278$ | $9.36 \%$ |
| Bronx Population | $1,203,789$ | $1,332,650$ | $10.70 \%$ |
| Kings Population | $2,300,664$ | $2,465,326$ | $7.16 \%$ |
| Manhattan <br> Population | $1,487,536$ | $1,537,195$ | $3.34 \%$ |
| Queens <br> Population | $1,951,598$ | $2,229,379$ | $14.23 \%$ |
| Staten Island <br> Population | 378,977 | 443,728 | $17.09 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 953,317 | 937,857 | $-1.62 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | $1,888,075$ | $2,153,450$ | $14.06 \%$ |
| Employment | $3,492,208$ | $3,605,978$ | $3.26 \%$ |
| Command/Jamaic <br> a/ Triboro Coach/ <br> Green Bus <br> Ridership | $51,940,382$ | $75,609,518$ | $45.57 \%$ |
| Liberty Lines <br> Ridership | $3,333,989$ | $2,974,187$ | $-10.79 \%$ |
| New York Bus <br> Tours Ridership | $3,278,205$ | $3,943,879$ | $20.31 \%$ |
| Queens Surface <br> Ridership | $21,445,639$ | $28,079,213$ | $30.93 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Command/ <br> Jamaica/Triboro <br> Coach/Green Bus | $13,803,737$ | $14,535,186$ | $5.30 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Liberty Lines | $3,025,235$ | $2,534,629$ | $-16.22 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> New York Bus <br> Tours | $3,079,657$ | $3,303,422$ | $7.27 \%$ |

Under agreement with MTA-NYCT, NYCDOT's obligation to provide paratransit service is met by MTA's Access-A-Ride Service. No paratransit service is provided by NYCDOT, although NYC supports MTA's service financially.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - NYCDOT SPONSORED PRIVATE OPERATORS

## Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 127,981,514$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 87,277,325$ |
| State | $\$ 56,022,271$ |
| Federal | $\$ 0$ |
| Other | $\$ 0$ |
| Total | $\$ 271,281,110$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 132,594,768$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 74,212,782$ |
| Ins | $\$ 7,434,257$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 9,286,148$ |
| Other | $\$ 47,753,155$ |
| Total | $\$ 271,281,110$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


## NYCDOT Sponsored Private Bus Operators - Operations and Performance Statistics - System Total

| NYCDOT Operations | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | \% Change 99 to 00 | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 82,005,245 | 87,129,607 | 95,641,528 | 103,682,203 | 110,606,797 | 6.68\% | 7.77\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 24,084,197 | 24,577,043 | 25,619,324 | 26,531,810 | 27,330,029 | 3.01\% | 3.21\% |
| Op. Cost | \$222,709,704 | \$232,906,915 | \$238,963,678 | \$255,170,828 | \$271,281,110 | 6.31\% | 5.06\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$118,066,142 | \$118,124,321 | \$114,225,701 | \$120,847,377 | \$127,981,514 | 5.90\% | 2.04\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 3.40 | 3.55 | 3.73 | 3.91 | 4.05 | 3.56\% | 4.41\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$9.25 | \$9.48 | \$9.33 | \$9.62 | \$9.93 | 3.21\% | 1.79\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 53.01\% | 50.72\% | 47.80\% | 47.36\% | 47.18\% | -0.39\% | -2.87\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |

NYCDOT-Total Operations
Rev. Passenger per Rev. Vehicle Mile



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NYCDOT Sponsored Transit Services - Operating and Performance Statistics by Operaor - Green and Jamaica Bus Lines

| Green <br> Bus Lines | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | Actual <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $28,658,132$ | $29,262,860$ | $31,440,210$ | $33,567,174$ | $34,933,437$ | $4.07 \%$ | $5.07 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $4,805,342$ | $4,940,210$ | $5,430,250$ | $5,574,296$ | $5,631,659$ | $1.03 \%$ | $4.05 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 47,007,602$ | $\$ 50,214,676$ | $\$ 51,720,822$ | $\$ 54,710,432$ | $\$ 57,603,765$ | $5.29 \%$ | $5.21 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 29,776,490$ | $\$ 29,283,358$ | $\$ 29,751,364$ | $\$ 31,769,078$ | $\$ 33,396,046$ | $5.12 \%$ | $2.91 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 5.96 | 5.92 | 5.79 | 6.02 | 6.20 | $3.01 \%$ | $0.99 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 9.78$ | $\$ 10.16$ | $\$ 9.52$ | $\$ 9.8$ | $\$ 10.23$ | $4.22 \%$ | $1.2 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $63.34 \%$ | $58.32 \%$ | $57.52 \%$ | $58.07 \%$ | $57.98 \%$ | $-0.16 \%$ | $-2.19 \%$ |



| Jamaica <br> Bus Lines | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\boldsymbol{\%}$ Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $7,48,331$ | $8,454,998$ | $9,657,111$ | $10,210,889$ | $11,044,839$ | $8.17 \%$ | $10.21 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,830,981$ | $1,965,204$ | $1,998,650$ | $1,997,418$ | $1,992,046$ | $-0.27 \%$ | $2.13 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 21,393,266$ | $\$ 22,206,563$ | $\$ 2,501,732$ | $\$ 24,048,462$ | $\$ 25,289,458$ | $5.16 \%$ | $4.27 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 9,107,289$ | $\$ 9,330,140$ | $\$ 9,585,512$ | $\$ 10,012,855$ | $\$ 10,914,464$ | $9.00 \%$ | $4.63 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 4.09 | 4.30 | 4.83 | 5.11 | 5.54 | $8.46 \%$ | $7.91 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 11.68$ | $\$ 11.30$ | $\$ 11.26$ | $\$ 12.04$ | $\$ 12.70$ | $5.44 \%$ | $2.10 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $42.57 \%$ | $42.02 \%$ | $42.60 \%$ | $41.64 \%$ | $43.16 \%$ | $3.66 \%$ | $0.34 \%$ |







NYCDOT Sponsored Transit Services - Operating and Performance Statistics by Operator

| Queens Surface | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to 00 } \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 22,299,234 | 24,017,022 | 25,014,781 | 26,509,760 | 28,079,213 | 5.92\% | 5.93\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 6,145,051 | 6,303,858 | 6,440,358 | 6,542,592 | 6,956,792 | 6.33\% | 3.15\% |
| Op. Cost | \$62,556,087 | \$66,415,363 | \$66,684,203 | \$71,234,948 | \$76,105,922 | 6.84\% | 5.02\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$31,434,870 | \$31,204,752 | \$28,829,852 | \$29,248,637 | \$30,550,262 | 4.45\% | -0.71\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 3.63 | 3.81 | 3.88 | 4.05 | 4.04 | -0.39\% | 2.70\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$10.18 | \$10.54 | \$10.35 | \$10.89 | \$10.94 | 0.48\% | 1.82\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 50.25\% | 46.98\% | 43.23\% | 41.06\% | 40.14\% | -2.23\% | -5.46\% |






| Command Bus Lines | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | \% Change 99 to 00 | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 2,396,183 | 2,371,790 | 2,721,898 | 2,974,134 | 3,170,849 | 6.61\% | 7.25\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 2,740,517 | 2,705,290 | 2,698,553 | 2,746,852 | 2,763,282 | 0.60\% | 0.21\% |
| Op. Cost | \$18,444,444 | \$19,014,977 | \$19,637,287 | \$19,678,329 | \$20,321,282 | 3.27\% | 2.45\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$6,965,588 | \$6,770,367 | \$6,248,121 | \$6,453,238 | \$6,729,137 | 4.28\% | -0.86\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.87 | 0.88 | 1.01 | 1.08 | 1.15 | 5.98\% | 7.03\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$6.73 | \$7.03 | \$7.28 | \$7.16 | \$7.35 | 2.65\% | 2.24\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 37.77\% | 35.61\% | 31.82\% | 32.79\% | 33.11\% | 0.98\% | -3.23\% |





NYCDOT Sponsored Transit Services - Operating and Performance Statistics by Operator

| Liberty <br> Lines | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $2,368,391$ | $2,407,798$ | $2,802,432$ | $3,020,444$ | $2,974,187$ | $-1.53 \%$ | $5.86 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $2,435,300$ | $2,436,846$ | $2,466,101$ | $2,515,797$ | $2,534,629$ | $0.75 \%$ | $1.00 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 15,858,812$ | $\$ 16,029,098$ | $\$ 17,019,329$ | $\$ 18,674,274$ | $\$ 18,904,939$ | $1.24 \%$ | $4.49 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 8,977,450$ | $\$ 9,277,481$ | $\$ 8,376,256$ | $\$ 8,517,364$ | $\$ 8,340,285$ | $-2.08 \%$ | $-1.82 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.97 | 0.99 | 1.14 | 1.20 | 1.17 | $-2.26 \%$ | $4.81 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 6.51$ | $\$ 6.58$ | $\$ 6.90$ | $\$ 7.4$ | $\$ 7.46$ | $0.48 \%$ | $3.45 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $56.61 \%$ | $57.88 \%$ | $49.22 \%$ | $45.61 \%$ | $44.12 \%$ | $-3.27 \%$ | $-6.04 \%$ |







| Triboro <br> Coach | 1996 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $15,936,268$ | $17,66,139$ | $20,752,535$ | $23,559,999$ | $26,46,393$ | $12.31 \%$ | $13.51 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $3,478,871$ | $3,533,294$ | $3,673,511$ | $4,054,258$ | $4,148,199$ | $2.32 \%$ | $4.50 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 37,813,675$ | $\$ 38,462,815$ | $\$ 39,859,517$ | $\$ 44,104,584$ | $\$ 48,426,595$ | $9.80 \%$ | $6.38 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 20,993,588$ | $\$ 21,103,269$ | $\$ 21,333,530$ | $\$ 23,638,351$ | $\$ 27,055,875$ | $14.46 \%$ | $6.55 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 4.58 | 5.00 | 5.65 | 5.81 | 6.38 | $9.77 \%$ | $8.63 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 10.87$ | $\$ 10.89$ | $\$ 10.85$ | $\$ 10.88$ | $\$ 11.67$ | $7.31 \%$ | $1.80 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $55.52 \%$ | $54.87 \%$ | $53.52 \%$ | $53.60 \%$ | $55.87 \%$ | $4.24 \%$ | $0.16 \%$ |





NYCDOT Sponsored Transit Services - Operating and Performance Statistics by Operator - New York Bus Tours

| NY Bus <br> Tours | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $2,860,706$ | $2,949,000$ | $3,252,561$ | $3,839,803$ | $3,943,879$ | $2.71 \%$ | $8.36 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $2,648,135$ | $2,692,341$ | $2,911,901$ | $3,100,597$ | $3,303,422$ | $6.54 \%$ | $5.68 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 19,635,818$ | $\$ 20,563,423$ | $\$ 21,540,788$ | $\$ 22,719,799$ | $\$ 24,629,149$ | $8.40 \%$ | $5.83 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 10,810,867$ | $\$ 11,154,954$ | $\$ 10,101,066$ | $\$ 11,207,854$ | $\$ 10,995,445$ | $-1.90 \%$ | $0.42 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.08 | 1.10 | 1.12 | 1.24 | 1.19 | $-3.60 \%$ | $2.53 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 7.41$ | $\$ 7.64$ | $\$ 7.40$ | $\$ 7.33$ | $\$ 7.46$ | $1.75 \%$ | $0.14 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $55.06 \%$ | $54.25 \%$ | $46.89 \%$ | $49.33 \%$ | $44.64 \%$ | $-9.50 \%$ | $-5.11 \%$ |






## STATEN ISLAND FERRY

New York City DOT
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Staten Island, NY 10301
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State Legislative Districts:
Senate: 23-25
Assembly: 59-62

Base Fare: Free for walk on passengers
The New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) operates the Staten Island Ferry that runs service 24 hours a day 7 days a week between Manhattan and Staten Island. The budget of the Staten Island Ferry is on a City Fiscal Year (CFY) which runs from July 1 to June 30. Effective July 4, 1997 the fare was eliminated for walk on passengers. This had the net effect of making the ferry service free for all people making a crossing without a vehicle. The fare revenues shown are for those people who make the crossing with their vehicle, commercial advertisements and concessions.

The Staten Island Ferry, which carries 65,000 daily passengers, is the largest ferry system in the world (by number of daily passengers on a single route). It connects 15 bus routes, and the Staten Island Railway, in Staten Island, with Manhattan and its vast array of public transit at South Ferry. Its vessels, which sail every fifteen minutes in peak periods, carry up to 6000 riders (Kennedy class boats).


The 1990's was a period of strong growth for Staten Island. Population grew by $17 \%$, the largest of any boro,

but from a small base. Employment increased by $24 \%$. Unemployment in Richmond county was only $4.2 \%$, below the $5.2 \%$ city average.

From 1990 to 2000, ridership dropped $15.5 \%$, from 22.9 million, to 18.5 million. Part of this period parallels an economic recession. Throughout this period, many riders chose to use the improving express bus services, which afforded one seat rides from close to home to their destinations in Manhattan, rather than the three seat ride involving the Ferry. From 1996 to 1998, ferry ridership

rebounded, as the fare was eliminated and MetroCard offered one-fare travel to virtually any point in the city. Ridership again began to fall beginning in 1998,

| Staten Island Ferry | Ferry Boat |
| :--- | ---: |
| 2000 Characteristics | $18,039,511$ |
| Revenue Passengers | 7 |
| Number of Vehicles | 0 |
| Number of Employees | 172,474 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 16,584 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | $2,466,958$ |
| Total Operating Revenue | $45,269,818$ |
| Total Operating Expense | 262.47 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | $2,729.73$ |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 104.59 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | $1,087.77$ |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 0.05 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 2.51 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 0.14 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger |  |

Ridership and Miles reported for City Fiscal Year
as new luxury express buses were introduced, and express bus fares were reduced to $\$ 3.00$. Staten Island Ferry showed a drop in ridership $5.06 \%$ between CFY 99/00 (CFY 00) and CFY 00/01 (CFY01).

Other causes of ridership decline include increased employment opportunities on the island, and increased reverse commute to New Jersey.

During the decade, service levels were very stable. Despite modest declines in ridership, the number of passengers riding these large capacity vessels continues to warrant the service levels of up to four vessels per hour.

Ferry operating costs increased $4.78 \%$ between in CFY 00 , somewhat less than the average 5 -year annualized rate of $7.32 \%$. The biggest reasons for this climb are an escalated cost of fringe benefits, increase in expenditures in other salary and wages, and fuel Cost. Other Salaries and Wages increased by $26.45 \%$, other materials and supplies increased by $10.17 \%$ and finally, miscellaneous expenses increased by $18.84 \%$ The large increase in Other Salaries And Wages represented a Union agreement which required retroactive back pay by the city. Fringe benefits increase tied to the union agreement as well.

Cost increases, coupled with a slight decrease in vessel miles caused the cost per mile ratio to increase $5.23 \%$ in CFY 01, a rate comparable to the five year annualized increase of $5.33 \%$ annualized

Passenger Revenue, from car/truck use of the ferry, dropped $2.4 \%$ and non-user revenue dropped by $10.45 \%$


Ridership and Miles reported for Calendar Year
in CY01. Charter/Contract revenue increased by $33.36 \%$ due to the growth in the business of renting out the Ferry Boats for commercial use such as movie production. This caused operating revenues to decrease 5.96 \% in CFY 01.

The Increase in operating expenses and decrease in operating revenues reduced the cover ratio by 10.21 \% in CFY01, to $5.45 \%$. This is apparently low value,
must be considered in relation to a policy decision to integrate fare in the Staten Island area with the MetroCard system.

The City is about to embark on a huge investment program in the Staten Island Ferry infrastructure, comprised of $\$ 120$ million (total) for three new ferries to replace the Kennedy Class vessels, $\$ 185$ million for a new Whitehall Terminal at South Ferry Manhattan, and $\$ 85$ for a rehabilitation of the St George Terminal in Staten Island.

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 1,048,643$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 26,648,858$ |
| State | $\$ 16,154,000$ |
| Federal | $\$ 0$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,418,315$ |
| Total | $\$ 45,269,816$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 30,299,719$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 7,877,927$ |
| Insurance | $\$ 0$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 3,187,705$ |
| Other | $\$ 3,904,467$ |
| Total | $\$ 45,269,818$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Staten Island Ferry - Operations and Performance Statistics

| Staten Isl Ferry <br> Operations | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | $16,855,723$ | $19,263,674$ | $19,851,000$ | $19,000,298$ | $18,039,511$ | $-5.06 \%$ | $1.71 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 160,026 | 158,873 | 171,309 | 173,212 | 172,474 | $-0.43 \%$ | $1.89 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 34,122,643$ | $\$ 36,873,625$ | $\$ 39,302,167$ | $\$ 43,204,392$ | $\$ 45,269,818$ | $4.78 \%$ | $7.32 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 6,620,300$ | $\$ 2,380,278$ | $\$ 2,471,543$ | $\$ 2,623,434$ | $\$ 2,466,958$ | $-5.96 \%$ | $-21.87 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 105.33 | 121.25 | 115.88 | 109.69 | 104.59 | $-4.65 \%$ | $-0.18 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 213.23$ | $\$ 232.09$ | $\$ 229.42$ | $\$ 249.43$ | $\$ 262.47$ | $5.23 \%$ | $5.33 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $19.40 \%$ | $6.46 \%$ | $6.29 \%$ | $6.07 \%$ | $5.45 \%$ | $-10.25 \%$ | $-27.20 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |





## NASSAU COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICE <br> MTA LONG ISLAND BUS

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Web Site: www.mta.nyc.ny.us/libus/index.html
State Legislative Districts:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Senate: } & 2,4-12 \\ \text { Assembly: } & 8-26,29,31-33\end{array}$

Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.50$
Last Increase: $\$ .35$ on 4/1/91
This Section will discuss transit services provided in Nassau County by both MTA-Long Island Bus and the City of Long Beach Transit System. MTA Long Island Bus, a subsidiary of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, operates fixed route and paratransit services in Nassau County and into Queens connecting with MTA NYC Transit services, as well as operating a route serving JFK airport.

Over the 1996-2000 time period, "MTA-LIB" has enjoyed significant increases in ridership, which was indicative of the strong economy in NYC and Long Island. During this period MTA-LIB enacted some significant fare and service policies, one of which was the adoption of the MetroCard fare media and another of which was the creation of services that are funded with "welfare to work" subsidies.


Fixed Route Services: MTA-LIB's fixed route services are the mainstay of their organization, accounting for almost 97 percent of all of their ridership in 2000. Ridership increased over the five year period at an

annualized rate of 3.9 percent and was at 29.8 million in 2000. While MTA-LIB has held its base fare at $\$ 1.50$ for the entire five year period, its participation in the MetroCard fare media system has caused the average revenue per passenger to drop from $\$ 1.20$ in 1996 to $\$ 1.02$ in 2000. The drop in average revenue per passenger has also coincided with a drop of $\$ 9.6$

million in Local Voluntary funds from Nassau County because of countywide financial issues. The combination of these two events plus inflationary general expense increases has caused STOA subsidies

| Nassau County: MTA-Long Island Bus | MTA LI Bus | MTA LI Bus | MTA LI Bus | Long Beach | Long Beach | Long Beach |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route | Paratransit | Total | Fixed Route | Paratransit | Total |
| Revenue Passengers | 29,862,912 | 193,766 | 29,862,912 | 482,915 | 5,081 | 487,996 |
| Number of Vehicles | 322 | 65 | 322 | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Number of Employees | 896 | 144 | 896 | 21 | 4 | 25 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 9,720,091 | 2,037,559 | 9,720,091 | 202,521 | 6,465 | 208,986 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 773,759 | 151,613 | 773,759 | 22,342 | 22,342 | 44,684 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 31,918,365 | 580,824 | 31,918,365 | 503,931 | 0 | 503,931 |
| Total Operating Expense | 78,863,271 | 6,371,062 | 78,863,271 | 1,389,823 | 91,050 | 1,480,873 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 8.11 | 3.13 | 8.11 | 6.86 | 14.08 | 7.09 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 101.92 | 42.02 | 101.92 | 62.21 | 4.08 | 33.14 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 3.07 | 0.10 | 3.07 | 2.38 | 0.79 | 2.34 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 38.59 | 1.28 | 38.59 | 21.61 | 0.23 | 10.92 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.40 | 0.09 | 0.40 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 0.34 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 2.64 | 32.88 | 2.64 | 2.88 | 17.92 | 3.03 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 1.07 | 3.00 | 1.07 | 1.04 | 0.00 | 1.03 |


to increase dramatically, from $\$ 17,109,506$ in 1996 to $\$ 30,891,602$ in 2000.

Revenue miles of service provided by MTA LI Bus increased by a modest 1.1 percent over the five year period to serve this increasing demand.

Paratransit Services: Paratransit services are offered by MTA-LIB for the benefit of elderly and disabled persons who have difficulty utilizing the fixed route services. Ridership for these services has increased

| MTA-LIB <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\boldsymbol{\%}$ <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | $1,287,348$ | $1,334,544$ | $3.67 \%$ |
| Population of <br> City of Long <br> Beach | 33,510 | 35,462 | $5.83 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 182,899 | 200,841 | $9.81 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 314,594 | 358,923 | $14.09 \%$ |
| Employment | 591,348 | 598,529 | $1.21 \%$ |
| Queens <br> Employment | 462,629 | 480,676 | $3.90 \%$ |
| Fixed Route <br> Ridership | $29,534,452$ | $29,862,912$ | $1.11 \%$ |
| Paratransit <br> Ridership | 0 | 193,766 | NA |
| City of Long <br> Beach Ridership | 775,402 | 487,996 | $-37.07 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles Fixed <br> Route | $9,298,775$ | $9,720,091$ | $4.53 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Paratransit | $2,037,559$ | NA |  |

dramatically, the average annual increase has been over 22 percent. Revenue miles of service have also increased at an annualized rate of 22.9 percent to serve the growing ridership. MTA-LIB has had to adopt a policy of increasing their paratransit bus fleet by 5 vehicles per year.

Discussions have taken place with county officials on relocating paratransit storage and maintenance
facilities, and these anticipated changes have caused significant increases to MTA-LIB's paratransit budget for 2002.

The revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, for MTA Long Island Bus, a measure of service effectiveness, has increased over the five year period at a 2.7 percent annualized rate. This measure was stable for partrasnit over the five years declining by a slight .61 percent annualized rate, but increasing in 2000 by 3.5 percent over 1999.

Cost per mile for the LI Bus fixed route service has increased from 1996 to 2000 by 2.7 percent, slightly greater than inflation for the period. Despite the dramatic increases in paratransit services, the costs of operating this service remain surprisingly low: in 2000 the cost per mile for paratransit service was $\$ 3.13$ while the corresponding cost per mile for fixed route services was $\$ 8.11$. Cost per mile for paratransit actually declined over the five year period by an annualized 5.6 percent.

The ratio of operating revenue to operating cost for Long Island Bus, a measure of service economy, declined at an annualized rate of 6.1 percent, ranging from 45.98 percent in 1996 to 40.47 percent in 2000. Cost recovery for paratransit improved over this period by an annualized rate of 3.26 percent, ranging from 7.42 percent in 1996 to 9.12 percent in 2000.

## City of Long Beach Transit

The City of Long Beach, in Nassau County, operates local transit fixed route and paratransit services within its municipal boundaries. The total ridership for the Long Beach system has experienced a long term trend of decline, dropping at an annualized 6.86 percent between 1996 and 2000. Ridership in 2000, however, was actually up 3.2 percent from 1999.
The decreasing ridership corresponded with modest

increases in service, revenue vehicle miles having

increased from 193,899 in 1996 to 208,986 in 2000. As a result, passengers per mile declined over the five year period by an annualized rate of 8.59 percent.
Long Beach's fixed route system costs have been relatively stable during the 1996-2000 period, and increases have occurred at about $1 / 2$ the rate of inflation.

The ratio of operating revenue to operating cost for the fixed route portion of the Long Beach system has declined by an annualized rate of 2.8 percent over the five year period, with an improvement of 3.47 percent in 2000, reflecting the increase in ridership over 1999. The cost recovery for these services ranged from 38.88 percent in 1996 to 33.51 percent in 1999.

Paratransit services have been provided since 1998. Paratransit riders, while growing at a significant rate (there were 3,694 in 1998 and 5,081 in 2000) only accounts for 2.4 percent of Long Beach's total ridership. Paratransit cost recovery improved from 1999 to 2000 by 1.9 percent, but like most paratransit service, at 2.79 percent it is much lower than is typical of other modes.

Long Beach is advancing a major rehabilitation project for their maintenance facility and, with MTA Long Island Rail Road, is creating a decked commuter parking facility adjacent to the Long Beach Railroad Station and City Hall.

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 31,077,473$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 10,170,714$ |
| State | $\$ 33,523,961$ |
| Federal | $\$ 3,772,650$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,421,716$ |
| Total | $\$ 79,966,514$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 47,020,761$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 18,400,477$ |
| Ins | $\$ 4,610,023$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 3,647,052$ |
| Other | $\$ 11,556,020$ |
| Total | $\$ 85,234,333$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


MTA Long Island Bus - Total System -Operations and Performances Statistics

| MTA-LI Bus Operations | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Change } \\ & 99 \text { to } 00 \end{aligned}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | 25,712,489 | 26,662,693 | 28,141,031 | 29,398,193 | 30,056,678 | 2.24\% | 3.98\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 10,186,395 | 10,703,755 | 10,931,823 | 11,361,529 | 11,757,650 | 3.49\% | 3.65\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | \$71,836,099 | \$74,331,793 | \$76,193,439 | \$78,963,582 | \$85,234,333 | 7.94\% | 4.37\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$31,677,124 | \$32,105,707 | \$30,915,379 | \$32,132,128 | \$32,499,189 | 1.14\% | 0.64\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.52 | 2.49 | 2.57 | 2.59 | 2.56 | -1.20\% | 0.32\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$7.05 | \$6.94 | \$6.97 | \$6.95 | \$7.25 | 4.30\% | 0.69\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 44.10\% | 43.19\% | 40.57\% | 40.69\% | 38.13\% | -6.30\% | -3.57\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |



MTA Long Island Bus - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| MTA-LI Bus <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $25,625,606$ | $26,549,239$ | $28,015,955$ | $29,232,346$ | $29,862,912$ | $2.16 \%$ | $3.90 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $9,294,907$ | $9,562,991$ | $9,581,002$ | $9,556,832$ | $9,720,091$ | $1.71 \%$ | $1.12 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 68,332,109$ | $\$ 70,564,045$ | $\$ 71,989,760$ | $\$ 73,375,938$ | $\$ 78,863,271$ | $7.48 \%$ | $3.65 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 31,417,152$ | $\$ 31,764,361$ | $\$ 30,543,261$ | $\$ 31,638,806$ | $\$ 31,918,365$ | $0.88 \%$ | $0.40 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.76 | 2.78 | 2.92 | 3.06 | 3.07 | $0.44 \%$ | $2.74 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 7.35$ | $\$ 7.38$ | $\$ 7.51$ | $\$ 7.68$ | $\$ 8.11$ | $5.67 \%$ | $2.50 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $45.98 \%$ | $45.01 \%$ | $42.43 \%$ | $43.12 \%$ | $40.47 \%$ | $-6.14 \%$ | $-3.14 \%$ |







| MTA-LI Bus <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 98 to 99 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 86,883 | 113,454 | 125,076 | 165,847 | 193,766 | $16.83 \%$ | $22.20 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 891,488 | $1,140,764$ | $1,350,821$ | $1,804,697$ | $2,037,559$ | $12.90 \%$ | $22.96 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 3,503,990$ | $\$ 3,767,748$ | $\$ 4,203,679$ | $\$ 5,587,644$ | $\$ 6,371,062$ | $14.02 \%$ | $16.12 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 259,972$ | $\$ 341,346$ | $\$ 372,118$ | $\$ 493,322$ | $\$ 580,824$ | $17.74 \%$ | $22.26 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.10 | $3.48 \%$ | $-0.61 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev.Mile | $\$ 3.93$ | $\$ 3.30$ | $\$ 3.11$ | $\$ 3.10$ | $\$ 3.13$ | $0.99 \%$ | $-5.56 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $7.42 \%$ | $9.06 \%$ | $8.85 \%$ | $8.83 \%$ | $9.12 \%$ | $3.26 \%$ | $5.29 \%$ |






## Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 417,753$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 652,418$ |
| State | $\$ 343,952$ |
| Federal | $\$ 0$ |
| Other | $\$ 66,750$ |
| Total | $\$ 1,480,873$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 1,059,952$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 244,223$ |
| Ins | $\$ 56,994$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 47,602$ |
| Other | $\$ 72,102$ |
| Total | $\$ 1,480,873$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


City of Long Beach Total Operations and Perfromance Statistics

| Operations | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change 99 to 00 | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 648,543 | 544,211 | 468,182 | 472,674 | 487,996 | 3.24\% | -6.86\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 193,899 | 189,811 | 204,192 | 206,753 | 208,986 | 1.08\% | 1.89\% |
| Op. Cost | \$1,296,124 | \$1,349,345 | \$1,418,538 | \$1,439,142 | \$1,480,873 | 2.90\% | 3.39\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$503,931 | \$486,590 | \$485,833 | \$460,223 | \$484,503 | 5.28\% | -0.98\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 3.34 | 2.87 | 2.29 | 2.29 | 2.34 | 2.14\% | -8.59\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$6.68 | \$7.11 | \$6.95 | \$6.96 | \$7.09 | 1.80\% | 1.47\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 38.88\% | 36.06\% | 34.25\% | 31.98\% | 32.72\% | 2.31\% | -4.22\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |





City of Long Beach Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| City of Long Beach <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 648,543 | 544,211 | 464,488 | 468,741 | 482,915 | $3.02 \%$ | $-7.11 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 193,899 | 189,811 | 198,682 | 201,017 | 202,521 | $0.75 \%$ | $1.09 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,296,124$ | $\$ 1,349,345$ | $\$ 1,349,365$ | $\$ 1,367,327$ | $\$ 1,389,823$ | $1.65 \%$ | $1.76 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 503,931$ | $\$ 486,590$ | $\$ 483,986$ | $\$ 458,257$ | $\$ 481,963$ | $5.17 \%$ | $-1.11 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 3.34 | 2.87 | 2.34 | 2.33 | 2.38 | $2.26 \%$ | $-8.11 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 6.68$ | $\$ 7.11$ | $\$ 6.79$ | $\$ 6.80$ | $\$ 6.86$ | $0.89 \%$ | $0.66 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $38.88 \%$ | $36.06 \%$ | $35.87 \%$ | $33.51 \%$ | $34.68 \%$ | $3.47 \%$ | $-2.82 \%$ |







| City of Long Beach Paratransit | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | \% Change 99 to 00 | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 0 | 0 | 3,694 | 3,933 | 5,081 | 29.19\% | N/A |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 0 | 0 | 5,510 | 5,736 | 6,465 | 12.71\% | N/A |
| Op. Cost | \$0 | \$0 | \$69,173 | \$71,815 | \$91,050 | 26.78\% | N/A |
| Op. Rev. | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,847 | \$1,966 | \$2,540 | 29.20\% | N/A |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | N/A | N/A | 0.67 | 0.69 | 0.79 | 14.62\% | N/A |
| Op. Cost/Rev.Mile | N/A | N/A | \$12.55 | \$12.52 | \$14.08 | 12.49\% | N/A |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | N/A | N/A | 2.67\% | 2.74\% | 2.79\% | 1.90\% | N/A |



|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { City of Long Beach-Paratransit } \\ \text { Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile }\end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 15.00$ |  |  |



## WESTCHESTER COUNTY BEE LINE

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Website: www.beelinebus.com

State Legislative Districts:
Senate: 33-37
Assembly: 84-90

Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.40$
Last Increase: $\quad \$ .15$ in 2/96
Westchester County's "Bee Line" system provides extensive fixed route and paratransit service throughout Westchester County, as well as several innovative shuttle services feeding or distributing riders from the Metro North Railroad. The Bee Line system handles over 29 million passengers annually. The County contracts with three private bus operators to provide service on its fixed routes and contracts with two operators for the paratransit service. Westchester County's, New York City-oriented commuter travel market is served by the Metro North Railroad, discussed in a separate section of this Report, as well as a set of express bus services provided by the Bee Line system.

From 1990 to 2000 Westchester County's population increased $5.5 \%$ while employment remained stable, increasing $1.72 \%$. Population increased throughout the county.

Fixed route Ridership has remained virtually unchanged over the past five years with an

annualized increase of $0.19 \%$ Revenue Vehicle


Miles experienced a slight increase over the five year period with an annualized increase of $.67 \%$. The Westchester county Bee Line System continues to carry more than 100,000 riders each weekday.

Bee Line's fixed route operators are Liberty Lines Transit Inc., which accounts for 98 percent of the passengers carried and approximately 96 percent of

the miles operated; PTLA Enterprises Inc. provides service in the northwestern part of the county and Port

| WESTCHESTER COUNTY 2000 Characteristics | Admin | Fixed Route <br> Motor Bus |  | Paratransit <br> Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers |  | 29,562,528 |  | 161,939 | 29,724,467 |
| Number of Vehicles |  | 348 |  | 54 | 402 |
| Number of Employees | 47 | 707 | - | 12 | 766 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles |  | 8,453,241 |  | 1,829,116 | 10,282,357 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours |  | 704,530 |  | 108,759 | 813,289 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 2,329,691 | 35,928,094 |  | 0 | 38,257,785 |
| Total Operating Expense | 7,345,251 | 66,113,700 |  | 4,130,772 | 77,589,723 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile |  | 7.82 |  | 2.26 | 7.55 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Hour |  | 93.84 | - | 37.98 | 95.40 |
| Rev. Passengers/Rev. Vehicle Mile |  | 3.50 | - | 0.09 | 2.89 |
| Rev Passengers/Rev.Vehicle Hour |  | 41.96 | - | 1.49 | 36.55 |
| Total Operating Revenue/Op. Expense |  | 0.54 | - | 0.00 | 0.49 |
| Operating Expense/Rev.Passenger |  | 2.24 |  | 25.51 | 2.61 |
| Operating Revenue/Rev. Passenger |  | 1.22 |  | 0.00 | 1.29 |

Chester Rye Transit Inc. operates one route between Port Chester and Rye.

The Bee Line system operates a diverse fixed route transit fleet and has done so for two decades. The fleet currently includes 208 standard 40 foot transit buses, 61 articulated buses, used on the heaviest local routes (typically, those serving outlying NYCT subway stations in the Bronx), 36 "Over the Road" Coaches on its express route into Manhattan, and 41 shuttle vans. New 30 foot transit buses are being added to service some of the heavier shuttle routes, that have outgrown the capacity of the shuttle vans. The fleet of articulated buses is being replaced and expanded. The fixed route fleet is comprised of 346 buses, of which 37 percent are accessible.

The county has developed an innovative system of shuttle and regional services, including the "Platinum Mile Shuttles" to the outlying corporate office parks along the Cross Westchester Corridor (I-287) in and near White Plains. The shuttles provide feeder service to both the Metro North Railroad (MNR) and regular Bee Line fixed route services. They are an important transit link enabling commuters, including reverse commuters, to access the corporate parks via transit. The network of regional services is integrated with the county fixed route system at the White Plains "TransCenter" Intermodal Station. They also connect with interRegional services from Connecticut and other counties at the TransCenter.

The total Westchester County transit system operating cost is $\$ 77.6$ million, of which $49.31 \%$ is covered from total operating revenues. This revenue to cost ratio, a measure of "service economy," for Bee Line's fixed route bus system operated at $54 \%$ in
2000. This is a relatively strong performance in the transit industry. It does, however, represents a decline from $65 \%$ in 1996 . There are several reasons for the decrease in the Bee Line's fixed route cover ratio:

- The fare remained constant during this period;
- Operating costs increased, due to increases in salary/wages, fuel, utilities, and insurance. A new contract with the Transport Workers Union (TWU) was agreed upon in March, 2001.
- Increases in use of shuttle and regional services, initiated since 1996. These shuttle and regional services provide an important link to the existing rail and bus services. However, they typically recover a smaller percentage of their operating costs, about 15$20 \%$, because a large percentage of passengers receive free or reduced fare transfers to connecting services, as a result of the Uniticket program.

Overall operating costs from 1999 to 2000 increased above inflation due to increases in fuel, wages, utilities, casualty and liabilities. Over the five year period, however, overall costs increased only slightly above inflation due to wage freezes with the TWU in 1997 and 1998, service cuts in 1998 on a number of less productive routes, and stable fuel prices from 1996 to 1999.

Revenue passengers per vehicle mile, a measure of service effectiveness, remained stable for the Bee Line system over the five year period, because miles

and passengers have remained constant.
The operating expenses per vehicle mile, a measure of service "efficiency," for the Bee Line system decreased $8.7 \%$ in 2000. The decrease in "efficiency" is due to increases in operating expenses while revenue miles decreased $1 \%$ from 1999 to 2000. Over the five year period the efficiency of the system has decreased at an annualized rate of $4.4 \%$. Operating costs have steadily increased over this period while revenue vehicle miles have remained constant, causing a higher cost per mile which drives this indicator downward.

Paratransit Service is provided by Academy Bus Company and Suburban Paratransit Corp. under the supervision and scheduling direction of the County Office for the Disabled, with DOT support. Prior to 1999 this service was supervised by WCDOT. Westchester County operated paratransit to meet the demand for services to the elderly and disabled even prior to the 1990 passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Bee Line Paratransit has seen a $7 \%$ increase in Revenue passengers coinciding with an $11 \%$ increase in revenue vehicle miles. The miles of service increases required to accommodate this growth in ridership demand is nearly twice that of the fixed route system. Demand Responsive paratransit origins/destinations are more dispersed than those

| Westchester <br> County <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total <br> Population | 874,866 | 923,459 | $5.55 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 126,026 | 128,964 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Pop. Under <br> 19 | 212,463 | 250,355 | $17.83 \%$ |
| Westchester <br> County <br> Employment | 398,573 | 405,439 | $1.72 \%$ |
| Manhattan <br> Employment | $2,342,695$ | $2,382,166$ | $1.68 \%$ |
| Bee-Line <br> Fixed Route <br> Ridership | $29,556,828$ | $29,562,528$ | $0.02 \%$ |
| Bee-Line <br> Paratransit <br> Ridership | 96,168 | 161,939 | $68.39 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Bee-Line <br> Fixed Route | $8,447,952$ | $8,453,241$ | $0.06 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Bee-Line <br> Paratransit | $1,034,870$ | $1,829,116$ | $76.75 \%$ |

fixed route riders. Since 1990, the respective changes in ridership and service are $69 \%$ and $77 \%$

Although the cost recovery ratio on paratransit service is much lower than the general fixed route service, this is an important and mandated service component for the mobility of handicapped individuals who can not be transported on the fixed route system.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - WESTCHESTER COUNTY BEE-LINE - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds


Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 36,601,782$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 11,283,651$ |
| Ins | $\$ 1,854,272$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 3,343,135$ |
| Other | $\$ 24,506,883$ |
| Total | $\$ 77,589,723$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Westchester County Beeline - System Total Operations and Performances Statistics

|  | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | $29,488,857$ | $29,675,655$ | $29,940,813$ | $29,573,885$ | $29,724,467$ | $0.51 \%$ | $0.20 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $9,739,416$ | $10,015,102$ | $10,230,254$ | $10,439,529$ | $10,282,357$ | $-1.51 \%$ | $1.37 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 68,656,429$ | $\$ 69,538,236$ | $\$ 72,099,950$ | $\$ 73,719,943$ | $\$ 77,589,723$ | $5.25 \%$ | $3.11 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 35,436,328$ | $\$ 36,724,394$ | $\$ 37,329,622$ | $\$ 37,741,620$ | $\$ 38,257,785$ | $1.37 \%$ | $1.93 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 3.03 | 2.96 | 2.93 | 2.83 | 2.89 | $2.05 \%$ | $-1.15 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 7.05$ | $\$ 6.94$ | $\$ 7.05$ | $\$ 7.06$ | $\$ 7.55$ | $6.86 \%$ | $1.72 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $51.61 \%$ | $52.81 \%$ | $51.77 \%$ | $51.20 \%$ | $49.31 \%$ | $-3.69 \%$ | $-1.14 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |




Westchester County Bee-Line - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit


| Bee-Line <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 98 to 99 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 155,754 | 155,635 | 155,493 | 151,121 | 161,939 | $7.16 \%$ | $0.98 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,509,347$ | $1,528,636$ | $1,566,446$ | $1,648,509$ | $1,829,116$ | $10.96 \%$ | $4.92 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 3,01,745$ | $\$ 3,286,846$ | $\$ 3,321,292$ | $\$ 4,035,638$ | $\$ 4,130,772$ | $2.36 \%$ | $8.22 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | NA $^{*}$ | NA* |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.09 | $-3.42 \%$ | $-3.76 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.00$ | $\$ 2.15$ | $\$ 2.12$ | $\$ 2.45$ | $\$ 2.26$ | $-7.75 \%$ | $3.14 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | NA* | NA* |






## SUFFOLK COUNTY TRANSIT

Department of Public Works - Transportation Division 335 Yaphank Avenue
Yaphank, NY 11980
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Web Site: http://www.sct-bus.org/
State Legislative Districts:
Senate: $\quad 1-5,8$
Assembly: 1-11

Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.50$
Last Increase: $\quad \$ .25$ on $8 / 26 / 91$
Suffolk County Transit (SCT) contracts with 13 private bus operators for fixed route and paratransit services, covering most areas within the county. Suffolk County sponsors and provides the local match to STOA and fully underwrites a portion of the SCT fixed route service, which is referred to as "Purchase of Service" (POS). The County also sponsors additional fixed routes, for which it passes through STOA and some portion local support, but otherwise these services operate at risk. These routes are referred to as "passthrough" services.

In addition, the County sponsors the Huntington Area Rapid Transit (HART) system. HART is a local fixed route and paratransit bus service within the Town limits, operated and underwritten by the Town of Huntington.

Like much of suburban NY metropolitan region, Suffolk County has experienced significant population

and economic growth between 1990 and 2000, with population increasing by 7.4 percent and employment

increasing by 13.5 percent.
Ridership for the SCT fixed route system, which comprised 92 percent of total county ridership in 2000, increased over the ten year period by an annualized rate of 1 percent. The POS services grew at an annualized rate of 1.48 percent while the "pass-through" services declined slightly over this period at an annualized rate

of .87 percent Part of this is explained by a shifting of some services from Pass through to POS.

| SUFFOLK COUNTY <br> 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route Bus "Purchase of Service" | Fixed Route Bus "Pass-Through" | SCT <br> Paratransit | SCT Subtotal | HART <br> Fixed Route | HART <br> Paratransit | Suffolk <br> County <br> Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 3,806,214 | 599,933 | 91,853 | 4,498,000 | 289,958 | 13,975 | 4,801,933 |
| Number of Vehicles | 138 | 34 | 43 | 215 | 12 | 9 | 236 |
| Number of Employees | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 6 | 30 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 5,441,298 | 1,207,763 | 1,418,162 | 8,067,223 | 328,873 | 54,156 | 8,450,252 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 286,081 | 56,262 | 99,302 | 441,645 | 22,363 | 4,746 | 468,754 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 5,020,562 | 1,718,495 | 263,273 | 7,002,330 | 311,860 | 28,442 | 7,342,632 |
| Total Operating Expense | 16,765,506 | 3,669,365 | 3,210,863 | 23,645,734 | 1,970,356 | 521,520 | 26,137,610 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 3.08 | 3.04 | 2.26 | 2.93 | 5.99 | 9.63 | 3.09 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 58.60 | 65.22 | 32.33 | 53.54 | 88.11 | 109.89 | 55.76 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 0.70 | 0.50 | 0.06 | 0.56 | 0.88 | 0.26 | 0.57 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 13.30 | 10.66 | 0.92 | 10.18 | 12.97 | 2.94 | 10.24 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.30 | 0.47 | 0.08 | 0.30 | 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.28 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 4.40 | 6.12 | 34.96 | 5.26 | 6.80 | 37.32 | 5.44 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 1.32 | 2.86 | 2.87 | 1.56 | 1.08 | 2.04 | 1.53 |

Fixed route Suffolk County ridership, excluding HART, peaked in 1998 at 4.528 million and declined to 4.406 million in 2000. SCT ridership growth from 1996 to 2000 nearly matched the ten year trend at .96 percent. From 1999 to 2000 there was a slight decline of 1.24 percent. Essentially, ridership has been stable.

Revenue Miles of service for the SCT fixed route system slightly outpaced the growth in ridership over the ten year period, growing at an annualized rate of 1.89 percent. From 1996 to 2000 however growth in miles slowed to just .17 percent, increasing again in 2000 by 2.54 percent as new services and route changes, described below, were introduced.

SCT paratransit ridership tripled during the 1996-2000 period, from 30,610 to 91,853 . Ridership in 2000 represented a comparable 22.9 percent increase over 1999. This increase in ridership required the SCT paratransit fleet to more than double during over the past five years from 20 to 43 vehicles.

Revenue vehicle miles increased at an annualized rate of 24.3 percent, from 1996 to 2000 , to meet the 31.6 percent annualized increase in demand. Miles also increased in 2000 over 1999, but the positive trend in service effectiveness continued, with a 7.5 percent growth in revenue miles serving a 22.9 percent growth in ridership.

HART Fixed route bus ridership declined from 1990 to 2000 at an annualized rate of 3.95 percent. This decline accelerated from 1996 to 2000 to 4.57 percent from 349,601 in 1996 to 289,958 in 2000. During this period the amount of service, as measured by Revenue Vehicle Miles, remained essentially constant, increasing by an
annualized .63 percent.
In contrast, HART's paratransit ridership almost tripled in the 1996-2000 period, going from 5,272 to 13,916. To help accommodate this increase, the vehicle fleet was increased from 4 to 9 vehicles. Vehicle miles of service likewise increased from 28,243 to 54,156 .

The operating costs for the fixed route services generally increased at the same rate as inflation, the average annual expense increase was 2.8 percent for the 1996-2000 period.

The county has been actively reviewing its service as well as new service opportunities in response to shifting in demographic and employment patterns and changing ridership demand. In 2001, $\$ 800,000$ in matched CMAQ was dedicated to fund a number of service upgrades including:

- Route extensions: Route $\mathbf{S 5 8}$ to Riverhead, S57 to MacArthur Airport, 3D to SUNY Stony Brook, S66/S68 to Suffolk Community College and County Center in Riverhead and the S68 to SIL's Industrial Park;
- Increased frequencies: Routes S33/S57 and S66 to hourly service; S 40 to 30 minute service.

Additional service changes, based on the findings of the Long Island Bus Study, will be instituted as part of a


| Suffolk County <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Total <br> Population | $1,321,864$ | $1,419,369$ | $7.38 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 141,717 | 167,558 | $18.23 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 366,572 | 402,482 | $9.80 \%$ |
| Employment | 509,408 | 578,298 | $13.52 \%$ |
| SCT Fixed <br> Route Ridership | $3,324,914$ | $3,806,214$ | $14.48 \%$ |
| SCT Paratransit <br> Ridership | 0 | 91,853 | NA |
| Pass Through <br> Ridership | 657,656 | 599,933 | $-8.78 \%$ |
| HART <br> Ridership | 502,160 | 303,933 | $-39.47 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> SCT Fixed <br> Route | $4,701,804$ | $5,441,298$ | $15.73 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> SCT Paratransit | 0 | $1,418,162$ | NA |
| Rev. Miles <br> Pass Through | $1,165,379$ | $1,207,763$ | $3.64 \%$ |

to 2000 of 2.3 percent and 4.5 percent respectively.
The ratio of operating revenue to operating costs, a measure of service economy, has declined slightly for the SCT POS services from 32.08 percent to 29.95 percent over the five year period 1996 to 2000, an annualized decline of 1.7 percent. The "pass through" services, experienced a similar 1.5 percent annualized decline, but historically have had a stronger costrecovery rate performance than the POS, ranging from 49.99 percent in 1999 to 46.83 percent in 2000.

SCT paratransit services have improved their cost recovery over the five year period by an annualized 4.4 percent, however the rate of cost recovery for paratransit remains low relative to other modes ranging for 6.9 to 8.2 percent over the period. All of these measures remain essential at the strong end for suburban services of this type.

HART fixed route cost recovery declining by an annualized rate of 1.5 percent ranging from 17.5 to 15.8 percent over this period. HART Paratransit cost recovery improved at an annualized rate of 11.4 percent, ranging from 3.5 to 5.9 percent over the period.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SYSTEM TOTAL - SUFFOLK COUNTY TRANSIT

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 7,316,472$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 9,677,929$ |
| State | $\$ 8,166,238$ |
| Federal | $\$ 562,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 26,160$ |
| Total | $\$ 25,748,799$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 1,602,824$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 506,358$ |
| Ins | $\$ 94,819$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 94,533$ |
| Other | $\$ 23,839,076$ |
| Total | $\$ 26,137,610$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Suffolk County Transit - Total System - Operations and Performance Statistics

| Suffolk County <br> Total Operations | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | $4,903,831$ | $5,190,432$ | $5,243,657$ | $5,139,597$ | $5,084,611$ | $-1.07 \%$ | $0.91 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $7,910,909$ | $7,833,431$ | $8,175,428$ | $8,497,895$ | $8,779,125$ | $3.31 \%$ | $2.64 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 21,266,546$ | $\$ 23,979,842$ | $\$ 23,134,440$ | $\$ 24,087,600$ | $\$ 26,137,610$ | $8.51 \%$ | $5.29 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 6,705,396$ | $\$ 7,172,828$ | $\$ 7,378,260$ | $\$ 7,359,486$ | $\$ 7,342,632$ | $-0.23 \%$ | $2.30 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.62 | 0.66 | 0.64 | 0.60 | 0.58 | $-4.24 \%$ | $-1.68 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.69$ | $\$ 3.06$ | $\$ 2.83$ | $\$ 2.83$ | $\$ 2.98$ | $5.03 \%$ | $2.59 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $31.53 \%$ | $29.91 \%$ | $31.89 \%$ | $30.55 \%$ | $28.09 \%$ | $-8.05 \%$ | $-2.85 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |

Suffolk County
Rev. Passenger per Rev. Vehicle Mile


Suffolk County
Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile


Suffolk County Operating Rev. to Operating Cost


Suffolk County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| Suffolk County <br> Fixed Route | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $3,540,214$ | $3,810,270$ | $3,858,327$ | $3,811,035$ | $3,806,214$ | $-0.13 \%$ | $1.83 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $5,460,171$ | $5,116,370$ | $5,122,837$ | $5,261,149$ | $5,441,298$ | $3.42 \%$ | $-0.09 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 14,571,209$ | $\$ 16,430,474$ | $\$ 14,874,253$ | $\$ 15,403,831$ | $\$ 16,765,506$ | $8.84 \%$ | $3.57 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 4,674,921$ | $\$ 4,994,271$ | $\$ 5,055,067$ | $\$ 5,006,359$ | $\$ 5,020,562$ | $0.28 \%$ | $1.80 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.65 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.72 | 0.70 | $-3.43 \%$ | $1.92 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.67$ | $\$ 3.21$ | $\$ 2.90$ | $\$ 2.93$ | $\$ 3.08$ | $5.24 \%$ | $3.66 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $32.08 \%$ | $30.40 \%$ | $33.99 \%$ | $32.50 \%$ | $29.95 \%$ | $-7.86 \%$ | $-1.71 \%$ |




Suffolk County-Fixed Route Rev. Passenger/Rev. Vehicle Mile




| Suffolk County <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 999 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 30,610 | 45,424 | 60,812 | 74,762 | 91,853 | $22.86 \%$ | $31.62 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 594,979 | 824,865 | $1,117,184$ | $1,319,183$ | $1,418,162$ | $7.50 \%$ | $24.25 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,312,984$ | $\$ 1,710,489$ | $\$ 2,091,649$ | $\$ 2,638,224$ | $\$ 3,210,863$ | $21.71 \%$ | $25.05 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 90,478$ | $\$ 132,579$ | $\$ 176,335$ | $\$ 217,023$ | $\$ 263,273$ | $21.31 \%$ | $30.61 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.06 | $14.29 \%$ | $5.93 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.21$ | $\$ 2.07$ | $\$ 1.87$ | $\$ 2.00$ | $\$ 2.26$ | $13.21 \%$ | $0.64 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $6.89 \%$ | $7.75 \%$ | $8.43 \%$ | $8.23 \%$ | $8.20 \%$ | $-0.32 \%$ | $4.44 \%$ |





Suffolk County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route Pass-Through and Huntington

| Suffolk County <br> FR - Pass Throughs | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 622,993 | 644,895 | 669,380 | 629,606 | 599,933 | $-4.71 \%$ | $-0.94 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,139,443$ | $1,190,507$ | $1,225,558$ | $1,217,157$ | $1,207,763$ | $-0.77 \%$ | $1.47 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 3,208,375$ | $\$ 3,498,304$ | $\$ 3,665,386$ | $\$ 3,563,648$ | $\$ 3,669,365$ | $2.97 \%$ | $3.41 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 1,597,065$ | $\$ 1,690,030$ | $\$ 1,792,366$ | $\$ 1,781,436$ | $\$ 1,718,495$ | $-3.53 \%$ | $1.85 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.55 | 0.54 | 0.55 | 0.52 | 0.50 | $-3.97 \%$ | $-2.37 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.82$ | $\$ 2.94$ | $\$ 2.99$ | $\$ 2.93$ | $\$ 3.04$ | $3.77 \%$ | $1.92 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $49.78 \%$ | $48.31 \%$ | $48.90 \%$ | $49.99 \%$ | $46.83 \%$ | $-6.31 \%$ | $-1.51 \%$ |



| Suffolk County <br> HART - Fixed Route | 1996 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 349,601 | 341,100 | 322,326 | 306,975 | 289,958 | $-5.54 \%$ | $-4.57 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 329,915 | 329,875 | 330,777 | 326,806 | 328,873 | $0.63 \%$ | $-0.08 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,900,900$ | $\$ 1,969,613$ | $\$ 2,057,777$ | $\$ 2,028,485$ | $\$ 1,970,356$ | $-2.87 \%$ | $0.90 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 333,270$ | $\$ 341,047$ | $\$ 329,586$ | $\$ 327,922$ | $\$ 311,860$ | $-4.90 \%$ | $-1.65 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.06 | 1.03 | 0.97 | 0.94 | 0.88 | $-6.14 \%$ | $-4.49 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 5.76$ | $\$ 5.97$ | $\$ 6.22$ | $\$ 6.21$ | $\$ 5.99$ | $-3.48 \%$ | $0.98 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $17.53 \%$ | $17.32 \%$ | $16.02 \%$ | $16.17 \%$ | $15.83 \%$ | $-2.09 \%$ | $-2.52 \%$ |






Suffolk County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Huntington Paratransit

| Suffolk County <br> HART - Paratransit | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 10,812 | 7,643 | 10,486 | 10,244 | 13,975 | 36.42\% | 6.63\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 56,486 | 41,939 | 48,295 | 46,794 | 54,156 | 15.73\% | -1.05\% |
| Op. Cost | \$273,078 | \$370,962 | \$445,375 | \$453,412 | \$521,520 | 15.02\% | 17.56\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$9,662 | \$14,901 | \$24,906 | \$26,746 | \$28,442 | 6.34\% | 30.99\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 17.88\% | 7.75\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$4.83 | \$8.85 | \$9.22 | \$9.69 | \$9.63 | -0.61\% | 18.80\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 3.54\% | 4.02\% | 5.59\% | 5.90\% | 5.45\% | -7.55\% | 11.42\% |







## ROCKLAND COUNTY

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| State Legislative | Districts: |
| :--- | :--- |
| Senate: | 38 |
| Assembly: | $92-94$ |


| Base Fare (TOR): | $\$ .90$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Last Increase: | $\$ .30$ in May 1996 |

Public Transportation, supported by STOA, in Rockland County is comprised of five distinctly different services, provided in a variety of institutional and market settings. The range of services include local services within towns and within the County, and commuter services to Westchester County and to Manhattan. Each of these five service categories will be described below.

Transport of Rockland (TOR): Rockland County contracts with two private operators to provide fixed route bus service under the name Transport of Rockland (TOR). The Fixed Route operators are Rockland Coaches and Hudson Transit, both subsidiaries of Coach, USA. The countywide complementary paratransit service, TRIPS, discussed below, is operated directly by the County.

STOA eligible TOR passengers on Fixed Route increased 5\% from 1999 to 2000, over the five year period from 1996 to 2000 there was an $7.6 \%$ annualized

increase in ridership. This consistent increase in ridership is largely due to the increase in Rockland


County's population, employment, as well as service improvements and the maintenance of stable fares. From 1990 to 2000, Rockland County's population increased by $8 \%$ and its employment increased by 7.2 percent. These gains are mostly in the southwestern part of the County.

This increase in passengers for the TOR System helped boost passenger revenues by $5 \%$ from 1999 to 2000 and by $2.9 \%$ annualized from 1996 to 2000.


TOR's cost recovery ratio, a measure of system

economy is $16.46 \%$, somewhat low for a second tier suburban system. However, this is caused to a large degree by very reasonable and stable fare levels, supported in turn, by the County's use of funds it receives from MTA pursuant to an agreement from the 1980's.

This revenue increase coupled with a small increase in operating expenses caused the cost recovery ratio to increase $3.6 \%$ in 2000 . Over the five year period the cost recovery ratio went down at an annualized rate of $3 \%$.

The efficiency of the TOR fixed route system, as measured by cost per revenue vehicle mile, decreased from 1999 to 2000. The cost per mile increased from $\$ 4.62$ to $\$ 4.67$, a $1.17 \%$ increase. This change in efficiency is due to operating costs increasing at a greater rate than revenue vehicle miles Over the five year period from 1996 to 2000 the cost per mile was fairly stable, decreasing at an annualized rate of $0.93 \%$.

The effectiveness of the fixed route system increased nearly $5 \%$ over 1999 because of a greater increase in ridership in proportion to revenue miles. Over the five year period, service effectiveness increased at an annualized rate of $2.5 \%$.

Tappan Zee Express: Rockland County contracts with the two private operators that provide fixed route service for TOR, to provide service for the five suburban commuter bus routes, known as the Tappan Zee Express. These services were recently consolidated on April 1, 2001 to provide for a more efficient and
effective operation. TZX 2, 3 and 5 are now feeder shuttles to the TZX 1 and 4 that cross the Tappan Zee Bridge to serve Tarrytown and White Plains.

The new consolidated service serves the following areas:

- Tappan Zee Express 1 - Spring Valley Railroad Station to the Metro North Railroad station in Tarrytown and terminating at the White Plains TransCenter.
- TZX 2 - The North Rockland Shuttle from the 9W Park and Ride in Stony Point to Palisades Center.
- TZX 3 - The New City Shuttle from New City to Palisades Center.
- TZX 4 - The Cross Rockland Express from Suffern to Palisades Center, Nyack and terminating at the White Plains TransCenter.
- TZX 5 The Spring Valley Shuttle from Old Nyack to the Spring Valley Sation.

The bulk of the ridership of all the TZX services is on the TZX 1 which carries $85 \%$ of the revenue passengers and accounts for $84 \%$ of the total revenue. The cost recovery ratio on the TZX 1 is $14.5 \%$ Costs have increased at a greater rate than expenses in 2000 causing the cover ratio to decrease slightly. The low cost recovery ratio of these services is due to extremely high competition from the private automobile as well as a very low fare structure for commuter express services

using Over-the-Road Coaches.
The objective of the service consolidation is to reduce the number of trips across the Hudson River to Westchester, increase the occupancy of services, and provide faster more direct services. By using a transfer point at Palisades Center, having shuttle feeder buses, and having buses to White Plains operate directly without a stop at the Tarrytown MNR station, this service has been reoriented to provide better service at lower cost. Preliminary operating results are very promising.

TRIPS: This system is the county run paratransit service. Ridership increases for the TRIPS system has outpaced the ridership increases of the TOR system. Since the origins/destinations of people using the TRIPS system is more dispersed, the level of service increases necessitated to sustain this ridership growth is nearly twice that of the fixed route system. Although the cost recovery ratio on paratransit service is lower than the general fixed route services this is an important component of the services offered for the mobility of handicapped individuals who can not be transported on

| Rockland County Service Area | 1990 | 2000 | \% <br> Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Population | 265,475 | 286,753 | 8.02\% |
| Pop. Over 65 | 26,871 | 33,853 | 25.98\% |
| Pop. Under 19 | 76,338 | 87,339 | 14.41\% |
| Rockland Employment | 99,182 | 106,358 | 7.24\% |
| Manhattan Employment | 2,342,695 | 2,382,166 | 1.68\% |
| Commuter Bus Ridership | 2,679,313 | 2,734,974 | 2.08\% |
| Tappan Zee Exp. Ridership* | 117,109 | 237,238 | 102.58\% |
| TOR Ridership | 1,005,151 | 1,605,808 | 59.76\% |
| TRIPS Ridership | 31,737 | 54,471 | 71.63\% |
| Municipal Bus Ridership | 286,870 | 258,375 | -9.93\% |
| Rev. Miles Commuter Bus | 4,093,706 | 5,042,847 | 23.19\% |
| Rev. Miles <br> Tappan Zee Exp.* | 193,774 | 242,837 | 25.32\% |
| Rev. Miles TOR | 898,947 | 1,129,461 | 25.64\% |
| Rev. Miles TRIPS | 173,956 | 358,033 | 105.82\% |

* Total includes only TZ1. Other TZ services do not report statistics for STOA payment
the fixed route system.
The Rockland County STOA (State Transportation Operating Assistance) program also includes a series of Pass Through Services, these pass through systems include public transit systems and private systems, which do not receive County financial support. NYSDOT STOA is passed through to the systems from Rockland County.

Municipal Bus "Pass-Through" Systems: The pass through public transit systems ("Municipal Pass Throughs") are operated by the towns of Clarkstown and Spring Valley. The towns provide additional financial support for these systems. The Spring Valley

Jitney and Clarkstown Mini Trans comprise 5.2\% of the passengers and $6.3 \%$ of the revenue vehicle miles in proportion to the Grand Total Rockland County Systems.

The Operating Ratio of these public transit systems was $7.3 \%$ for 2000 versus $10.8 \%$ for 1999. STOA eligible revenue passengers decreased 13.3 \% from 1999 to 2000. The decrease in the Operating Ratio is attributable to the decrease in revenues and increases in expenses such as salary, wages and fuel. There was a decrease in "efficiency" for the Muncipal Pass throughs due to an increase in operating costs that corresponded with a decrease in revenue miles, equating to a $12.9 \%$ increase in cost per mile. The five year data shows STOA Eligible Revenue Passengers decreasing at an annualized rate of $4.7 \%$.

Commuter Bus: The "pass-through" Commuter Bus services include, Rockland Coaches, Leisure Lines, Monsey Trails and Kaser Bus. The first two of these are part of Coach USA. These two operators and Monsey run commuter services to Manhattan. Kaser runs from its named community to Kiamesha Lake, NY.

The private pass-through systems generate $55 \%$ of the STOA eligible passengers and $67 \%$ of the STOA eligible revenue vehicle miles of the Rockland County system. Revenues increased $7.5 \%$ while expenses increased only $2.9 \%$ causing the Operating Ratio of these pass-through systems to improve 4 percent. In 2000 the cover ratio was $85 \%$ an increase from $81 \%$ in 1999. These services maintain a higher operating ratio, the highest observed in the STOA Program, because of the high demand in Rockland County for commuter services to Manhattan. This is an important component of the Rockland County Transportation System because of the efficiency of moving passengers and meeting the demands of the commuters on a daily basis. These are efficient services run without local operating assistance.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - ROCKLAND COUNTY TRANSIT - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 21,744,155$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 4,907,591$ |
| State | $\$ 7,185,937$ |
| Federal | $\$ 2,505,671$ |
| Other | $\$ 2,143,344$ |
| Total | $\$ 38,486,698$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 14,280,592$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 4,196,695$ |
| Ins | $\$ 1,109,727$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 2,251,640$ |
| Other | $\$ 15,338,564$ |
| Total | $\$ 37,177,218$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Rockland County Transit - Total System - Operations and Performance Statistics

| Rockland <br> Operations | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | $4,376,818$ | $4,327,584$ | $4,570,139$ | $4,817,591$ | $4,930,080$ | $2.33 \%$ | $3.02 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $6,344,471$ | $6,515,422$ | $6,916,972$ | $7,215,753$ | $7,460,142$ | $3.39 \%$ | $4.13 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 27,738,789$ | $\$ 31,073,416$ | $\$ 33,451,339$ | $\$ 35,848,202$ | $\$ 37,177,218$ | $3.71 \%$ | $7.60 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 20,118,882$ | $\$ 20,237,753$ | $\$ 20,687,263$ | $\$ 21,577,568$ | $\$ 23,116,973$ | $7.13 \%$ | $3.53 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mil |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 4.69$ | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.67 | 0.66 | $-1.02 \%$ | $-1.07 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $72.53 \%$ | $65.13 \%$ | $61.84 \%$ | $60.19 \%$ | $62.18 \%$ | $3.30 \%$ | $-3.78 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |





## Rockland County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| Transport of Rockland Fixed-Route | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | \% Change 99 to 00 | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 1,194,515 | 1,214,192 | 1,437,951 | 1,527,419 | 1,605,808 | 5.13\% | 7.68\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 925,725 | 952,049 | 1,092,581 | 1,126,278 | 1,129,461 | 0.28\% | 5.10\% |
| Op. Cost | \$4,168,992 | \$4,394,976 | \$4,802,692 | \$5,203,106 | \$5,279,031 | 1.46\% | 6.08\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$774,989 | \$816,002 | \$766,807 | \$826,731 | \$868,899 | 5.10\% | 2.90\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.29 | 1.28 | 1.32 | 1.36 | 1.42 | 4.84\% | 2.45\% |
| Op Cost/Rev. Mile | \$4.50 | \$4.62 | \$4.40 | \$4.62 | \$4.67 | 1.17\% | 0.93\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 18.59\% | 18.57\% | 15.97\% | 15.89\% | 16.46\% | 3.59\% | -3.00\% |
|  | Transport of Roc Revenue Passen $\qquad$ | land <br> ers |  |  | sport of Rockla enue Vehicle Mi |  |  |




| TRIPS <br> Paratransit | 1996 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 38,767 | 43,099 | 48,809 | 50,027 | 54,471 | $8.88 \%$ | $8.87 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 199,548 | 235,217 | 293,803 | 333,901 | 358,033 | $7.23 \%$ | $15.74 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 917,931$ | $\$ 1,016,038$ | $\$ 955,125$ | $\$ 1,142,764$ | $\$ 1,486,256$ | $30.06 \%$ | $12.80 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 31,764$ | $\$ 34,796$ | $\$ 38,054$ | $\$ 36,166$ | $\$ 41,943$ | $15.97 \%$ | $7.20 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.15 | 0.15 | $1.54 \%$ | $-5.93 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 4.60$ | $\$ 4.32$ | $\$ 3.25$ | $\$ 3.42$ | $\$ 4.15$ | $21.29 \%$ | $-2.53 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $3.46 \%$ | $3.42 \%$ | $3.98 \%$ | $3.16 \%$ | $2.82 \%$ | $-10.83 \%$ | $-4.97 \%$ |







Rockland County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Tapanzee Express and Municpal Bus

| Tappanzee Express | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 232,332 | 237,072 | 247,767 | 253,531 | 276,452 | $9.04 \%$ | $4.44 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 241,150 | 334,163 | 471,824 | 476,918 | 475,676 | $-0.26 \%$ | $18.51 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,100,769$ | $\$ 1,915,727$ | $\$ 3,019,432$ | $\$ 3,056,029$ | $\$ 3,164,994$ | $3.57 \%$ | $30.22 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 189,582$ | $\$ 194,280$ | $\$ 204,153$ | $\$ 208,858$ | $\$ 214,112$ | $2.52 \%$ | $3.09 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.96 | 0.71 | 0.53 | 0.53 | 0.58 | $9.33 \%$ | $-11.87 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 4.56$ | $\$ 5.73$ | $\$ 6.40$ | $\$ 6.41$ | $\$ 6.65$ | $3.84 \%$ | $9.88 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $17.22 \%$ | $10.14 \%$ | $6.76 \%$ | $6.83 \%$ | $6.77 \%$ | $-1.01 \%$ | $-20.83 \%$ |






| Rockland <br> Municipal Bus | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 313,815 | 318,053 | 279,399 | 298,204 | 258,375 | $-13.36 \%$ | $-4.74 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 476,676 | 502,043 | 489,541 | 489,335 | 454,125 | $-7.20 \%$ | $-1.20 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,371,250$ | $\$ 1,477,829$ | $\$ 1,414,820$ | $\$ 1,438,757$ | $\$ 1,507,460$ | $4.78 \%$ | $2.40 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 153,705$ | $\$ 180,636$ | $\$ 154,288$ | $\$ 155,919$ | $\$ 109,989$ | $-29.46 \%$ | $-8.03 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.66 | 0.63 | 0.57 | 0.61 | 0.57 | $-6.64 \%$ | $-3.58 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.88$ | $\$ 2.94$ | $\$ 2.89$ | $\$ 2.94$ | $\$ 3.32$ | $12.90 \%$ | $3.64 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $11.21 \%$ | $12.22 \%$ | $10.91 \%$ | $10.84 \%$ | $7.30 \%$ | $-32.67 \%$ | $-10.18 \%$ |





Rockland County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Commuter Bus

| Commuter Bus <br> Pass-Through | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $2,597,389$ | $2,515,168$ | $2,556,213$ | $2,688,410$ | $2,734,974$ | $1.73 \%$ | $1.30 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $4,501,372$ | $4,491,950$ | $4,569,223$ | $4,789,321$ | $5,042,847$ | $5.29 \%$ | $2.88 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 20,179,847$ | $\$ 22,268,846$ | $\$ 23,259,270$ | $\$ 25,007,546$ | $\$ 25,739,477$ | $2.93 \%$ | $6.27 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 18,968,842$ | $\$ 19,012,039$ | $\$ 19,523,961$ | $\$ 20,349,894$ | $\$ 21,882,030$ | $7.53 \%$ | $3.64 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.58 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.54 | $-3.38 \%$ | $-1.54 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 4.48$ | $\$ 4.96$ | $\$ 5.09$ | $\$ 5.22$ | $\$ 5.10$ | $-2.25 \%$ | $3.30 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $94.00 \%$ | $85.38 \%$ | $83.94 \%$ | $81.38 \%$ | $85.01 \%$ | $4.47 \%$ | $-2.48 \%$ |







## DUTCHESS COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM

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State Legislative Districts:
Senate: 37,41
Assembly: 91,96,97, 99
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Base Fare: } & \$ .75 \\ \text { Last Increase: } & 1993\end{array}$
Dutchess County contracts with two private operators to provide transit service: Progressive Transportation Services, provides service within the County, as the Dutchess County "LOOP" and Leprechaun Lines is a "pass-through" STOA operator that provides commuter service on an inter-county basis. In Dutchess County, the City of Poughkeepsie also operates a fixed route bus system within the City limits. This section will describe the City Bus system trends in addition to those services that are sponsored by Dutchess County. MTA Metro North Railroad service is also available in the County and is discussed in a separate Section

County population increased 7.97 percent from 1990 to 2000 while employment decreased 6.1 percent over the same period.

Fixed Route Service: Dutchess County LOOP, services the western part of the County, which primarily has the small urban areas located along the


Hudson River. Another component of the LOOP

system is the Commuter Train Connection which serves 3 Dutchess County Metro North Stations: City of Poughkeepsie, Beacon and New Hamburg. This is an important service of the LOOP system that accommodates commuters going into Manhattan. The STOA-eligible passengers and vehicle miles of the Commuter Train Connection are included within the Fixed Route LOOP system totals in this report.

In 2000 the LOOP fixed route service accounted for

$86 \%$ percent of the 760,054 total system passengers

| DUTCHESS COUNTY <br> 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Rural Service | Dutchess County Total | Poughkeepsie Bus |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 656,631 | 29,324 | 74,099 | 760,054 | 407,509 |
| Number of Vehicles | 30 | 10 | 12 | 52 | 6 |
| Number of Employees | 41 | 15 | 19 | 75 | 12 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 1,168,904 | 151,841 | 256,952 | 1,577,697 | 221,212 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 51,952 | 10,557 | 11,553 | 74,062 | 21,038 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 1,417,735 | 454,441 | 1,839,244 | 3,711,420 | 228,427 |
| Total Operating Expense | 2,289,071 | 585,638 | 3,068,457 | 5,943,166 | 1,009,524 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.96 | 3.86 | 11.94 | 3.77 | 4.56 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 44.06 | 55.47 | 265.60 | 80.25 | 47.99 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 0.56 | 0.19 | 0.29 | 0.48 | 1.94 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 12.64 | 2.78 | 6.41 | 10.26 | 20.38 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.62 | 0.78 | 0.60 | 0.62 | 0.23 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 3.49 | 19.97 | 41.41 | 7.82 | 2.35 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 2.16 | 15.50 | 24.82 | 4.88 | 0.53 |

carried, and 74 percent of the total STOA Eligible Miles operated

Over the five year period, 1996 to 2000, ridership increased at an annualized rate of 3.2 percent. However, in 2000 ridership declined by 4 percent over 1999.

Revenue vehicle miles of service rose at an annualized rate of 4.6 percent from 1996 to 2000, increasing in 2000 by 4.5 percent, in line with the longer term trend.

As a result of the revenue miles of service rising at a more rapid rate than the number of revenue passengers, the passengers per revenue mile on the LOOP system, declined over the five year period at an annualized rate of 1.38 percent.

Operating Revenues increased 9.76 percent from 1999 to 2000 and have increased significantly over the 5 year period with a 15.64 percent annualized increase. Costs for the LOOP Fixed Route Service have increased .98 percent from 1999 to 2000 and over the 5 year period, costs increased only .39 percent at an annualized rate.

The percentage of operating costs covered by operating revenues, a measure of service economy, increased for the LOOP system in 2000 to 61.9 percent because operating revenues increased at a greater rate than operating costs. The major influence on the Operating Ratio for Dutchess County is the contract service for Medicaid Passengers. This is partly attributable to the increase in population over 65 increasing 18 percent from 1990 to 2000.

Operating costs per revenue vehicle miles, a measure of service efficiency improved due to revenue vehicle miles increasing 4.5 percent while costs only increased .98 percent.

Paratransit: Paratransit service in Dutchess County is provided for transportation of eligible elderly and disabled residents in accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act. Dutchess County Paratransit accounts for 3.8 percent of the total passengers carried with 29,324 STOA Revenue Passengers for 2000. From 1996 to 1999 the demand for these services had remained stable but 2000 experienced a 13.72 percent decrease in ridership from 1999 while revenue Vehicle Miles decreased 18.74 percent. Operating Revenue increased 9.6 percent from 1999 to 2000 with a five year increase annualized at 19.3 percent.

The County's Rural Dial-a-Ride services primarily serves the non-urbanized eastern portions of Dutchess county. Ridership for Rural Dial-A-Ride has increased over the 1996-1999 period from 58,293 in 1996 to 80,031 in 1999. In 2000, however, ridership decreased by of 7.4 percent over 1999 levels.

Operating Revenues and Operating Expenses for these services have had significant increases over the five year period. Operating Revenues were $\$ 150,974$ in 1996 and $\$ 1,839,244$ in 2000 increasing at an annualized rate of 86.82 percent. Operating Expenses increased from $\$ 740,175$ in 1996 to $\$ 3,068,457$ in 2000 at an annualized rate of 42.69 percent. The major influence on these increases in revenue and

expenses, is the contract service for Medicaid Passengers.

Commuter Bus: Leprechaun Lines provides intercounty service between Poughkeepsie and White Plains, Westchester County and from Orange County to the Metro North Railroad Station in Beacon, NY. Operating and performance statistics have not been reported consistently across the five year period and are not included in the County totals as a result. However statistics reported for STOA formula payment indicate that ridership on these services has increased from 19,615 riders in 1996 to 71,077 riders in 2000. Revenue miles of service over this period increased from 164,960 miles in 1996 to 404,708 miles in 2000.

## City of Poughkeepsie Bus System

The City of Poughkeepsie provides fixed route bus service within the City limits and contracts with Progressive Transportation Services Inc. to provide administrative support. The City of Poughkeepsie's Fixed Route Fleet is 100 percent ADA accessible.

| Dutchess County <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 259,462 | 280,150 | $7.97 \%$ |
| Population of City <br> of Poughkeepsie | 28,844 | 29,871 | $3.56 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 25,113 | 29,634 | $18.00 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 63,260 | 70,763 | $11.86 \%$ |
| Employment | 117,084 | 109,949 | $-6.09 \%$ |
| Loop Ridership | 511,250 | 607,200 | $18.77 \%$ |
| Dial-a-Ride <br> Ridership | 33,058 | 29,324 | $-11.30 \%$ |
| Commuter Bus <br> Ridership | 2,978 | 71,077 | $2286.74 \%$ |
| Commuter Train <br> Connection <br> Ridership | 0 | 275,810 | 221,212 |

Revenue passengers on the City of Poughkeepsie Bus system declined from 1999 to 2000 by 2.69 percent, and over the five year period of 1996 to 2000 by an annualized rate of 1.2 percent.

Although population increased in the City of Poughkeepsie by 3.56 percent from 1990 to 2000, ridership declined at a annualized rate of 1.57 percent. The decline in ridership likely reflects a reduction in the amount service provided. Revenue vehicle miles of service declined more steeply than ridership over the ten year period by an annualized rate of 1.98 percent.

Over the five year period 1996 to 2000 revenue vehicle miles also declined more dramatically than ridership, at annualized rate of 3.9 percent.



Revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of service effectiveness, actually improved at an annualized rate of 2.8 percent over the five years as a result of the reduction in miles outpacing the decline in ridership.

Cost per revenue vehicle mile increased over the five year time frame by 2.74 percent, which is only slightly above the inflation rate for the period of 2.35 percent. The operating revenue to operating cost ratio improved slightly over the five years, by 2.75 annualized percent, ranging from 20.3 percent in 1996 to a high 23.66 in 1998.

Dutchess County and the City of Poughkeepsie coordinate the utilization of paratransit vehicles to achieve better service for the riders while keeping costs down.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - DUTCHESS COUNTY - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 758,561$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 371,896$ |
| State | $\$ 1,424,452$ |
| Federal | $\$ 435,400$ |
| Other | $\$ 2,952,859$ |
| Total | $\$ 5,943,168$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 2,126,703$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 483,771$ |
| Insurance | $\$ 48,019$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 238,040$ |
| Other | $\$ 3,046,633$ |
| Total | $\$ 5,943,166$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Dutchess County Transit - System Total - Operations and Performance Statistics

| Operations | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | 672,550 | 758,387 | 774,854 | 798,250 | 760,054 | -4.78\% | 3.11\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,395,490 | 1,463,168 | 1,628,495 | 1,646,136 | 1,577,697 | -4.16\% | 3.12\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | \$3,466,869 | \$3,383,803 | \$3,726,407 | \$5,498,545 | \$5,943,166 | 8.09\% | 14.42\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$1,167,734 | \$2,449,503 | \$3,176,561 | \$3,307,025 | \$3,711,420 | 12.23\% | 33.52\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.48 | 0.48 | 0.48 | -0.65\% | -0.01\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$2.48 | \$2.31 | \$2.29 | \$3.34 | \$3.77 | 12.77\% | 10.97\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 33.68\% | 72.39\% | 85.24\% | 60.14\% | 62.45\% | 3.83\% | 16.69\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 156.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 3.85\% |




Dutchess County
Operating Rev. to Operating Cost


| Dutchess County <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 578,624 | 647,001 | 663,965 | 684,231 | 656,631 | $-4.03 \%$ | $3.21 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 974,531 | 994,585 | $1,107,377$ | $1,118,318$ | $1,168,904$ | $4.52 \%$ | $4.65 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 2,253,466$ | $\$ 2,159,800$ | $\$ 2,433,072$ | $\$ 2,266,816$ | $\$ 2,289,071$ | $0.98 \%$ | $0.39 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 792,781$ | $\$ 902,847$ | $\$ 1,065,020$ | $\$ 1,291,624$ | $\$ 1,417,735$ | $9.76 \%$ | $15.64 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.59 | 0.65 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.56 | $-8.19 \%$ | $-1.38 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.31$ | $\$ 2.17$ | $\$ 2.20$ | $\$ 2.03$ | $\$ 1.96$ | $-3.39 \%$ | $-4.07 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $35.18 \%$ | $41.80 \%$ | $43.77 \%$ | $56.98 \%$ | $61.93 \%$ | $8.70 \%$ | $15.19 \%$ |







| Dutchess County <br> Paratransit | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 35,633 | 34,959 | 33,152 | 33,988 | 29,324 | $-13.72 \%$ | $-4.75 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 163,281 | 163,411 | 184,391 | 186,859 | 151,841 | $-18.74 \%$ | $-1.80 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 473,228$ | $\$ 556,822$ | $\$ 618,862$ | $\$ 585,675$ | $\$ 585,638$ | $-0.01 \%$ | $5.47 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 223,979$ | $\$ 332,283$ | $\$ 407,073$ | $\$ 414,402$ | $\$ 454,441$ | $9.66 \%$ | $19.35 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.19 | $6.18 \%$ | $-3.01 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.90$ | $\$ 3.41$ | $\$ 3.36$ | $\$ 3.13$ | $\$ 3.86$ | $23.05 \%$ | $7.41 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $47.33 \%$ | $59.67 \%$ | $65.78 \%$ | $70.76 \%$ | $77.60 \%$ | $9.67 \%$ | $13.16 \%$ |

Dutchess County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Rural Demand Responsive

| Dutchess County <br> Rural DR | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 58,293 | 76,427 | 77,737 | 80,031 | 74,099 | $-7.41 \%$ | $6.18 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 257,678 | 305,172 | 336,727 | 340,959 | 256,952 | $-24.64 \%$ | $-0.07 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 740,175$ | $\$ 2,032,663$ | $\$ 2,433,054$ | $\$ 2,646,054$ | $\$ 3,068,457$ | $15.96 \%$ | $42.69 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 150,974$ | $\$ 1,214,373$ | $\$ 1,704,468$ | $\$ 1,600,999$ | $\$ 1,839,244$ | $14.88 \%$ | $86.82 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.23 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.23 | 0.29 | $22.86 \%$ | $6.26 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.87$ | $\$ 6.66$ | $\$ 7.23$ | $\$ 7.76$ | $\$ 11.94$ | $53.88 \%$ | $42.79 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $20.40 \%$ | $59.74 \%$ | $70.05 \%$ | $60.51 \%$ | $59.94 \%$ | $-0.93 \%$ | $30.93 \%$ |







Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 228,427$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 194,234$ |
| State | $\$ 334,863$ |
| Federal | $\$ 252,000$ |
| Other | $\$ 0$ |
| Total | $\$ 1,009,524$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses


Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


City of Poughkeepsie Bus System - Operations and Performance Statistics

|  | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | 427,371 | 441,069 | 443,383 | 418,794 | 407,509 | $-2.69 \%$ | $-1.18 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 259,336 | 263,950 | 275,590 | 243,255 | 221,212 | $-9.06 \%$ | $-3.90 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 1,062,323$ | $\$ 995,612$ | $\$ 1,043,643$ | $\$ 1,071,523$ | $\$ 1,009,524$ | $-5.79 \%$ | $-1.27 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 215,688$ | $\$ 219,282$ | $\$ 246,976$ | $\$ 251,376$ | $\$ 228,427$ | $-9.13 \%$ | $1.44 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.65 | 1.67 | 1.61 | 1.72 | 1.84 | $7.00 \%$ | $2.82 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 4.10$ | $\$ 3.77$ | $\$ 3.79$ | $\$ 4.40$ | $\$ 4.56$ | $3.60 \%$ | $2.74 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $20.30 \%$ | $22.02 \%$ | $23.66 \%$ | $23.46 \%$ | $22.63 \%$ | $-3.55 \%$ | $2.75 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |



## ORANGE COUNTY

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM
Orange County Planning Department
124 Main Street
Goshen, NY 10924
(845) 291-2318

> State Legislative Districts: Senate: Assembly: $38-40$ $94-96,98$

Base Fare (Fixed Route): $\$ 1.50$
Last Increase: \$ . 25 11/12/95

Orange County is served by and sponsors some 20 individual transit operators. The services that these operators provide can be divided into four categories: Commuter Bus; Fixed Route; Rural Dial-A-Bus; and, Paratransit services.

Commuter Bus services typically provide service between Orange County and New York City, although some relatively minor services to adjacent counties also fall into this category. Fixed Route bus services are operated in small urban areas, such as the City of Newburgh and Middletown. Rural Dial-A-Bus services are non-traditional operations, primarily serve the non-urbanized portions of the county. Paratransit services, for eligible elderly and disabled residents in accordance to the American Disabilities Act, are provided on a complementary basis to the portions of the County that are covered by Fixed Route service.

Orange County does not have a unified county wide

transit system. The Fixed Route and Dial-A-Ride services function within their respective Towns and


Cities, with connections to adjacent municipalities in some instances. Commuter Services, likewise, typically do not provide inter-municipal service. Short Line, an intercity carrier, provides significant local intermunicipal service, but not to all communities.

The County's population rose almost 11 percent between 1990 and 2000 and county employment has likewise risen by almost 14 percent. Total ridership for transit services in Orange County, not counting the commuter rail service provided by MetroNorth Railroad, has increased at an annualized rate of 3.1 percent from 1996 to 2000, reflecting the strong

economic conditions in the region.

| ORANGE COUNTY <br> 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route <br> Motor Bus |  | Paratransit Service |  | Rural D.A.B |  | Commuter Bus Service |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 283,152 | - | 4,275 |  | 107,049 |  | 460,419 |  | 854,895 |
| Number of Vehicles | 15 | - | 4 | - | 27 | - | 39 |  | 85 |
| Number of Employees | 15 |  | 0 |  | 26 |  | 77 |  | 118 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 280,814 |  | 15,103 |  | 448,814 |  | 1,342,609 |  | 2,087,340 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 16,050 |  | NA |  | 38,974 |  | 28,688 |  | 83,712 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 282,791 | - | 8,550 |  | 114,194 | - | 6,065,219 |  | 6,470,754 |
| Total Operating Expense | 948,722 |  | 161,016 |  | 1,026,924 |  | 8,532,533 |  | 10,669,195 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 3.38 | - | 10.66 | - | 2.29 | - | 6.36 |  | 5.11 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 59.11 |  | NA |  | 26.35 |  | 297.43 |  | 127.45 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.01 | - | 0.28 | - | 0.24 | - | 0.34 | - | 0.41 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 17.64 |  | NA | - | 2.75 | - | 16.05 | - | 10.21 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.30 | - | 0.05 | - | 0.11 | - | 0.71 | - | 0.61 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 3.35 | . | 37.66 |  | 9.59 | . | 18.53 | - | 12.48 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 1.00 |  | 2.00 |  | 1.07 |  | 13.17 |  | 7.57 |

Commuter Bus Services: These services carry the majority of the county's transit riders. The largest commuter carrier, Hudson Transit d/b/a Shortline, is not sponsored by Orange County but contracts directly with New York State DOT for state operating subsidies through the State's Intercity (" $14-\mathrm{g}$ ") program. The largest of Orange County-sponsored New York City commuter carriers are Monroe Bus and New Jersey Transit.

In 2000, Commuter Bus services accounted for almost 54 percent of the county's 854,895 passengers. These services have shown significant growth over the past 5 years as ridership has risen at an annualized rate of 9.19 percent (from 323,880 in 1996 to 460,419 in 2000).

The revenue miles of service have, likewise, expanded dramatically over the 1996-2000 period, rising at an annualized rate of 12.58 percent from 835,672 to $1,342,609$. This growth in ridership and amount of service is largely the result of the continued strength economy in New York City and the surrounding area.

The ratio of operating revenues to operating costs for these services has decreased over the five year period from 94 percent of the expenses in 1996 to 71 percent in 2000 . While this trend equates to an annualized 6.78 percent decline, the cost recovery in this range is a very strong performance relative to most subsidized transit modes. Most of the Commuter Services are operated by at risk private for profit providers using Over-the-Road Coaches with the exception being, two important routes, operated by New Jersey Transit to the Warwick/Greenwood Lake area, and supported by New York State.

Commuter services receive no local subsidy. Orange County receives STOA payments based on the operating statistics of these services and they are "passed through" to the operators. Where a local match to the STOA is required for these services, the operators themselves contribute the required funds to the county.

Fixed Route Services: Fixed Route services in 2000 accounted for 281,714 or 33 percent of the county's total passengers. Unlike the Commuter Services, Fixed Route passengers have declined over the past five years, at an annualized rate of 2.47 percent with ridership dropping from 312,881 in 1996. The decline in ridership has occurred even though the amount of service (i.e. Revenue Vehicle Miles) has remained nearly constant. Operating costs continue to rise at a rate that is more than double inflation for the five year period.

Fixed Route services have historically been heavily subsidized and the "coverage" of their expenses by passenger revenues has accordingly been significantly lower than the Commuter Services. The ratio of passenger revenues to expenses declined from 39 percent in 1996 to almost 30 percent in 2000. These Fixed Route services are provided by two at risk private for profit companies.

Rural Dial-A-Bus: These nine municipal run systems are advance reservation demand responsive services that pick riders up at their homes or other origins. Ridership for Rural Dial-A-Bus services has declined over the 1996-2000 period, at an annualized rate of 2.6 percent, from a high of 121,083 in 1997 to 107,049 in

2000. Ridership for these services currently represents 12.5 percent of the county sponsored service total.

Expenses for these services have generally risen at a rate commensurate with inflation. As with most rural services, there is a high need for subsidization: passenger revenues cover only 11-12 percent of operating expenses during the 1996-2000 period. Each of these systems are operated by their respective towns, which provide the necessary local subsidy to match STOA.

Paratransit: Complementary Paratransit services were started in 1996. The ridership for these services is currently 4,275 which represents about .5 percent of the county's transit ridership. As these services have become established, usage has grown dramatically, with a 43.5 percent increase between 1999 and 2000. Revenue miles rose by a substantial 66.98 percent from 1999 to 2000.

Operating costs, though, appear to have stabilized: they changed less than 1 percent between 1999 and 2000. Operating cost per mile, growing at an annualized rate of 2.6 percent from 1996 to 2000 was just slightly above inflation. Of the County sponsored services, paratransit relies most heavily on subsidies

| Orange County Service Area | 1990 | 2000 | $\%$ Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Population | 307,647 | 341,367 | 10.96\% |
| Pop. Over 65 | 32,084 | 35,185 | 9.67\% |
| Pop. Under 19 | 95,170 | 108,869 | 14.39\% |
| Orange County Employment | 105,273 | 119,571 | 13.58\% |
| Manhattan Employment | 2,342,695 | 2,382,166 | 1.68\% |
| Urban Bus Ridership | 360,114 | 283,152 | -21.37\% |
| Commuter Bus Ridership | 288,537 | 470,999 | 63.24\% |
| Rural <br> Dial-a-Bus <br> Ridership | 102,464 | 107,049 | 4.47\% |
| Paratransit Ridership | 0 | 4,277 | NA |
| Rev. Miles Urban Bus | 373,015 | 280,814 | -24.72\% |
| Rev. Miles Commuter Bus | 849,571 | 1,423,730 | 67.58\% |
| Rev. Miles <br> Rural <br> Dial-a-Bus | 395,331 | 448,814 | 13.53\% |
| Rev. Miles <br> Paratransit | 0 | 15,103 | NA |

for their operating funding, with passenger revenues covering 5.1 percent of their total expenses in 2000. These services are provided by Monroe Bus and Newburgh Beacon Bus, both of whom operate fixed route or commuter service in the County.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - ORANGE COUNTY - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 6,417,918$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 2,084,213$ |
| State | $\$ 1,682,748$ |
| Federal | $\$ 503,115$ |
| Other | $\$ 52,836$ |
| Total | $\$ 10,740,830$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 3,701,532$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 1,208,192$ |
| Ins | $\$ 408,465$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 869,146$ |
| Other | $\$ 4,481,860$ |
| Total | $\$ 10,669,195$ |

Orange County
Operating Expenses

Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Orange County - Total System - Operations and Performances Statistics

|  | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 755,881 | 748,653 | 785,999 | 782,307 | 854,897 | 9.28\% | 3.13\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,562,694 | 1,638,955 | 1,778,940 | 1,934,730 | 2,087,340 | 7.89\% | 7.51\% |
| Op. Cost | \$6,876,065 | \$6,873,001 | \$6,724,144 | \$8,131,337 | \$10,669,195 | 31.21\% | 11.61\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$5,213,894 | \$3,893,307 | \$4,096,220 | \$5,351,330 | \$6,470,754 | 20.92\% | 5.55\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.48 | 0.46 | 0.44 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 1.29\% | -4.07\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$4.40 | \$4.19 | \$3.78 | \$4.20 | \$5.11 | 21.62\% | 3.82\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 75.83\% | 56.65\% | 60.92\% | 65.81\% | 60.65\% | -7.84\% | -5.43\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |




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Orange County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Commuter Bus

| Orange County <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 312,881 | 288,622 | 285,902 | 280,530 | 283,152 | $0.93 \%$ | $-2.47 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 276,527 | 289,818 | 280,820 | 283,108 | 280,814 | $-0.81 \%$ | $0.39 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 732,610$ | $\$ 816,494$ | $\$ 785,755$ | $\$ 856,620$ | $\$ 948,722$ | $10.75 \%$ | $6.68 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 286,556$ | $\$ 278,745$ | $\$ 279,370$ | $\$ 278,349$ | $\$ 282,791$ | $1.60 \%$ | $-0.33 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.13 | 1.00 | 1.02 | 0.99 | 1.01 | $1.76 \%$ | $-2.84 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.65$ | $\$ 2.82$ | $\$ 2.80$ | $\$ 3.03$ | $\$ 3.38$ | $11.66 \%$ | $6.27 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $39.11 \%$ | $34.14 \%$ | $35.55 \%$ | $32.49 \%$ | $29.81 \%$ | $-8.27 \%$ | $-6.57 \%$ |







| Orange County Commuter Bus | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | \% Change 99 to 00 | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 323,880 | 337,290 | 379,564 | 389,014 | 460,419 | 18.36\% | 9.19\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 835,672 | 865,624 | 1,023,671 | 1,187,358 | 1,342,609 | 13.08\% | 12.58\% |
| Op. Cost | \$5,110,586 | \$4,957,577 | \$4,849,185 | \$6,172,067 | \$8,532,533 | 38.24\% | 13.67\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$4,810,433 | \$3,491,234 | \$3,692,984 | \$4,952,820 | \$6,065,219 | 22.46\% | 5.97\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.39 | 0.39 | 0.37 | 0.33 | 0.34 | 4.67\% | -3.01\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$6.12 | \$5.73 | \$4.74 | \$5.20 | \$6.36 | 22.26\% | 0.97\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 94.13\% | 70.42\% | 76.16\% | 80.25\% | 71.08\% | -11.42\% | -6.78\% |





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Orange County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Paratransit and Rural Dial-a-Bus

| Orange County <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 32 | 1,658 | 2,186 | 2,974 | 4,275 | $43.75 \%$ | $239.97 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 97 | 8,322 | 6,568 | 9,045 | 15,103 | $66.98 \%$ | $253.24 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 102,715$ | $\$ 172,005$ | $\$ 156,212$ | $\$ 159,650$ | $\$ 161,016$ | $0.86 \%$ | $11.89 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 64$ | $\$ 3,316$ | $\$ 4,246$ | $\$ 5,948$ | $\$ 8,550$ | $43.75 \%$ | $239.97 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.33 | 0.20 | 0.33 | 0.33 | 0.28 | $-13.91 \%$ | $-3.76 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 1,058.92$ | $\$ 20.67$ | $\$ 23.78$ | $\$ 17.65$ | $\$ 10.66$ | $-39.60 \%$ | $-68.32 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $0.06 \%$ | $1.93 \%$ | $2.72 \%$ | $3.73 \%$ | $5.31 \%$ | $42.53 \%$ | $203.83 \%$ |





| Orange County <br> Rural D.A.B. | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 119,088 | 121,083 | 118,347 | 109,789 | 107,049 | $-2.50 \%$ | $-2.63 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 450,398 | 475,191 | 467,881 | 455,219 | 448,814 | $-1.41 \%$ | $-0.09 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 930,154$ | $\$ 926,925$ | $\$ 932,992$ | $\$ 943,000$ | $\$ 1,026,924$ | $8.90 \%$ | $2.51 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 116,841$ | $\$ 120,012$ | $\$ 119,620$ | $\$ 114,213$ | $\$ 114,194$ | $-0.02 \%$ | $-0.57 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.26 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.24 | 0.24 | $-1.10 \%$ | $-2.54 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev Mile | $\$ 2.07$ | $\$ 1.95$ | $\$ 1.99$ | $\$ 2.07$ | $\$ 2.29$ | $10.45 \%$ | $2.60 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $12.56 \%$ | $12.95 \%$ | $12.82 \%$ | $12.11 \%$ | $11.12 \%$ | $-8.19 \%$ | $-3.00 \%$ |







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## PUTNAM AREA RAPID TRANSPORTATION

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State Legislative Districts:
Senate: 37
Assembly: 91

Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.00$
Last Increase: $\quad \$ .25$ in October 1996

Putnam County contracts with a private operator to provide fixed route bus service under the name Putnam Area Rapid Transportation. The operator, Red \& Tan Tours, runs 5 routes, 3 intra-county and 2 inter-county. MTA Metro North Railroad service to Manhattan is also available in the county, and is discussed in a separate section of this Report.

Fixed Route: In 2000 the PART fixed route bus system accounted for 97 percent of the 140,558 STOA eligible passengers carried of the county's total. The fixed route system primarily serves the Eastern part of the county, with one route serving the shopping areas in the western portion of the county 3 days a week. Route \#1 is the strongest route in the PART system carrying approximately 54 percent of the passengers and services the MTA Metro North station at Brewster.

Ridership from 1999 to 2000 decreased 5.31 percent. Over the five year period 1996 to 2000 ridership decreased at an annualized rate of 5.10 percent. Over the longer term 10 year period, 1990 to 2000, ridership

actually increased by $9.67 \%$. System ridership had been increasing up to 1995, the peak year in STOA eligible ridership. A fare increase in October 1996 contributed

to the shift from modest growth in ridership to modest decline.

County population increased 14 percent from1990 and 2000. Employment also increased over the same period 20.89 percent. This strong economic performance likely helped sustain the modest growth in ridership over the 10 year period. The strength of the New York City economy and its impact on the transit market in Putnam County is more likely reflected in the ridership increases experience by the Metro North Railroad, serving Manhattan, discussed in a previous section of this Chapter.


PART's revenue miles of service trend roughly

parallels the ridership decline in the past five years, declining by a slightly steeper annualized rate of 5.9 percent, with a slight increase of .35 percent in 2000. Over the 10 year period service miles also declined, amidst stable ridership.

Revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, reflecting these trends, remained flat over the five years, increasing by .87 percent. With the slower decline in miles compared to ridership in 2000, this measure of effectiveness declined by 5.6 percent.

Total PART system operating costs increased 4.15 percent from 1999 to 2000, and at an annualized rate of 6.45 percent from 1996-2000. This increase, combined with the reduction in revenue miles, led to an annualized increase in cost per mile of 13 percent over the five year period. The 3.8 percent increase in 2000 represented a leveling off of this trend.

The operating revenue to operating expenses ratio, a measure of service economy, declined slightly, from 11.6 percent to 10.9 percent for the PART system in

| PART Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\%$ <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 83,941 | 95,745 | $14.06 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 7,575 | 9,147 | $20.75 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 23,850 | 27,181 | $13.97 \%$ |
| Employment | 17,916 | 21,659 | $20.89 \%$ |
| Fixed Route Bus <br> Ridership | 124,698 | 136,754 | $9.67 \%$ |
| Paratransit Ridership | 0 | 3,945 | NA |
| Rev. Miles <br> Fixed Route Bus | 392,116 | 378,134 | $-3.57 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Paratransit | 0 | 37,343 | NA |

2000. This reflects increasing expenses corresponding with declining passenger revenue. The longer term five year trend also reflects decline, but at more modest 3.8 percent annualized rate.

Paratransit: Red \& Tan also operates PART's paratransit services. Paratransit revenue passengers increased dramatically by 36.5 percent from 1999 to 2000. Ridership for these services, 3,945 , represents only 2.8 percent of the county's total transit ridership, but it has continued steady annualized growth of 10.2 percent since 1996. Operating costs for these services have also increased 28 percent from 1999 to 2000, Although the cost recovery ratio on paratransit service, 6 percent, is lower than the fixed route services, this is an important and ADA mandated component of the services provided by PART.

## Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 125,440$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 651,986$ |
| State | $\$ 343,243$ |
| Federal | $\$ 26,200$ |
| Other | $\$ 0$ |
| Total | $\$ 1,146,869$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 0$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 0$ |
| Insurance | $\$ 0$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 58,738$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,088,131$ |
| Total | $\$ 1,146,869$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Putnam Area Rapid Transit - Total System - Operations and Performance Statistics

| PART <br> Operations | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | 173,311 | 159,453 | 159,408 | 148,447 | 140,558 | $-5.31 \%$ | $-5.10 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 530,320 | 507,977 | 461,432 | 414,032 | 415,475 | $0.35 \%$ | $-5.92 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 893,046$ | $\$ 921,883$ | $\$ 1,106,845$ | $\$ 1,101,181$ | $\$ 1,146,869$ | $4.15 \%$ | $6.45 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 114,005$ | $\$ 125,478$ | $\$ 127,604$ | $\$ 127,209$ | $\$ 125,440$ | $-1.39 \%$ | $2.42 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.33 | 0.31 | 0.35 | 0.36 | 0.34 | $-5.64 \%$ | $0.87 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 1.68$ | $\$ 1.81$ | $\$ 2.40$ | $\$ 2.66$ | $\$ 2.76$ | $3.79 \%$ | $13.15 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $12.77 \%$ | $13.61 \%$ | $11.53 \%$ | $11.55 \%$ | $10.94 \%$ | $-5.32 \%$ | $-3.79 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |



| Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |

Putnam County
Operating Rev. to Operating Cost

Putnam Area Rapid Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| PART <br> Fixed Route | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 171,516 | 157,304 | 158,235 | 147,781 | 136,754 | $-7.46 \%$ | $-5.50 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 488,547 | 482,856 | 443,376 | 388,633 | 378,132 | $-2.70 \%$ | $-6.20 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 818,072$ | $\$ 853,609$ | $\$ 1,031,937$ | $\$ 997,851$ | $\$ 1,014,597$ | $1.68 \%$ | $5.53 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 109,131$ | $\$ 120,190$ | $\$ 123,180$ | $\$ 121,909$ | $\$ 117,334$ | $-3.75 \%$ | $1.83 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.35 | 0.33 | 0.36 | 0.38 | 0.36 | $-4.89 \%$ | $0.75 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 1.67$ | $\$ 1.77$ | $\$ 2.33$ | $\$ 2.57$ | $\$ 2.68$ | $4.50 \%$ | $12.51 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $13.34 \%$ | $14.08 \%$ | $11.94 \%$ | $12.22 \%$ | $11.56 \%$ | $-5.34 \%$ | $-3.51 \%$ |






| PART <br> Paratransit | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 98 to 99 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 2,670 | 2,865 | 2,214 | 2,890 | 3,945 | $36.51 \%$ | $10.25 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 41,773 | 25,121 | 18,056 | 25,399 | 37,343 | $47.03 \%$ | $-2.76 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 74,974$ | $\$ 68,274$ | $\$ 74,908$ | $\$ 103,330$ | $\$ 132,272$ | $28.01 \%$ | $15.25 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 4,874$ | $\$ 5,288$ | $\$ 4,424$ | $\$ 5,300$ | $\$ 8,106$ | $52.94 \%$ | $13.56 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.06 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.11 | $-7.16 \%$ | $13.38 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev.Mile | $\$ 1.79$ | $\$ 2.72$ | $\$ 4.15$ | $\$ 4.07$ | $\$ 3.54$ | $-12.93 \%$ | $18.53 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $6.50 \%$ | $7.75 \%$ | $5.91 \%$ | $5.13 \%$ | $6.13 \%$ | $19.48 \%$ | $-1.46 \%$ |






## NIAGARA FRONTIER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

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## Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.25$ <br> Last Increase: $\quad \$ 0.15$ on $7 / 1 / 95$

The Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) was created by the New York State Legislature in 1967 with the task of implementing regional transportation in Erie and Niagara counties.

The NFTA created NFT-Metro (Metro), a separate operating subsidiary, in 1974, to coordinate fixed route bus service within the NFTA district. In 1985, Metro began operation on the Buffalo Light Rapid Rail Transit (LRRT) system along a 6.4 mile dedicated right-of-way linking downtown Buffalo to the State University of New York at Buffalo South Campus. NFTA also operates paratransit and demand responsive service within the two county area and provides contract service with area schools, colleges, and businesses.

Population in the Niagara Frontier region, as reported in the 2000 Census, declined a slight $1.6 \%$ from 1990,

while employment increased a modest $1.1 \%$ over the period. However, a steeper decline in population in the area occurred from 1990 to 2000 in many of the core urban areas served by NFTA. The urban areas of


Buffalo, Cheektowaga, West Seneca, Lackawanna, Tonawanda, North Tonawanda, Niagara Falls, and Lockport all experienced population losses ranging from 5 to $12 \%$. The adjacent suburbs in Erie and Niagara counties, in contrast, generally experienced population growth over the decade.

The population shift from the traditional urban core to the surrounding suburbs within the NFTA region

complicates the provision of fixed route transit service. In the early 1990s, NFTA ridership dropped significantly due to a combination of suburbanization, a fare increase, service reductions, and an overall

decline in the economy. The shifts in employment and population, particularly as they affected the City of Buffalo, contributed to ridership loss for many of the NFTA's urban routes. As the region's economy improved in the mid-1990s, transit service increased and NFTA ridership began to grow again.

Transit service, measured by revenue miles of service, decreased for all modes between 1990 and 2000. The greatest decrease was on the urban fixed route bus. Track miles have remained constant for the light rail system, while light rail revenue miles of service declined with a reduction in service frequency.

Within this ten year snapshot, the early 1990's marked a period of service reductions, implemented to help offset operating deficits, whereas the mid-1990s marked the beginning of a period service expansion at an annual rate of $1.2 \%$.

After a system-wide increase in ridership in FY 199900 , when NFTA ridership exceeded the 25 million mark for the first time in five years, 2000-01 ridership declined 8 percent. Ridership was negatively impacted by the following factors:

- Over half of the ridership decline was attributed to having 4 fewer weekdays and school days of regular service in 2000-01, compared to 1999-00;
- 1,500 fewer Buffalo school transit passes were used due to declining enrollment;
- There was a loss of 187,000 passengers in November 2000 because of a 2 day shut down of transit operations due to a major snowstorm;
- Marketing expenditures promoting ridership were significantly reduced from the previous year; and
- Special events ridership, which peaked in 1999-00, declined.

Despite the overall loss in passengers in 2000-01, Metro continues to carry considerably more riders than any other Upstate regional transit provider.

The NFTA complementary paratransit system, known as PAL (Paratransit Access Line), showed a ridership increase of $26.5 \%$, nearly 10,000 revenue passengers, from 1999-00 to 2000-01. In addition, the 27 car LRRT system carried 4 million of the system's STOA-eligible riders in 2000-01, an increase 182,000 riders ( $4.7 \%$ ) from 1999-00, which NFTA attributes to a better economy.

Overall system ridership, which includes STOAeligible riders and non-STOA eligible riders, declined a total of $9.4 \%$ from 1999-00 to 2000-01, due to an $8 \%$ drop in STOA riders, as earlier noted, and a loss of non-STOA eligible riders, primarily on the Light Rail free-fare zone.

In 1998-99, the NFTA completed a transportation restructuring study known as "Hublink". This study analyzed scenarios for linking transfer hubs with Metro bus and rail services, van-pools, and other modes of transportation in the Buffalo-Niagara region. By


2000-01, the NFTA completed constructing several transit hubs and implementing two employer-sponsored shuttle van services under the Hublink (now Metrolink) transportation concept

In May, 2001 the NFTA reached agreement with ATU employees to form "MetroLink" as a new division of NFT-Metro that will use union drivers, at a reduced rate, for:

- All new open to the public transit service that utilizes small transit vehicles with 24 or fewer passenger seats; and
- All paratransit service, including nights and weekends currently operated by a private carrier.

The agreement enables NFTA to more fully use smaller vehicles to implement new employer shuttles and other non-traditional services (suburban circulators, etc). Despite these improvements, the primary scope of Hublink/Metrolink has been reduced from the original service plans based on funding considerations.

| NFTA <br> Service Area | FY 90-91 | FY 00-01 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% } \\ \text { Change } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Population | 1,189,288 | 1,170,111 | -1.61\% |
| Pop. Over 65 | 180,535 | 185,142 | 2.55\% |
| Pop. Under 19 | 315,414 | 316,247 | 0.26\% |
| Employment | 532,102 | 538,013 | 1.11\% |
| Light Rail Ridership | 4,828,837 | 4,022,320 | -16.70\% |
| Rural Bus <br> Ridership | 83,305 | 63,444 | -23.84\% |
| Urban Bus Ridership | 23,165,076 | 19,094,882 | -17.57\% |
| Paratransit <br> Ridership | 0 | 45,112 | NA |
| Rev. Miles Light Rail | 943,371 | 877,070 | -7.03\% |
| Rev. Miles <br> Rural Bus | 134,963 | 82,142 | -39.14\% |
| Rev. Miles Urban Bus | 9,248,213 | 8,032,359 | -13.15\% |
| Rev. Miles <br> Pratransit | 0 | 436,620 | NA |

NFTA accomplished many of its milestones in the 2000-01 fiscal year. NFTA took delivery of 21 new low floor transit buses, the first such vehicles to be added to the fleet. These buses use a ramp instead of stairs and have been well received by the riding public because of their safer, easier, and quicker boarding. With the addition of these buses Metro's fleet of 332 buses are now 100 percent accessible under the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) regulations. NFTA has also negotiated procurement with Gillig Corporation for up to a total of 176 low floor buses. The NFTA fleet also includes 23 paratransit vehicles and 27 light rail vehicles, all of which are ADA-compliant.

NFTA has successfully employed a fleet-wide AVL system improving fleet operations, driver safety, and customer service. The NFTA has also completed the installation of a new communications system on both it's bus fleet and rail system.

The installation of a new $\$ 4$ million bus fare collection system is underway replacing a system that was installed in 1988. The new system will utilize global positioning satellite (GPS) technology to track revenues and fare media to individual bus stops. This data will help to improve service planning capabilities for Metro. The system installation is expected to be complete and operational by early Summer 2002.

The NFTA continues to expend significant capital dollars to repair and rehabilitate the Light Rail system, including cars, track, and infrastructure. Major rail capital needs include: the mid-life rebuild of the twentyseven car light rail vehicle fleet, estimated to cost \$27 million; a tunnel liner panel replacement program, estimated to cost $\$ 3$ million; and a rail track fastener replacement program, estimated to cost $\$ 8$ million. The NFTA is exploring ways to finance these major rail system improvements, while maintaining Metro's other rolling stock and infrastructure.

Metro also has two major capital construction projects underway. The NFTA continues to plan for the rehabilitation of the Metropolitan Transportation Center (MTC), a major transfer station for urban and intercity passengers, located at it's headquarters on Ellicott Street. As a member of a project management team under the lead of the City of Buffalo, NFTA, in coordination with consultants, is reviewing engineering, design, environmental, and cost impacts of constructing a proposed Buffalo Intermodal Transportation Center (BITC) on lower Main Street. The BITC will serve Amtrak, light rail, intercity, and intracity bus passengers in the NFTA region. Approximately $\$ 8$ million in federal, state, and local funds are available to construct the first phase of this facility.

The ratio of operating revenue to operating expenses, a measure of service "economy,"was $31 \%$ for Metro in 2000-01, representing a slight downward trend from $33 \% 1998-99$ and $31 \%$ in 1999-2000. This trend was driven by two key factors: Increases in non-personal expenses such as fuel and lubricants, utilities, and services, and to a lesser degree an escalation of personal wages and fringe benefits; and relatively flat growth operating revenues. However, over the longer 5year period the NFTA has held operating expense increases below the rate of inflation.

Revenue passengers per revenue mile, a measure of service "effectiveness," decreased $5.5 \%$ from 2.6 in 1999-00 to 2.46 in 2000-01. The drop in can be traced
to the loss in revenue passengers during the past year. The trend varies among the Authority's modes with ridership losses primarily being attributed to bus operations, where the system effectiveness measure declined 7.5\% from 1999-00 to 2000-01.

The effectiveness measure declined $5.9 \%$ and $3.4 \%$ on urban and rural bus operations, respectively, due to ridership losses. In contrast, the NFTA's complementary paratransit system showed service effectiveness declining $12.2 \%$ (from 0.12 to 0.10 pass/mile) from 1998-99 to 2000-0. This drop was due to a slower growth in ridership than in service miles. Paratransit showed a ridership increase of $26.5 \%$ from1998-99 to 2000-01contrasted with a steeper increase in revenue vehicle miles of close to $52 \%$. Revenue miles increased to meet the dispersed geographic and travel time patterns that are typical of paratransit demand. Service effectiveness on the LRRT increased $6.9 \%$ ( 4.29 pass/mile to 4.59 pass/mile) from 1998-99 to 2000-01 due to a ridership growth of $4.7 \%$ that outpaced the $2 \%$ drop in service.

Cost per revenue vehicle mile for Metro, a measure of service efficiency, decreased $3.6 \%$ from 1999-00 to 2000-01 due to rising operating costs and declining service miles. The cost per revenue vehicle mile rose $\$ 0.40$ per mile from 1998-99 (\$7.37/vehicle mile), to1998-99 (\$7.52), to the 2000-01 cost of \$7.77. Compared to 2000-01, cost per vehicle mile increased $2 \%$ from 1999-00 and 5.7\% from1998-99. The continued rise in operating costs from 1998-99 to 200001 was driven primarily by increases in fuel and lubricants, utilities, and services.

During the same period, the number of revenue vehicle miles declined nearly $3.0 \%$ systemwide. NFTA, in attempt to improve more closely to match service with changing ridership demand, implemented 26 service enhancements, including 10 new service routes and 16 routing changes. In contrast, systemwide contract vehicle miles, which are provided by private carriers, increased $36.1 \%$ in 2000-01. The majority of this increase was due to increased service provided by Wee Care, a private carrier, to meet demand for paratransit service.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - NFTA - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 21,281,051$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 25,887,686$ |
| State | $\$ 19,091,627$ |
| Federal | $\$ 4,308,345$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,465,279$ |
| Total | $\$ 72,033,988$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 30,400,980$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 18,799,362$ |
| Ins | $\$ 1,950,772$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 3,015,484$ |
| Other | $\$ 19,296,059$ |
| Total | $\$ 73,462,657$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


NFTA: System Total Operating and Performance Statistics

|  | 96/97 Actual | 97/98 Actual | $\begin{array}{r} \text { 98/99 } \\ \text { Actual } \end{array}$ | 99/00 Actual | 00/01 Actual | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 22,497,400 | 23,002,251 | 23,784,594 | 25,256,686 | 23,225,758 | -8.04\% | 0.80\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 8,961,654 | 9,014,322 | 9,185,892 | 9,718,592 | 9,453,381 | -2.73\% | 1.34\% |
| Op. Cost | \$67,638,047 | \$67,376,959 | \$67,737,738 | \$73,086,770 | \$73,462,657 | 0.51\% | 2.09\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$22,614,322 | \$22,638,034 | \$22,224,268 | \$22,951,823 | \$22,746,330 | -0.90\% | 0.15\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.51 | 2.55 | 2.59 | 2.60 | 2.46 | -5.46\% | -0.54\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$7.55 | \$7.47 | \$7.37 | \$7.52 | \$7.77 | 3.33\% | 0.73\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 33.43\% | 33.60\% | 32.81\% | 31.40\% | 30.96\% | -1.40\% | -1.90\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |





NFTA - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| NFTA <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{9 6 / 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 7 / 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8 / 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 9 / 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $18,241,581$ | $18,80,209$ | $19,818,674$ | $21,315,464$ | $19,094,882$ | $-10.42 \%$ | $1.15 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $7,731,428$ | $7,751,720$ | $7,920,206$ | $8,439,388$ | $8,03,359$ | $-4.82 \%$ | $0.96 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 50,709,545$ | $\$ 51,294,608$ | $\$ 51,128,126$ | $\$ 56,115,192$ | $\$ 56,243,036$ | $0.23 \%$ | $2.62 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 18,644,022$ | $\$ 18,834,094$ | $\$ 18,483,300$ | $\$ 18,947,334$ | $\$ 18,929,149$ | $-0.10 \%$ | $0.38 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.36 | 2.43 | 2.50 | 2.53 | 2.38 | $-5.88 \%$ | $0.19 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Rev Mile | $\$ 6.56$ | $\$ 6.62$ | $\$ 6.46$ | $\$ 6.65$ | $\$ 7.00$ | $5.31 \%$ | $1.65 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $36.77 \%$ | $36.72 \%$ | $36.15 \%$ | $33.77 \%$ | $33.66 \%$ | $-0.32 \%$ | $-2.19 \%$ |










NFTA - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Rural and Light Rail

| NFTA <br> Rural | $\mathbf{9 6 / 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 7 / 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8 / 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 9 / 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 90,441 | 65,715 | 62,689 | 64,989 | 63,444 | $-2.38 \%$ | $-8.48 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 97,352 | 78,738 | 80,675 | 81,267 | 82,142 | $1.08 \%$ | $-4.16 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 678,320$ | $\$ 549,548$ | $\$ 443,516$ | $\$ 468,253$ | $\$ 465,006$ | $-0.69 \%$ | $-9.01 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 168,284$ | $\$ 120,006$ | $\$ 116,595$ | $\$ 125,378$ | $\$ 121,146$ | $-3.38 \%$ | $-7.89 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.93 | 0.83 | 0.78 | 0.80 | 0.77 | $-3.42 \%$ | $-4.51 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev Mile | $\$ 6.97$ | $\$ 6.98$ | $\$ 5.50$ | $\$ 5.76$ | $\$ 5.66$ | $-1.75 \%$ | $-5.06 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $24.81 \%$ | $21.84 \%$ | $26.29 \%$ | $26.78 \%$ | $26.05 \%$ | $-2.70 \%$ | $1.23 \%$ |







|  | NFTA-Light Rail <br> Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 17.50$ |  |  |
| $\$ 14.00$ |  |  |
| $\$ 10.50$ |  |  |
| $\$ 7.00$ |  |  |
| $\$ 3.50$ |  |  |
| $\$ 0.00$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |


| NFTA-Light Rail Operating Rev. to Operating Cost |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $0.90$ |  |  |  |  |
| 0.75 |  |  |  |  |
| 0.60 |  |  |  |  |
| 0.45 |  |  |  |  |
| 0.30 |  |  |  |  |
| 0.15 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 97/98 | $\begin{gathered} \hline 98 / 99 \\ \text { Year } \end{gathered}$ | 99/00 | 00/01 |

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| :--- | :--- |
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## Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.25$ <br> Last Increase: $\quad \$ 0.25$ on $4 / 1 / 96$

Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority (RGRTA) operates fixed route, paratransit, and demand responsive transportation in the City of Rochester, and rural service in the surrounding counties of Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Wayne and Wyoming. In addition to its traditional service to the downtown Rochester business district, R-GRTA operates Park and Ride services, a free evening downtown circulator ( $\mathrm{E}-\mathrm{Z}$ Rider), provide contract service to a number of area schools, colleges and businesses.

In 2000 RGRTA service area population, as reported in the 2000 Census, grew by 3 percent over the 1990 level. However, population within the City of Rochester, the core service area for RGRTA's urban fixed route bus subsidiary, the Regional Transit System (RTS), declined by 5.4 percent. Population grew in the surrounding suburbs and rural areas, such as Greece,


Ogden, Chili, Brighton, Henrietta, Pittston, Perington, Penfield and Webster. During this 10 year period

employment in the RGRTA service area rose by 4.8 percent.

Ridership fluctuated over the 10 year period but generally followed the census trend in population movement. RTS ridership, which accounts for 95.4 percent of total RGRTA system ridership, experienced

an annualized decrease of 3.2 percent over this period. Over the five year period FY96-97 through 00-01 RTS

| R-GRTA <br> FY 00-001 Characteristics | Fixed Route <br> Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Rural Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 12,929,250 | 193,468 | 427,552 | 13,550,270 |
| Number of Vehicles | 266 | 35 | 75 | 376 |
| Number of Employees | 498 | 59 | 60 | 617 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 6,437,302 | 1,031,516 | 1,416,148 | 8,884,966 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 527,135 | 56,857 | 75,815 | 659,807 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 15,328,632 | 541,922 | 1,156,058 | 17,026,612 |
| Total Operating Expense | 37,022,952 | 3,765,978 | 2,972,426 | 43,761,356 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 5.75 | 3.65 | 2.10 | 4.93 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 70.23 | 66.24 | 39.21 | 66.32 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 2.01 | 0.19 | 0.30 | 1.53 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 24.53 | 3.40 | 5.64 | 20.54 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.41 | 0.14 | 0.39 | 0.39 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 2.86 | 19.47 | 6.95 | 3.23 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 1.19 | 2.80 | 2.70 | 1.26 |

ridership grew at an annualized rate of less than 1 percent. Within this generally flat trend there was a more dramatic drop-off in ridership in 98-99 attributable to the loss of Rochester City school ridership , due to changes in city school starting times that the authority service was not able to accommodate. The 1998-99 decline reversed itself in the subsequent two years. In 2000-01systemwide ridership increased by a 2.6 percent over 1999-00 providing R-GRTA with its strongest ridership performance since 1995-96. This increase in system-wide ridership continued a two year upward trend, marking the first time in fifteen years that RGRTA has experienced successive ridership increases.

RGRTA's rural services, including: Batavia Bus Service (BBS), Wayne Area Transit Service (WATS) Livingston Area Transit Service (LATS) each experienced growing population and either stable or growing ridership from 1990 to 2000. Wyoming County transit service was initiated by RGRTA in FY1993-94 and has grown to carry over 350,000 annual riders in FY 00-01. Over the five year period 96-97 through 0001 , rural ridership increased at an annualized rate of 3.4 percent. In FY00-01, however, total rural ridership was flat, declining by a very modest 1.5 percent.

Liftline, RGRTA's paratransit service, has experienced steady growth in ridership over the 10 year period (9091 to $00-01$ ) at an annualized rate of 3 percent. Over the five year period 96-97 through 00-01 ridership grew at a slightly lower annualized rate of 2.8 percent. From $99-00$ to $00-01$, however, ridership declined by 4.3 percent.
The one year reversal in the paratransit ridership trend
reflects a drop in its client pool following a recertification of clients eligible for paratransit service. Many of those passengers, not re-certified for the paratransit, are now utilizing the RTS fixed route operation. This shift in ridership from paratransit to fixed route is also aided by RGRTA's introduction of new low floor buses and achievement of a 100 percent accessible fixed route bus fleet.

The number of revenue miles of service operated by RTS remained very stable increasing by only 6.4 percent over the 10 year period. Revenue miles for Rural services, however, increased by 32.7 percent (not counting the increase associated with the introduction of service in Wyoming County) over that same period. Liftline also increased revenue miles over the decade by nearly 27 percent.

This trend in miles of service was mirrored by the five year trend across the fixed route and rural services. The paratransit service miles, however, increased up to FY98-99 and then began declining, in response to declining ridership and related shift of riders from paratransit to fixed route service.

RGRTA accomplished many of its planned initiatives in the FY 00-01. RGRTA incorporated new buses into the RTS fleet, reducing the average age of the fleet. Five new routes and a service expansions of existing service to the Eastview Mall in the Town of Victor were initiated by the RTS. RGRTA again provided for the Buffalo Bills summer training camp at St John Fischer College moving more than 150,000 passengers.

RTS has installed a fleet-wide Automated Vehicle


Location (AVL) system, completed in August of 2001, on its fixed route fleet to support improved fleet management, real time customer information and service planning.

Over the five year period 96-96 through 00-01, the system-wide cost per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of service "efficiency," has risen by a very modest 1 percent, well below the inflation rate for this time period of 2.35 percent. In FY 00-01 there was an increase of 5.3 percent over 99-00. This increase was driven by a 7 percent increase in operating costs resulting from increases in cost of salary, wages and fringe benefits as well as fuel and lubricants and purchased services.

The ratio of operating revenues to operating expenses, an indicator of service "economy," was 38.9 percent for $00-01$. This represents a virtual flat trend over the five years from 96-97 through 00-01with an annualized decline of .23 percent. The annual change from 99-00 to 00-01was a steeper decline of 5.9 percent. This modest downward trend reflects the escalation of personal wages and fringe benefits, along with increasing cost of non-personal expenses such as fuel and parts and supplies combined with a relatively flat growth in passenger revenues.

Passengers per mile, a measure of service "effectiveness," also was very stable across the five year time frame, decreasing by 1.8 percent. The one year trend was positive, increasing by 1 percent. But the measure reflects a very stable performance across

| R-GRTA Service <br> Area | FY 90-91 | FY 00-01 | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 968,030 | 997,230 | $3.02 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 119,767 | 128,464 | $7.26 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 274,061 | 285,462 | $4.16 \%$ |
| Employment | 465,040 | 487,450 | $4.82 \%$ |
| Lift Line Ridership | 148,277 | 193,468 | $30.48 \%$ |
| RTS Ridership | $17,377,052$ | $12,929,250$ | $-25.60 \%$ |
| BBS Ridership | 85,641 | 84,448 | $-1.39 \%$ |
| WATS Ridership | 116,449 | 128,836 | $10.64 \%$ |
| LATS Ridership | 107,271 | 147,304 | $37.32 \%$ |
| Wyoming <br> Ridership | 0 | 66,964 | NA |
| Rev. Miles RTS | $6,049,508$ | $6,437,302$ | $6.41 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles | 815,525 | $1,031,516$ | $26.48 \%$ |
| Lift Line | 263,517 | 367,383 | $39.42 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles BBS | 146,912 | 187,988 | $27.96 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles WATS | 392,752 | 510,670 | $30.02 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles LATS | 0 | 350,107 | NA |
| Rev. Miles <br> Wyoming |  |  |  |

the years.
The overall system performance measures, described above, are largely driven by the RTS statistics due to the 95.4 percent ratio of trips that the urban fixed route system serves. Thus the fixed route performance measures mirror those described above. The passengers per mile measure for the paratransit system and the rural service were both very stable across the five years and in $00-01$, with partansit increasing at an annualized rate of 2 percent and rural services decreasing by .55 percent.

Cost per mile for paratransit increased over the five year period by 9.9 percent, which combined with the drop in ridership, associated drop in passenger revenue and a less proportionate drop in revenue miles, led to a drop in revenue to cost ratio of 4.9 percent. Rural service experienced little annualized change in cost per mile over the five year period, but a sizable increase of 11 percent occurred in FY 00-01. Revenue to cost ratio
similarly saw a stable five year average increase of less than 1 percent but a plateau between 97-98 and peaking at a ratio of 44.17 percent in $99-00$, followed by a one year decline of 13.9 percent to a cost recovery ratio of 38.9 percent.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - R-GRTA - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 14,685,558$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 9,616,747$ |
| State | $\$ 12,143,899$ |
| Federal | $\$ 5,464,993$ |
| Other | $\$ 2,453,554$ |
| Total | $\$ 44,364,751$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 21,478,279$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 10,537,532$ |
| Ins | $\$ 712,259$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 2,447,794$ |
| Other | $\$ 8,585,492$ |
| Total | $\$ 43,761,356$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


R-GRTA - System Total Operations and Performance Statistics

| Operations | $\begin{gathered} \hline 96 / 97 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 97 / 98 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 98/99 } \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 99 / 00 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 00 / 01 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \% \text { Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 13,331,399 | 13,303,016 | 12,610,425 | 13,210,381 | 13,550,270 | 2.57\% | 0.41\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 8,114,589 | 8,525,090 | 8,561,304 | 8,763,492 | 8,884,966 | 1.39\% | 2.29\% |
| Op. Cost | \$38,284,828 | \$37,764,948 | \$37,742,525 | \$40,872,768 | \$43,761,356 | 7.07\% | 3.40\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$15,032,432 | \$16,663,098 | \$16,664,399 | \$16,904,931 | \$17,026,612 | 0.72\% | 3.16\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.64 | 1.56 | 1.47 | 1.51 | 1.53 | 1.17\% | -1.84\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$4.72 | \$4.43 | \$4.41 | \$4.66 | \$4.93 | 5.60\% | 1.08\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 39.26\% | 44.12\% | 44.15\% | 41.36\% | 38.91\% | -5.93\% | -0.23\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |





R-GRTA Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit



| R-GRTA <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{9 6 / 9 7}$ <br> Actual | 97/98 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8 / 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 9 / 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 172,910 | 183,088 | 194,697 | 202,531 | 193,468 | $-4.47 \%$ | $2.85 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,001,346$ | $1,195,589$ | $1,199,109$ | $1,090,320$ | $1,031,516$ | $-5.39 \%$ | $0.74 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 2,509,034$ | $\$ 2,902,610$ | $\$ 3,401,747$ | $\$ 3,431,558$ | $\$ 3,765,978$ | $9.75 \%$ | $10.69 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 441,174$ | $\$ 584,694$ | $\$ 820,299$ | $\$ 710,213$ | $\$ 541,922$ | $-23.70 \%$ | $5.28 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.17 | 0.15 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.19 | $0.97 \%$ | $2.09 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.51$ | $\$ 2.43$ | $\$ 2.84$ | $\$ 3.15$ | $\$ 3.65$ | $16.00 \%$ | $9.87 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $17.58 \%$ | $20.14 \%$ | $24.1 \%$ | $20.70 \%$ | $14.39 \%$ | $-30.47 \%$ | $-4.89 \%$ |





R-GRTA - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Rural

| R-GRTA <br> Rural | $96 / 97$ <br> Actual | 97/98 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8} / \mathbf{9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 9 / 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> $\mathbf{9 9}$ to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 373,891 | 418,286 | 433,539 | 434,148 | 427,552 | $-1.52 \%$ | $3.41 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,211,282$ | $1,365,335$ | $1,385,453$ | $1,409,430$ | $1,416,148$ | $0.48 \%$ | $3.98 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 2,544,859$ | $\$ 2,574,126$ | $\$ 2,588,111$ | $\$ 2,664,497$ | $\$ 2,972,426$ | $11.56 \%$ | $3.96 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 958,930$ | $\$ 1,091,355$ | $\$ 1,151,918$ | $\$ 1,203,618$ | $\$ 1,156,058$ | $-3.95 \%$ | $4.78 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.31 | 0.30 | $-1.99 \%$ | $-0.55 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.10$ | $\$ 1.89$ | $\$ 1.87$ | $\$ 1.89$ | $\$ 2.10$ | $11.03 \%$ | $-0.02 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $37.68 \%$ | $42.40 \%$ | $44.51 \%$ | $45.17 \%$ | $38.89 \%$ | $-13.90 \%$ | $0.79 \%$ |







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## Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.00$ <br> Last Increase: $\quad \$ 0.25$ in $2 / 1995$

Central New York Regional Transportation Authority (CNYRTA) provides urban fixed route transit service in Onondaga County, ADA paratransit "Call-a-Bus" service and rural operations in Oswego and Cayuga Counties. CNYRTA also operates the William F. Walsh Regional Transportation Center, an intermodal transportation center serving urban, regional, and intercity transit providers as well as Amtrak. CNYRTA also operates a parking authority in the downtown Syracuse area.

Population in the CNYRTA service area, as reported in the Census, decreased by a slight 1.5 percent between 1990 and 2000. Over this same period employment was virtually unchanged, dropping by less than 1 percent in the region. The City of Syracuse, the core market for CNYRTA's urban fixed route bus system, CENTRO which accounts for 90.1 percent of all CNYRTA

ridership, declined by 11 percent from 1990 to 2000. This population decline contributed to an annualized

decline in CENTRO ridership of 2.9 percent over that 10 year period.

Also contributing to the decline in ridership, perhaps even more substantially than the shifting demographics, was a substantial reduction in service miles, which declined by a 2.7 percent annualized rate over the 10 years. This service reduction, driven by operating budget problems, was primarily implemented in 1995

when CNYRTA reduced service by as much as 25 percent.

| CNYRTA <br> FY 00-01 Characteristics | Fixed Route Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Rural <br> Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 8,264,244 | 123,395 | 783,727 | 9,171,366 |
| Number of Vehicles | 158 | 17 | 30 | 205 |
| Number of Employees | 307 | 28 | 50 | 385 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 3,170,600 | 432,369 | 1,204,708 | 4,807,677 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 261,187 | 29,265 | 56,447 | 346,899 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 6,591,550 | 287,077 | 713,184 | 8,101,287 |
| Total Operating Expense | 20,961,725 | 1,839,890 | 3,669,343 | 26,470,958 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 6.61 | 4.26 | 3.05 | 5.51 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 80.26 | 62.87 | 65.01 | 76.31 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 2.61 | 0.29 | 0.65 | 1.91 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 31.64 | 4.22 | 13.88 | 26.44 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.31 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.31 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 2.54 | 14.91 | 4.68 | 2.89 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 0.80 | 2.33 | 0.91 | 0.88 |

Over the last 5 years, from FY $96-97$ through $00-01$, CENTRO ridership has actually stabilized, increasing by a slight annualized .5 percent. From FY 99-00 to $00-01$, ridership increased by 2.3 percent.

In 1993 two private bus operators, one based in Oswego County and the other in Cayuga County, were no longer able to provide public transit services. CNYRTA accepted the responsibility for the services previously provided in these two counties by the private operators.

The ridership in the Oswego County saw increase by 1.6 percent annualized rate from 1990 to 2000 while service in Cayuga County declined at an annualized rate of 3.1 percent. Revenue miles increased substantially for both of these rural systems, Oswego services increased by an annualized 7.2 percent and Cayuga by an annualized 3.2 percent respectively over the ten year span. When CNYRTA took over for the private operator in Oswego County in 1993, it provided additional services and saw ridership increase in response to that increase.

Over the five period from FY 96-97 to 00-01 these rural services, combined, experienced a 2.4 percent annualized decline in ridership corresponding with a much more stable 1.88 percent increase in service miles. From $99-00$ to $00-01$ ridership on these services jumped 16 percent but remained below the $96-97$ level. Revenue miles of service increased by a modest 2.4 during FY $00-0$. The increases in the vehicle miles, especially in the regional operations where route deviations are more prevalent, may reflect the broader usage of their services.

Call-a-Bus, the paratransit component of the CNYRTA system, has grown substantially, at an annualized 3.5 percent rate, over the 10 year period from 1990 to 2000. Over the five year period from FY 96-97 to 0001 , ridership on this service grew even more rapidly, by an annualized 12.5 percent. In FY $00-01$ Call-a-Bus served more than 123,000 ADA eligible passengers, an increase of 39 percent.

The increasing use of this paratransit service has driven an increase in the miles of service. However the miles of service has not increased as dramatically as ridership, with a total increase of 3.3 percent from 1990 to 2000. Revenue miles for Call-a-Bus increased at a faster annualized rate of 6.9 percent over the 5 year period and a relatively steep jump in FY00-01 of 10.8 percent.

During the SFY 2000-01 CNYRTA operated a total fleet of 205 buses, 195 or 95 percent which are fully ADA compliant. All of the fixed route fleet of 175 buses are fully ADA compliant. During this year CNYRTA increased their contingent of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses by placing 78 new in service thereby bringing their total CNG fueled buses up to 108 further expanding what was already the largest alternative-fueled operation in upstate New York.

CNYRTA has conducted a strategic planning study -Regional Mobility Action Plan (ReMAP). In SFY 2000-01 implemented several route changes/additions to implement some of the recommendations of ReMAP. They were able to finance the service additions through the use of State and Federal Welfare to Work funding grants.

In FY 00-01 the overall costs of operating the system

increased by 2.5 percent over the previous year. The overall cost of employee wages and salary will hold generally constant until the final year of the contract where a lump sum increase will be provided to the employees. The cost of the salary and wage portion of this item increase only marginally by $0.8 \%$ but the overall increase was driven by the cost of fringe benefits which increase by $15.6 \%$ from the previous year. The increasing cost of health care and contractually mandated pension enhancements were the two primary elements driving this category.

The incorporation of 78 new CNG buses recently into the fleet helped to hold down the costs for parts and repairs.

Operating revenues decreased by a total of $5.8 \%$ from 1999-2000 levels led by a significant decrease in "NonUser" revenue and to a lesser extent a $3.3 \%$ and $1.5 \%$ drop in farebox and special reimbursement revenues respectively. The primary loss in revenue was due to a drop of more than $\$ 300,000$ non-passenger operating revenue, caused primarily by a decline in advertising revenues. A drop in farebox revenue could be partially attributable to the growth in the use of swipe cards with multi-ride discount incentives.

| CNYRTA <br> Cervice Area | FY 90-91 | FY 00-01 | $\%$ <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total <br> Population | 673,057 | 662,676 | $-1.54 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 85,552 | 88,978 | $4.00 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 194,498 | 191,768 | $-1.40 \%$ |
| Employment | 313,396 | 312,808 | $-0.19 \%$ |
| CENTRO <br> Ridership | $10,755,915$ | $8,264,244$ | $-23.17 \%$ |
| Cayuga <br> Ridership | 364,084 | 273,906 | $-24.77 \%$ |
| Oswego <br> Ridership | 442,519 | 509,821 | $15.21 \%$ |
| Call-A-Bus <br> Ridership | 40,866 | 123,395 | $35.80 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> CENTRO | $4,039,014$ | $3,170,600$ | $-21.50 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Cayuga | 419,566 | 556,493 | $32.64 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Oswego | 345,494 | 648,215 | $87.62 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Call-A-Bus | 432,369 | $3.28 \%$ |  |

The SFY 2000-01 ratio of operating revenues to operating expenses, a measure of service economy, for CNYRTA was 30 percent. This measure declined a modest annualized 1.5 percent over the 5 year period from FY 96-97 through 00-01, peaking in FY 99-00 at 33.4 percent.

The operating cost per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of service efficiency for the CNYRTA system, was very stable across the the five year period, increasing at an annualized rate of. 8 percent from $\$ 5.42$ to $\$ 5.60$ per revenue mile. This increase was well below the national inflation rate during this period of 2.35 percent.

CNYRTA passengers per mile, a measure of service effectiveness, increased from FY99-00 to 00-01 by 1.5 percent and was very stable over the 5 years 96-97 through 00-01, decreasing by less than 1 percent.

The CENTRO fixed route service, carrying 90 percent of CNYRTA riders parallel the total system trends described above.

Passengers per mile for the Call-a-Bus paratransit system, increased at an annualized rate of 5 percent since FY96-97. As noted above Call-a-Bus ridership rose at a much steeper rate than the revenue miles of service over this time period. Call-a-Bus service saw their operating expenses increase by $6 \%$ but their operating revenue increase by more than $29 \%$ during the same period leading to an improvement in the cost recovery ratio service economy measure which improved from 10.5 percent in 1996-97 to 15.6 percent in 2000-01, an annualized increase of 10.3 percent. The cost per vehicle mile measure also improved over the five year period dropping from $\$ 4.57$ per revenue mile in SFY 1999-00 to a $\$ 4.26$ in SFY 2000-01.

Rural services, in Oswego and Cayuga Counties, experienced a 5 year decline in passengers per mile of 4.2 percent, but showed a one year improvement in FY $00-01$, with an 13.3 percent increase in this measure of service effectiveness. Cost per revenue mile increased by an annualized 3.4 percent from $96-97$ to $00-01$, but was down to $\$ 3.05$ per mile over the five year high of $\$ 4.01$ in 1997-98. The ratio of operating revenue to operating cost for these services declined by 7.8 percent over the 5 year period from 27.9 percent to 19.4 percent.

Financial Information (System Wide) - CNYRTA

## Sources of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 7,399,336$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 5,145,107$ |
| State | $\$ 12,380,663$ |
| Federal | $\$ 1,353,378$ |
| Other | $\$ 701,951$ |
| Total | $\$ 26,980,435$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


## Summary of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 12,536,360$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 8,670,828$ |
| Ins | $\$ 555,761$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 1,604,606$ |
| Other | $\$ 3,560,374$ |
| Total | $\$ 26,927,929$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years


CNYRTA - System Total - Operations and Performance Statistics

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 96 / 97 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $97 / 98$ <br> Actual | $\begin{gathered} \hline 98 / 99 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 99 / 00 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 00 / 01 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 9,029,130 | 8,983,513 | 9,485,922 | 8,842,262 | 9,171,366 | 3.72\% | 0.39\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 4,657,788 | 4,560,069 | 4,542,629 | 4,720,947 | 4,807,677 | 1.84\% | 0.79\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | \$25,254,225 | \$26,925,784 | \$24,235,796 | \$26,281,483 | \$26,927,929 | 2.46\% | 1.62\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$8,075,330 | \$8,263,411 | \$8,025,511 | \$8,779,777 | \$8,101,287 | -7.73\% | 0.08\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.94 | 1.97 | 2.09 | 1.87 | 1.91 | 1.85\% | -0.40\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$5.42 | \$5.90 | \$5.34 | \$5.57 | \$5.60 | 0.61\% | 0.82\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 31.98\% | 30.69\% | 33.11\% | 33.41\% | 30.09\% | -9.94\% | -1.51\% |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | 2.26\% |





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## CNYRTA- Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| CNYRTA <br> CENTRO | $96 / 97$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 7 / 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8 / 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 99/00 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $8,086,843$ | $8,016,441$ | $8,486,805$ | $8,077,792$ | $8,264,244$ | $2.31 \%$ | $0.54 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $3,208,818$ | $3,102,018$ | $3,091,156$ | $3,153,801$ | $3,170,600$ | $0.53 \%$ | $-0.30 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 20,766,957$ | $\$ 20,877,176$ | $\$ 19,282,103$ | $\$ 19,962,687$ | $\$ 20,961,725$ | $5.00 \%$ | $0.23 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 7,116,897$ | $\$ 7,091,357$ | $\$ 7,069,479$ | $\$ 7,124,535$ | $\$ 6,591,550$ | $-7.48 \%$ | $-1.90 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.52 | 2.58 | 2.75 | 2.56 | 2.61 | $1.77 \%$ | $0.85 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Rev Mile | $\$ 6.47$ | $\$ 6.73$ | $\$ 6.24$ | $\$ 6.33$ | $\$ 6.61$ | $4.45 \%$ | $0.53 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $34.27 \%$ | $33.97 \%$ | $36.66 \%$ | $35.69 \%$ | $31.45 \%$ | $-11.89 \%$ | $-2.13 \%$ |








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CNYRTA - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Rural


## CAPITAL DISTRICT

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Senate: 42-44
Assembly: 102-108
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Base Fare: } & \$ 1.00 \\ \text { Last Increase: } & \$ 0.25 \text { on } 4 / 1 / 95\end{array}$
In Capital District Transportation Authority (CDTA) was created by the New York State Legislature in 1967 to serve a regional transportation district encompassing Albany, Schenectady, Rensselaer, and Saratoga counties. CDTA operates fixed route bus, demand responsive complementary paratransit, shuttle van and school transportation contract services.

Population in the CDTA service area, as reported in the 2000 Census, increased by 2.2 percent from 1990, while employment has increased nearly 5.5 percent over the period. However, the Census highlights the loss of population in the core urban areas served by CDTA over the past 10 years. The three major cities within the transportation district, Albany, Schenectady, and Troy, all experienced population losses ranging from 5 to 10

percent.
In contrast, many of the adjacent suburbs in the four county region experienced growth over the decade.


From FY 1990/91 to FY 2000/01, ridership on the urban fixed route bus system dropped at an annualized rate of 2.0 percent. This 10 year downward trend in ridership was in part driven by the population declines in the core served area, as well as a fare increase, from

$\$ 0.75$ to $\$ 1.00$, in FY 1995/96.
Over the five year time-frame, from FY 1996-97 to 2000-01, urban fixed route ridership, which in 2000-01 constituted 99 percent of the CDTA total, declined at a

| CDTA | Fixed Route <br> Motor Bus | Paratransit <br> Service | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| FY 00-01 Characteristics | $9,505,172$ | 94,054 | $9,599,226$ |
| Revenue Passengers | 294 | - | 32 |

very slight annualized rate of .48 percent. Ridership change from FY 99-00 to 00-01 similarly declined by . 6 percent.

Fixed route transit service, as measured by revenue miles, decreased at an annualized rate of less than 1 percent between FY1990-91 and 2000-01. This decline was primarily due to cutting unproductive routes to help contain cost growth and address potential operating deficits in the early 1990s. Over the five year period from FY1996-97 to 2000-01, fixed route service increased at an annualized rate of 4.9 percent, as CDTA restructured and added routes to better meet their passenger's needs.

In contrast, CDTA's complementary paratransit system, STAR (Special Transit Available By Request), had a drop of less then 1 percent in revenue miles from FY1990-91 to 2000-01. This minor decline in service doesn't tell the whole story. Unlike most transit operators in the state, CDTA provided paratransit service prior to 1990 , when the federal government enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Miles of service increased significantly in the early 1990s as CDTA implemented a complementary paratransit system to be in full compliance with the mandate. From FY1996-97 to 1999-00, miles of service provided remained slightly above 1 million annually. A dramatic, 36 percent, decline in service occurred in FY 2000/01, as more riders were able to utilize CDTA's new fleet of low-floor buses and fewer people eligible for the STAR services.

The STAR system experienced a 26.8 percent decline in STOA-eligible passengers, nearly a 35,000 drop in
trips, from FY1999-00 to 2000/01. As noted, this was due to CDTA's continued refinement of eligibility requirements for access to STAR service and the increased usage of former riders on CDTA's new fixed route low floor buses. This is reflected in an increased number of wheelchair riders on the fixed route service from FY1999-00 to 2000-01.

Systemwide, STOA-eligible revenue vehicle miles increased from 6.72 million to 6.92 million ( 2.9 percent) from FY1999-00 to 2000-01. All of this growth can be attributed to the urban fixed route service, where service increased 10.7 percent, nearly 600,000 miles. In contrast, as noted above, STAR service declined nearly 365,000 miles ( 36 percent) in FY 2000-01.

During FY 2000-01, CDTA implemented minor service enhancements including new routes and route changes. In addition, over the past two years, CDTA has added new services, funded with grants from the federal Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) program and the New York State's Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. These "new start" services, implemented in the four County region to meet welfare transportation needs, include: Night Owl services on multiple routes and expanded hours of operation; connecting service to industrial parks and the Albany International Airport; a Transit Pass program which provides 24 hour 7 day a week access to CDTA supported services; and a Guaranteed Ride and Safety Net brokerage.

CDTA accomplished many of its milestones in the 2000-01. The average age of it's fleet was reduced to less than 3 years when it took delivery of new low floor

transit buses in FY1999-00 and 2000-01. These buses give CDTA a total fleet of 326 vehicles, up from 275 in the prior year. The total fleet is now 100 percent accessible under the Americans with Disabilities (ADA) regulations. The STAR fleet consists of 29 heavy-duty vehicles, two cutaways and two mini-vans. In addition, CDTA operates 12 shuttle vans in its fleet.

CDTA installed bike racks on selected buses in FY 2000-01. These were well received by the public and CDTA will continue to install bike racks on the rest of their fleet.

CDTA's Board recently approved a $\$ 7$ million award for a fleet-wide radio \& automatic vehicle locator (AVL) system for it's buses which will help improve fleet operations, driver safety, and customer service. The project will take several years to complete all phases. CDTA remains an active partner with NYSDOT and other state and local agencies in traffic signal improvement and transit priority projects along major highway corridors.

CDTA continues to expend significant staff time and capital dollars on the construction of the 80,000 square

| CDTA Service <br> Area | FY 90-91 | FY 00-01 | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 777,584 | 794,293 | $2.15 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 106,666 | 110,658 | $3.74 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 207,092 | 213,940 | $3.31 \%$ |
| Employment | 386,552 | 407,728 | $5.48 \%$ |
| Fixed Route <br> Ridership | $11,467,136$ | $9,505,172$ | $-17.11 \%$ |
| STAR Ridership | 71,115 | 94,054 | $32.26 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Fixed Route | $5,837,614$ | $6,268,112$ | $7.37 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> STAR | 654,577 | 649,996 | $-0.70 \%$ |

foot Rensselaer Intermodal Station. The $\$ 60$ million station is expected to open in FY2002-03. In addition, CDTA is the lead agency for both the renovation of the Saratoga Springs Amtrak Station and the extension of a Scenic Rail line north of Saratoga, currently in development.

CDTA, in collaboration with local planning and transportation agencies, is involved in a land use and transportation concepts study along a major regional corridor (NY 5) between the cities of Albany and Schenectady. The concept of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) has emerged as appropriate for the corridor. BRT, as described in the Mobility and Innovation Chapter of this Report, incorporates frequent service, formal transfer stations, priority treatment (including signal preemption and dedicated transit lanes), off-board fare transactions, real time electronic arrival information and connecting feeder services. The BRT project will be implemented in "stages" as funding permits.

CDTA's ratio of operating revenue to operating expense, a measure of service economy, declined 6.5 percent from FY1999-00 to 2000-01 (38 percent to 35 percent). This is the first major drop in system economy over the past five years, where the ratio has remained near the 38 percent level for four years. The drop in system economy can be attributed to several factors:

- A 22 percent increase in non-personal expenses. Major non-personal expense growth including fuel and lubricants, services associated with ACCESS Transit, casualty and liability costs, and to a lesser degree, parts and
repairs.
- Nearly a 4 percent escalation of personal service (salary, wages, fringe) costs. These expenses increased due to contractual obligations, increased overtime, additional staff, and fringe benefits mandates.
- Growth in operating revenue, improving at a strong annualized rate of 7.85 percent, did not keep pace with the 10.2 percent growth in costs described above. CDTA continues to increase revenue through contract services to help offset declining passenger revenue. CDTA has also held the base fare constant at $\$ 1.00$ since 1995. Fare incentives introduced to encourage increased ridership, such as multi-ride passes, have also impacted passenger revenue.

Contributing to the increase in overall CDTA system costs is the implementation of ACCESS Transit, a subsidiary of CDTA, which brokers medicaid transportation for three surrounding counties. ACCESS Transit provides a system where people requiring nonemergency transportation for medical trips (under Medicaid) call one central phone number to arrange trips. ACCESS Transit then arranges transportation for the client, bundles trips for efficiency, and reimburses transportation providers for the services rendered.

Begun in FY1998-99, ACCESS Transit's expenses have grown to approximately $\$ 3$ million annually. It should be noted that in FY2000-01, ACCESS Transit successfully brokered over 400,000 trips and was reimbursed wholly for their services by the three counties involved.

CDTA's ratio of revenue passengers per revenue mile, a measure of service effectiveness, decreased from 1.44 pass/mile in FY1999-00 to 1.39 in 2000/01, a drop of 3.7 percent. This measure has declined over the 5 year time-frame as well at an annualized rate of 3.25 percent. The drop in this measure in reflects the decline in revenue passengers corresponding with a 2.9 percent increase in revenue vehicle miles. With population declining in the core service area and expanding in the suburbs, CDTA, like many transit operators faces the challenge of serving a more dispersed pattern of travel origins and destinations. To respond to this changing demographic pattern, more miles of service are required just to sustain ridership at or near traditional levels.

A closer examination of the data reveals variations among the individual modes. As mentioned previously, ridership losses were primarily attributed to the fixed route bus operations. In contrast, CDTA's complementary paratransit system showed system effectiveness increasing more than 14 percent in FY2000-01 over the prior year due to a drop in both ridership and service, but at variable rates. STAR showed a ridership decrease of approximately 27 percent from FY 1999-00 to FY 2000-01. During the same time period, revenue vehicle miles decreased close to 36 percent.

CDTA's operating cost per revenue vehicle mile increased 5.7 percent from $\$ 5.31$ per mile in FY199900 to $\$ 5.61$ in 2000/01. This increase in unit cost was attributable to operating costs increasing at a faster rate than service growth. Over the five year period beginning in FY1996-97, cost per mile rose from $\$ 4.24$ to $\$ 5.61$, an annualized change of 7.3 percent.

During the same period, five year period, the STAR system operating cost per mile went up by an annualized 21.3 percent. This large growth in cost per mile can be attributed to a 8.2 percent annualized increase in STAR expenses in conjunction with a 10.9 percent decline in revenue vehicle miles. However, the increase in cost for the paratransit service in FY200001 slowed to 3.9 percent, while there appears to be a shift in ridership from demand responsive STAR to fixed route service. This may help to reduce the proportional cost of the STAR system over time.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - CDTA - SYSTEM TOTAL

## Sources of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 9,508,393$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 5,230,092$ |
| State | $\$ 11,190,708$ |
| Federal | $\$ 3,000,221$ |
| Other | $\$ 4,133,830$ |
| Total | $\$ 33,063,244$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System FY 00-01 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 18,068,638$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 9,335,610$ |
| Ins | $\$ 1,011,590$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 1,976,526$ |
| Other | $\$ 8,415,791$ |
| Total | $\$ 38,808,155$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


CDTA - System Total Opeartions and Performance Statistics

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 96 / 97 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 97 / 98 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 98 / 99 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 99 / 00 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathbf{0 0 / 0 1} \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 9,818,093 | 9,611,281 | 9,677,072 | 9,690,761 | 9,599,226 | -0.94\% | -0.56\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 6,199,210 | 6,296,635 | 6,541,636 | 6,722,687 | 6,918,004 | 2.91\% | 2.78\% |
| Op. Cost | \$26,275,480 | \$27,118,083 | \$29,298,228 | \$35,678,531 | \$38,808,155 | 8.77\% | 10.24\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$10,083,312 | \$10,481,504 | \$11,164,185 | \$13,408,107 | \$13,642,223 | 1.75\% | 7.85\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.58 | 1.53 | 1.48 | 1.44 | 1.39 | -3.74\% | -3.25\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$4.24 | \$4.31 | \$4.48 | \$5.31 | \$5.61 | 5.70\% | 7.26\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 38.38\% | 38.65\% | 38.11\% | 37.58\% | 35.15\% | -6.46\% | -2.17\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |

$\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { CDTA-Total Operations } \\ \text { Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile }\end{array}\right]$


CDTA-Total Operations Operating Rev. to Operating Cost


CDTA Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| CDTA <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{9 6} / \mathbf{9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 7 / 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8} / \mathbf{9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 9 / 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $9,691,325$ | $9,486,306$ | $9,548,673$ | $9,562,265$ | $9,505,172$ | $-0.60 \%$ | $-0.48 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $5,170,359$ | $5,267,596$ | $5,538,490$ | $5,707,750$ | $6,268,008$ | $9.82 \%$ | $4.93 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 23,789,779$ | $\$ 24,451,904$ | $\$ 26,621,949$ | $\$ 32,405,708$ | $\$ 35,407,200$ | $9.26 \%$ | $10.45 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 9,885,400$ | $\$ 10,289,563$ | $\$ 10,972,585$ | $\$ 13,213,107$ | $\$ 13,342,223$ | $0.98 \%$ | $7.79 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.87 | 1.80 | 1.72 | 1.68 | 1.52 | $-9.48 \%$ | $-5.16 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Rev Mile | $\$ 4.60$ | $\$ 4.64$ | $\$ 4.81$ | $\$ 5.68$ | $\$ 5.65$ | $-0.50 \%$ | $5.26 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $41.55 \%$ | $42.08 \%$ | $41.22 \%$ | $40.77 \%$ | $37.68 \%$ | $-7.58 \%$ | $-2.41 \%$ |







| CDTA <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{9 6 / 9 7}$ <br> Actual | 97/98 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 8} / \mathbf{9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{9 9 / 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{0 0 / 0 1}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 126,768 | 124,975 | 128,399 | 128,496 | 94,054 | $-26.80 \%$ | $-7.19 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,028,851$ | $1,029,039$ | $1,003,146$ | $1,014,937$ | 649,996 | $-35.96 \%$ | $-10.85 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 2,485,701$ | $\$ 2,666,179$ | $\$ 2,676,279$ | $\$ 3,272,823$ | $\$ 3,400,955$ | $3.92 \%$ | $8.15 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 197,912$ | $\$ 191,941$ | $\$ 191,600$ | $\$ 195,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ | $53.85 \%$ | $10.96 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.13 | 0.13 | 0.14 | $14.29 \%$ | $4.10 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.42$ | $\$ 2.59$ | $\$ 2.67$ | $\$ 3.22$ | $\$ 5.23$ | $62.26 \%$ | $21.31 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $7.96 \%$ | $7.20 \%$ | $7.16 \%$ | $5.96 \%$ | $8.82 \%$ | $48.05 \%$ | $2.59 \%$ |







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## BROOME COUNTY TRANSIT

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State Legislative Districts:

| Senate: | 51 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Assembly: | $123 \& 124$ |

## Base Fare: <br> $\$ 1.00$ <br> Last Increase: <br> \$0.20 in January 1996

Broome County Transit (BCT) provides service to a large portion of the County, covering eighty square miles, with concentration on the urbanized cores of the triple cities of Binghamton, Johnson City and Endicott. BCT also extend their services to Vestal, Westover, Endwell, Union, West Corners, and others.

The Broome County Transit service area population, as reported in the 2000 Census, declined $5.5 \%$ from its 1990 level. Employment also declined over this period by $3.5 \%$. Population in the core area served by BCT experienced steeper declines with the City of Binghamton and Johnson City dropping by $11 \%$ and $8 \%$ respectively.

Over the 5-year period from 1996 to 2000 ridership on the total Broome County system declined by and annualized rate of 2.51 percent. In 2000 the decline continued but slowed to a very modest 1.25 percent decline with BCT carrying a total of 2.7 million trips. Viewed over ten years fixed route ridership actually

rose modestly by $1.4 \%$ and rural ridership rose by 11.2 percent. The shorter term declines and longer term

slow growth in ridership likely result from population and employment declines in the service area, particularly in the core area of Binghamton.

Ridership on BCT's rural service increased $15 \%$ from 1999-2000. This increase in rural ridership can be attributed to the increased service hours and frequency.


Broome County added two successful new fixed routes in 2000. However, the additional passengers on the new

| BROOME COUNTY TRANSIT 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Rural <br> Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 2,654,899 | 63,985 | 23,956 | 2,742,840 |
| Number of Vehicles | 47 | 10 | 8 | 65 |
| Number of Employees | 91 | 2 | 12 | 105 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 1,335,900 | 313,585 | 213,752 | 1,863,237 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 98,792 | 24,349 | 10,710 | 133,851 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 2,018,092 | 57,759 | 20,860 | 2,096,711 |
| Total Operating Expense | 5262088 | 765842 | 458109 | 6,486,039 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 3.94 | 2.44 | 2.14 | 3.48 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 53.26 | 31.45 | 42.77 | 48.46 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.99 | 0.20 | 0.11 | 1.47 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 26.87 | 2.63 | 2.24 | 20.49 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.38 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.32 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 1.98 | 11.97 | 19.12 | 2.36 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 0.76 | 0.90 | 0.87 | 0.76 |



| Broome County <br> Service Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | $\%$ <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 212,160 | 200,536 | $-5.48 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 31,825 | 32,831 | $3.16 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 56,018 | 53,734 | $-4.08 \%$ |
| Employment | 103,235 | 99,613 | $-3.51 \%$ |
| Fixed Route <br> Ridership | $2,618,313$ | $2,654,899$ | $1.40 \%$ |
| Rural Ridership | 21,540 | 23,956 | $11.22 \%$ |
| Paratransit <br> Ridership | 73,478 | 63,985 | $-12.92 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Fixed Route | $1,151,492$ | $1,335,900$ | $16.01 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles Rural | 168,104 | 213,752 | $27.15 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Paratransit | 267,929 | 313,585 | $17.04 \%$ |

routes were countered by decreases in ridership on some existing routes due to market shifts associated with the population decline.

Revenue vehicle miles increased significantly in 2000 due to the two new fixed routes and increases in rural and urban paratransit services. Vehicle miles went up by $10 \%$ from 1999 to 2000 after being relatively stable the previous three years ( 1.6 percent annualized growth from 1996 to 1999).

In 2000 Broome County Transit replaced 23 new buses and also received farebox card readers for counting the fare box revenues. The wheelchair accessible buses increased from 37 to 63 in 2000. They also installed new bus shelters in 2000.

From 1999 to 2000 the 1.3 percent decrease in ridership and 10 percent increase in revenue vehicle miles resulted in a 10 percent decline in passengers per mile, a measure of service "effectiveness." This measure declined over the 5-year period as well at an annualized rate of 6.26 percent reflecting the ridership and miles trends described above.

The cost recovery ratio (operating revenue to operating costs), a measure of service "economy" was 32.3 percent for the 2000. This constitutes a decline from 3.6 percent in 1999. Operating costs in 2000 increased by 11.6 percent over 1999 due primarily to an increase in service miles and the hiring of an additional dispatcher.

Passenger revenue declined slightly in 2000, consistent with the ridership decline and stable fares. However, overall operating revenue increased slightly due to a significant increase in other operating revenues such as advertising. Over the 5 -year period cost recovery declined by an annualized rate of 4.47 percent.

Vehicle miles and operating costs both increased significantly in 2000 resulting in a small increase of 1.36 percent in cost per vehicle mile, a measure of service "efficiency." Over the 5 years from 1996-2000 this measure remained very stable increasing by a slight annualized rate of .36 percent. This growth is well below the national inflation rate over this time period.

The increasing miles of service and slight decline in revenue passengers over the past five years has led to a .26 percent annualized decrease in passengers per mile, a measure of service "effectiveness." This measure declined more substantially in 2000 , by 10.29 percent, reflecting the introduction of new routes amidst declining ridership on the remainder of the fixed route system.

The Broome County Transit paratransit operation, BC Lift, showed a very slight growth in ridership of . 67 percent, accompanied by a more significant increase in service miles of 8.54 percent. This combination of growth led to a decline in passengers per mile of 7.14 percent. The operation's cost per mile went from $\$ 2.22$ in 1999 to $\$ 2.44$ in 2000 constituting a 10 percent increase, which is similarly reflected in the 5 year trend of $9.92 \%$ increase.

The rural services experienced a significant increase in service provided and a correspondingly significant increase in ridership (both growing at approximately a $15 \%$ rate). Passengers per mile has been very stable over the 5 year time period declining by a modest 1.61percent with a neglible increase of .09 percent in 2000.

Cost per mile for rural service actually declined from 1996 to 2000 with a slight upturn in 2000 of .71 percent. Cost recovery is relatively low on rural service because the miles to passenger ratio is much higher in serving the more dispersed patterns of rural travel. The rates range from 3.47 to 5.36 percent across the years from 1996 to 2000.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - BROOME COUNTY TRANSIT - SYSTEM TOTAL

## Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 1,918,421$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 1,007,996$ |
| State | $\$ 2,559,132$ |
| Federal | $\$ 822,200$ |
| Other | $\$ 178,290$ |
| Total | $\$ 6,486,039$ |

Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 2,950,450$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 1,708,387$ |
| Ins | $\$ 127,148$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 437,580$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,262,474$ |
| Total | $\$ 6,486,039$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Broome County Transit - System Total Operations and Performance Statistics

|  | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 3,036,691 | 3,032,099 | 2,917,531 | 2,777,697 | 2,742,840 | -1.25\% | -2.51\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,593,108 | 1,607,438 | 1,642,662 | 1,692,672 | 1,863,237 | 10.08\% | 3.99\% |
| Op. Cost | \$5,466,460 | \$5,794,086 | \$5,581,356 | \$5,813,463 | \$6,486,039 | 11.57\% | 4.37\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$2,121,767 | \$2,342,467 | \$1,891,578 | \$2,081,644 | \$2,096,711 | 0.72\% | -0.30\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.91 | 1.89 | 1.78 | 1.64 | 1.47 | -10.29\% | -6.26\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$3.43 | \$3.60 | \$3.40 | \$3.43 | \$3.48 | 1.36\% | 0.36\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 38.81\% | 40.43\% | 33.89\% | 35.81\% | 32.33\% | -9.72\% | -4.47\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |





## Broome County Transit- Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| Broome County Transit <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | $2,953,482$ | $2,949,003$ | $2,832,102$ | $2,693,419$ | $2,654,899$ | $-1.43 \%$ | $-2.63 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | $1,173,290$ | $1,160,864$ | $1,168,827$ | $1,218,064$ | $1,335,900$ | $9.67 \%$ | $3.30 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 4,604,562$ | $\$ 4,772,207$ | $\$ 4,642,954$ | $\$ 4,776,901$ | $\$ 5,262,088$ | $10.16 \%$ | $3.39 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 1,926,477$ | $\$ 2,145,000$ | $\$ 1,825,875$ | $\$ 2,013,940$ | $\$ 2,018,092$ | $0.21 \%$ | $1.17 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.52 | 2.54 | 2.42 | 2.21 | 1.99 | $-10.12 \%$ | $-5.74 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 3.92$ | $\$ 4.11$ | $\$ 3.97$ | $\$ 3.92$ | $\$ 3.94$ | $0.44 \%$ | $0.09 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $41.84 \%$ | $44.95 \%$ | $39.33 \%$ | $42.16 \%$ | $38.35 \%$ | $-9.03 \%$ | $-2.15 \%$ |







| Broome County Transit <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | $\boldsymbol{\%}$ Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> $\boldsymbol{\%}$ Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 63,192 | 62,726 | 64,982 | 63,485 | 63,985 | $0.79 \%$ | $0.31 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 252,458 | 282,438 | 307,179 | 288,910 | 313,585 | $8.54 \%$ | $5.57 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 422,285$ | $\$ 644,482$ | $\$ 636,597$ | $\$ 641,382$ | $\$ 765,842$ | $19.40 \%$ | $16.05 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 180,021$ | $\$ 181,440$ | $\$ 49,540$ | $\$ 51,130$ | $\$ 57,759$ | $12.96 \%$ | $-24.74 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.21 | 0.22 | 0.20 | $-7.14 \%$ | $-4.98 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 1.67$ | $\$ 2.28$ | $\$ 2.07$ | $\$ 2.22$ | $\$ 2.44$ | $10.01 \%$ | $9.92 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $42.63 \%$ | $28.15 \%$ | $7.78 \%$ | $7.97 \%$ | $7.54 \%$ | $-5.39 \%$ | $-35.15 \%$ |







Broome County Transit - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Rural

| Broome County Transit <br> Rural | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 20,017 | 20,370 | 20,447 | 20,793 | 23,956 | $15.21 \%$ | $4.59 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 167,360 | 164,136 | 166,656 | 185,698 | 213,752 | $15.11 \%$ | $6.31 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 439,613$ | $\$ 377,397$ | $\$ 301,805$ | $\$ 395,180$ | $\$ 458,109$ | $15.92 \%$ | $1.04 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 15,269$ | $\$ 16,027$ | $\$ 16,163$ | $\$ 16,574$ | $\$ 20,860$ | $25.86 \%$ | $8.11 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.11 | $0.09 \%$ | $-1.61 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.63$ | $\$ 2.30$ | $\$ 1.81$ | $\$ 2.13$ | $\$ 2.14$ | $0.71 \%$ | $-4.96 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $3.47 \%$ | $4.25 \%$ | $5.36 \%$ | $4.19 \%$ | $4.55 \%$ | $8.57 \%$ | $7.00 \%$ |







## UTICA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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Base Fare: $\quad \$ 1.00$
Last Increase: January, 1996
The Utica Transit Authority (UTA), created in 1970, provides fixed route bus and paratransit service within the City of Utica and the surrounding townships of New Hartford, Kirkland, Deerfield, Whitestown and Marcy. UTA is sponsored in the STOA program by the City of Utica and the towns listed above. They are part of a larger collection of transit systems that provide transit in the Utica-Rome Urban Area and Oneida and Herkimer Counties, including Rome VIP Bus, Birnie Bus Tours, Inc., Utica-Rome Bus Company, and Oneida County Rural Transit provided by the Office of the Aging for Oneida County.

According to the latest Census information, population in Oneida County has dropped $2.8 \%$ from 1990 to 2000. The small population decline masks the migration away from the center cities in the county to the suburbs and surrounding towns. The City of Utica lost over $13 \%$ of its population during the decade while the Town of Marcy was the fastest growing suburban area. Most other towns enjoyed a small growth over the ten year period. In that same time period, employment grew by $5.2 \%$ despite the closing of Griffiss Air Force Base north of Rome. Retail jobs and other service jobs are the largest growing sector among jobs in the area.


These two factors, serving the wider dispersion of

residences and employment in the area and the flexible hours that residents are working in these service jobs, require more flexible public transit.

The senior population has remained constant over the ten years ( a $0.25 \%$ growth). However, in the context of total population decline and the loss of young people from the county ( $-4.38 \%$ for population under 19), the senior population is becoming a larger percentage of the total population. This trend also impacts transit services as seniors are often more dependent on public transit to reach doctors appointments, social events and other locations in the City and in the suburbs.

Fixed route ridership has fallen by an annualized rate of $9.5 \%$ in the ten year period. A large portion of this

decline can be attributed to a change in the

| UTICA TRANSIT AUTHORITY | Fixed Route | Paratransit | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 Characteristics | Motor Bus | Service |  |
| Revenue Passengers | 1,208,134 | 23,234 | 1,231,368 |
| Number of Vehicles | 35 | 7 | 42 |
| Number of Employees | 72 | 10 | 82 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 998,684 | 141,424 | 1,140,108 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 71,849 | 12,786 | 84,635 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 1,012,166 | 28,600 | 1,040,766 |
| Total Operating Expense | 3,519,518 | 394,400 | 3,913,918 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 3.52 | 2.79 | 3.43 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 48.98 | 30.85 | 46.24 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.21 | 0.16 | 1.08 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 16.81 | 1.82 | 14.55 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.29 | 0.07 | 0.27 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 2.91 | 16.98 | 3.18 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 0.84 | 1.23 | 0.85 |

methodology for counting passengers. The changes are a result of two STOA program audits over the last six years. The statistics for 1999 and 2000 are still affected by these changes. A 47 percent reduction in transfers in 2000 over 1999 constitutes a major portion of the 11 percent decline in UTA ridership. In an effort to address the results of the 1998 STOA audit, UTA installed registering fareboxes on their entire fleet by the end of 2000. UTA also trained drivers and dedicated extra staff resources to a passenger counting program. They expect very accurate passenger counts by route for 2001 and are excited about the possibilities that this information will provide for further route and market analysis.

UTA's overall route mileage has decreased by a slight 0.5 percent over the last five years. UTA went through a thorough route analysis in 1995 when they last raised fares and cutback some service. They also experienced some minor adjustments as a result of the STOA audit that has reduced miles traveled over the last five years. The slight increase in miles in 1998 across all modes was addressed in the second STOA audit.

However, UTA continues to run their core routes to the surrounding malls, hospitals and colleges and other places of economic vitality to the area. For many of the residents who ride the bus, this is the only access to these centers. This stability in the fixed route service structure in combination with decreasing ridership has led to a decline in the number of revenue passengers per revenue mile, a measure of service "effectiveness."

UTA's active peak fleet is now 100 percent accessible, with the addition of new vehicles replacing older nonaccessible vehicles in 1999. These new buses have
added to the system efficiency through a decrease in maintenance costs and the ability to reduce the inventory to more manageable levels. Diagnostic tools within the bus provide maintenance staff with the ability to trouble shoot and keep the buses in service for longer periods of time.

2000 operating expenses have increased by 4.2 percent. However, over the 5 year period expenses increased at an annualized rate of 2.69 percent, which is just above the rate of inflation for the period. UTA was able to hold labor costs to a 3 percent growth rate from 1999 to 2000 but suffered a spike in fuel prices ( 68 percent), utilities (43 percent) and interest costs (49 percent).

These increases in operating expenses, together with the STOA audit fees have seriously impacted UTA's financial picture. UTA receives no local assistance beyond the match to the dedicated portion of STOA. In the other major upstate areas, Authorities each have a portion of the Mortgage Recording Tax (MRT) to assist them in paying for insurance funds and for paying the local share of capital purchases. As a result of this situation, UTA has been forced to float bonds to pay for capital purchases such as lift replacements and new buses. The debt load continues to increase ( 88 percent in 2000).

Cost per mile, a measure of service "efficiency" increased 5.3 percent from 1999 to 2000 as a result of the cost increases described above. The annualized rate of increase of 3.24 percent over from 1996 to 2000 , was slightly above inflation for the period.

Cost increases together with the ridership decline has had a serious impact on the recovery ratio, or

"economy" of the system. The loss in revenue between 1999 and 2000 has produced over a 9 percent decrease in the ratio down to a five year low of almost 29 percent.

As a result of the loss in passengers over and above the STOA audits, the five year trend is an almost four percent drop in the economy of the system, falling from a high of almost 34 percent. Lastly, the effectiveness of the system for fixed route is not reliable because the loss in ridership was not attributable to actual passengers, but rather to the accounting methods.

Oneida County continues to receive Federal Aid in the form of discretionary funding through Congressional earmarks to improve and upgrade Union Station in Utica. This has allowed the intercity carriers: UticaRome Bus Company, Birnie Bus Tours, Inc. and Greyhound and Trailways to serve a central location. It has also provided UTA with a focal point in their transfer system which allows for timely intermodal connections including the Amtrak and Adirondack rail service.

Two new funding sources have contributed to developing a brokerage form of mobility management in Oneida County. The State-sponsored TANF fundsource is being used as a match to the Federal Jobs Access-Reverse Commute (JARC) program. This has allowed Oneida County to pursue an RFP on maintaining a brokerage operation to assist low-income and unemployed residents of Oneida County.

| UTA Service <br> Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 206,486 | 200,519 | $-2.89 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 32,674 | 32,757 | $0.25 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 56,729 | 54,244 | $-4.38 \%$ |
| Employment | 105,123 | 110,684 | $5.29 \%$ |
| Fixed Route <br> Ridership | $2,972,467$ | $1,208,134$ | $-59.36 \%$ |
| Demand <br> Responsive <br> Ridership | 0 | 23,234 | NA |
| Rev. Miles <br> Fixed Route | $1,196,269$ | 998,684 | $-16.52 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Demand <br> Responsive | 0 | 141,424 | NA |

A brokerage program has been set up with UTA as the sub-contractor to the County. They will oversee coordination of services for non-traditional hours of service and to augment existing fixed route service with other means of transport such as Taxi for guaranteed ride home and shared ride. This program will allow UTA to fund some of the redesign of their service to more effectively serve the transit dependent population.

Ridership for UTA's demand response service which is a compliment to their fixed route has continued the downward trend in 2000 that occurred in 1999. This is mainly a result of the recertification program for eligibility instituted by the County. This could be regarded as a positive trend if those riders are coming off the more expensive demand response service to ride on the new accessible buses on the fixed route.

Costs for the paratransit service went down from 1999 to 2000 as miles decreased with less passengers. This is a demand response service and with less riders certified and serviced, there are less miles traveled. The cost per mile, or the measure of the system efficiency, has remained stable from 1999 to 2000, with an annualized rate of 2.68 percent.

The loss in ridership however, and the resulting loss in revenue, offset the decrease in costs from 1999 to 2000. This had an impact on the "economy" of the system as the ratio of revenue to cost dropped nearly 6 percent
form 1999 to 2000. Over the last five years the paratransit service has an overall growth in the "economy" measure of 3.5 percent., due to a stringent cost containment program for paratransit service and the low maintenance costs on the 5 vehicles delivered since 1999 that provide this service.

These lower costs have enabled the economy of the operation to increase. Replacing these vehicles in their normal replacement cycle ( 21997 vehicles are due in 2002) will be problematic for UTA because of their limited ability to raise the 10 percent local match to the Federal and State dollars. This will negatively affect the economy of the service as the older vehicles will require higher maintenance costs. The ratio of revenue passengers per mile, a measure of service "effectiveness" was also stable over the five year time frame, decreasing by 2.8 percent. This is mostly due to the loss of passengers these past two years.

## Financial Information (System Wide) - UTICA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 992,614$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 364,450$ |
| State | $\$ 1,566,110$ |
| Federal | $\$ 850,494$ |
| Other | $\$ 48,152$ |
| Total | $\$ 3,821,820$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 1,749,575$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 1,158,113$ |
| Ins | $\$ 136,176$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 260,239$ |
| Other | $\$ 609,815$ |
| Total | $\$ 3,913,918$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


## UTICA TRANSIT AUTHORITY Total Operations

| Operations | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathbf{2 0 0 0} \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 2,374,088 | 1,990,662 | 1,760,703 | 1,385,049 | 1,231,368 | -11.10\% | -15.14\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,162,935 | 1,160,349 | 1,180,827 | 1,147,862 | 1,140,108 | -0.68\% | -0.49\% |
| Op. Cost | \$3,519,343 | \$3,818,074 | \$3,639,748 | \$3,757,033 | \$3,913,918 | 4.18\% | 2.69\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$1,082,760 | \$1,092,077 | \$1,076,128 | \$1,091,738 | \$1,040,766 | -4.67\% | -0.98\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 2.04 | 1.72 | 1.49 | 1.21 | 1.08 | -10.49\% | -14.71\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$3.03 | \$3.29 | \$3.08 | \$3.27 | \$3.43 | 4.88\% | 3.20\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 30.77\% | 28.60\% | 29.57\% | 29.06\% | 26.59\% | -8.49\% | -3.58\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |





Utica Transit Authority - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit





| UTA <br> Paratransit | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \% \text { Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 27,204 | 27,260 | 27,883 | 24,985 | 23,234 | -7.01\% | -3.87\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 150,450 | 154,059 | 167,326 | 148,922 | 141,424 | -5.03\% | -1.53\% |
| Op. Cost | \$377,861 | \$393,002 | \$399,108 | \$414,761 | \$394,400 | -4.91\% | 1.08\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$23,609 | \$27,098 | \$33,430 | \$31,934 | \$28,600 | -10.44\% | 4.91\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.16 | -2.08\% | -2.37\% |
| Op.Cost/Rev Mile | \$2.51 | \$2.55 | \$2.39 | \$2.79 | \$2.79 | 0.13\% | 2.65\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 6.25\% | 6.90\% | 8.38\% | 7.70\% | 7.25\% | -5.82\% | 3.79\% |







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Chemung County Transit (CCTS) serves a diverse market with a core service area centered on the City of Elmira, surrounding communities such as Horseheads and rural portions of the County. CCTS also provides inter-county service to destinations such as Corning, Watkins Glen, Ithaca and parts of Tioga County.

Population in the Chemung County Transit service area, as reported in the 2000 Census, declined a modest $4.3 \%$ from 1990. Employment increased slightly over this period by 3.9 percent. However, the core area served by Chemung County Transit, the City of Elmira, experienced a steeper population decline of 9 percent. Population and employment growth in the region has taken place in an increasingly dispersed pattern that is difficult to serve with traditional public transportation.


As a result of these demographic and economic trends, Chemung County has experienced a fairly substantial decline in total system ridership over the past decade. Fixed Route ridership declined at an annualized rate of $5.1 \%$ over this period. However, this fixed route ridership decline may have stabilized with a $3.4 \%$

increase in riders in 2000.
In 2001 Chemung County Transit began an effort to systematically respond to the changing transportation market in their area by launching a comprehensive route analysis study to evaluate options for route restructuring. The objective of the study is to identify route changes and service strategies that better meet the needs of the increasingly dispersed pattern of

population and employment that they serve.

In 2000 Chemung initiated a marketing campaign to improve public awareness of their services. The effort included producing and marketing a promotional video

| Chemung County Transit 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Rural Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 580,786 | 56,292 | 76,280 | 713,358 |
| Number of Vehicles | 20 | 9 | 8 | 37 |
| Number of Employees | 44 | 12 | 19 | 75 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 969,989 | 278,445 | 352,770 | 1,601,204 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 54,352 | 20,587 | 10,560 | 85,499 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 1,406,197 | 699,881 | 331,035 | 2,437,113 |
| Total Operating Expense | 3,066,623 | 1,190,420 | 613,906 | 4,870,949 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 3.16 | 4.28 | 1.74 | 3.04 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 56.42 | 57.82 | 58.14 | 56.97 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 0.60 | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.45 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 10.69 | 2.73 | 7.22 | 8.34 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.46 | 0.59 | 0.54 | 0.50 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 5.28 | 21.15 | 8.05 | 6.83 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 2.42 | 12.43 | 4.34 | 3.42 |



| Chemung County Transit System | 1990 | 2000 | $\%$ <br> Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Population | 95,195 | 91,070 | -4.33\% |
| Pop. Over 65 | 14,335 | 14,222 | -0.79\% |
| Pop. Under 19 | 27,130 | 24,739 | -8.81\% |
| Employment | 40,048 | 41,609 | 3.90\% |
| Fixed Route Ridership | 926,199 | 580,786 | -37.29\% |
| Rural Ridership | 61,613 | 76,280 | 23.81\% |
| STAMP Ridership | 59,972 | 56,292 | -6.14\% |
| Rev. Miles Fixed Route | 1,013,354 | 969,989 | -4.28\% |
| Rev. Miles Rural | 195,211 | 352,770 | 80.71\% |

highlighting the benefits of the system to two different target audiences, children ages 9 to 15 and the general public. The video is targeted for presentations to local schools, human service organizations as well as service clubs, such as the Rotary, Elks, and Lions etc.

A number of new service initiatives were begun in 2000, oriented toward new markets including the addition of local service into Corning as well as a new STAMP (paratransit) run. Two new Routes were upgraded from a dial-a-ride to a fixed route structure to provide more regular service to employment and shopping destinations at the Arnot Mall.

These new service additions contributed to an 8.7 percent increase in revenue miles of service from 1999
to 2000. This increase continued a trend towards increasing service miles following a period of contraction from 1990 to 1997, during which revenue miles were reduced by $19.6 \%$ on the fixed route system.

Another service initiative introduced in 2000 was a local monthly pass for regular fare and senior citizens, and regional passes.

In 2000, Chemung Transit acquired seven replacement low floor buses. They also plan to purchase 3 additional buses for their inter-county commuter runs. Delivery of
these buses is expected in the first half of 2001.
In addition to urban fixed route transit service, which accounts for $81.4 \%$ of total system ridership, Chemung County Transit also provides complementary paratransit and rural fixed route service.

STAMP, the County's complementary paratransit service, like the fixed route system has experienced a 10-year decline in riders. Ridership declined overall $6.1 \%$ since 1990 . However much of this decline occurred within the last five years following an increase in the early 1990's. Over the five years from 1996 through 2000 ridership declined at an annualized rate of 7.8 percent. Like fixed route service, revenue miles have increased over the 10 -year period by $10.8 \%$ but have declined in the last five years by $17.8 \%$.

Rural services operated in Schuyler and Tioga Counties experienced a substantial $23.8 \%$ growth in ridership from 1990 to 2000. Ridership on rural services grew dramatically in 1999, but leveled off with a slight decline in 2000. Over the decade of the 1990s revenue miles of service grew dramatically, by $80.7 \%$, contributing to the increased ridership for these services. This service increase trend, which included a $32 \%$ increase from 1997 to 1998 , has leveled off with a $.4 \%$ decline in 2000.

As described above, the decline in population in the core service area, along with growth in the more suburban areas of the region, have led to an increase in vehicle miles of service needed to serve these market areas. Growth in miles has exceeded the increase in ridership. As a result, service "effectiveness" as measured by passengers per revenue mile, declined by more than $4 \%$ from 1999 to 2000 and an annual average of over $8 \%$ decline since 1996 .

Operating Costs from 1999 to 2000 went up by nearly $6 \%$. The primary reasons for this cost increase include: the hiring of 2 mechanics, and $100 \%$ increase in fuel/utility costs and a $30 \%$ increase in materials. Despite these cost increases, cost per mile, as a gauge of service "efficiency" actually improved from 1999 to 2000 as a result of vehicle miles of service increasing at faster rate than the increases in cost. The increase in efficiency reversed the past three years' trend of costs increasing faster than miles of service growth.

As a result of increased ridership in 2000, passenger revenue increased driving an improvement in service "economy," as measured by the ratio operating revenue
to operating cost ratio. The most significant factor in passenger revenue is the County's Medicaid transportation contract of over \$ 1million, which leads to a cover ratio of nearly $50 \%$ in 1999 and 2000.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SYSTEM TOTAL - CHEMUNG COUNTY TRANSIT

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 2,012,819$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 336,000$ |
| State | $\$ 1,479,554$ |
| Federal | $\$ 594,900$ |
| Other | $\$ 424,294$ |
| Total | $\$ 4,847,567$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 2,023,673$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 716,234$ |
| Ins | $\$ 207,164$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 325,174$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,598,704$ |
| Total | $\$ 4,870,949$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Chemung County Transit: System Total Operating and Performance Statistics

| Chemung County Operations | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 895,149 | 801,565 | 724,106 | 698,317 | 713,358 | 2.15\% | -5.52\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,407,887 | 1,294,293 | 1,360,440 | 1,496,408 | 1,601,204 | 7.00\% | 3.27\% |
| Op. Cost | \$3,746,362 | \$3,719,249 | \$4,109,916 | \$4,596,016 | \$4,870,949 | 5.98\% | 6.78\% |
| Op. Rev. | \$1,574,652 | \$1,526,820 | \$1,558,617 | \$2,230,429 | \$2,437,113 | 9.27\% | 11.54\% |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.53 | 0.47 | 0.45 | -4.53\% | -8.51\% |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | \$2.66 | \$2.87 | \$3.02 | \$3.07 | \$3.04 | -0.95\% | 3.40\% |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | 42.03\% | 41.05\% | 37.92\% | 48.53\% | 50.03\% | 3.10\% | 4.45\% |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | 3.36\% | 2.35\% |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | 3.11\% | 2.26\% |





## Chemung County Transit- Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| Chemung County <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 729,437 | 665,954 | 596,303 | 561,315 | 580,786 | $3.47 \%$ | $-5.54 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 819,054 | 814,232 | 818,555 | 891,847 | 969,989 | $8.76 \%$ | $4.32 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 2,318,056$ | $\$ 2,288,615$ | $\$ 2,465,334$ | $\$ 3,145,951$ | $\$ 3,066,623$ | $-2.52 \%$ | $7.25 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 1,107,488$ | $\$ 1,170,929$ | $\$ 1,074,413$ | $\$ 1,411,739$ | $\$ 1,406,197$ | $-0.39 \%$ | $6.15 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.89 | 0.82 | 0.73 | 0.63 | 0.60 | $-4.87 \%$ | $-9.45 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Rev Mile | $\$ 2.83$ | $\$ 2.81$ | $\$ 3.01$ | $\$ 3.53$ | $\$ 3.16$ | $-10.37 \%$ | $2.81 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $47.78 \%$ | $51.16 \%$ | $43.58 \%$ | $44.87 \%$ | $45.85 \%$ | $2.18 \%$ | $-1.02 \%$ |







| Chemung County <br> Paratransit | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 92,867 | 67,220 | 60,255 | 60,683 | 56,292 | $-7.24 \%$ | $-11.76 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 338,977 | 232,128 | 214,545 | 250,415 | 278,445 | $11.19 \%$ | $-4.80 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 936,591$ | $\$ 929,810$ | $\$ 1,027,479$ | $\$ 731,219$ | $\$ 1,190,420$ | $62.80 \%$ | $6.18 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 379,646$ | $\$ 269,329$ | $\$ 389,654$ | $\$ 362,526$ | $\$ 699,881$ | $93.06 \%$ | $16.52 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.27 | 0.29 | 0.28 | 0.24 | 0.20 | $-16.57 \%$ | $-7.32 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.76$ | $\$ 4.01$ | $\$ 4.79$ | $\$ 2.92$ | $\$ 4.28$ | $46.41 \%$ | $11.53 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $40.53 \%$ | $28.97 \%$ | $37.92 \%$ | $49.58 \%$ | $58.79 \%$ | $18.59 \%$ | $9.74 \%$ |







GREATER GLENS FALLS TRANSIT
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State Legislative Districts
Senate: 43, 45
Assembly: 100, 109

Base Fare: $\quad \$ 0.50$
Last Increase: No increase since system inception.
The City of Glens Falls operates Greater Glens Falls Transit (GGFT), established in 1983, to provide fixed route bus service. GGFT operates with six transit buses six rubber-tired trolleys and two lift-equipped vans for paratransit service. Fixed route bus service runs yearround, while GGFT's trolleys operate from Memorial Day through Labor Day, within the Village of Lake George and to the City of Glens Falls. In 2000, GGFT's fleet of vehicles became 100 percent accessible.

Total population in the GGFT service area grew by 6.9 percent from 1990 to 2000. The cities of Glens Falls and Hudson Falls, core areas of service for GGFT, had population declines of 3.9 and 10.4 percent, respectively over the past 10 years. Many of the surrounding townships experienced strong growth over this period. Of particular note is the fact that the percent of persons over 65 years of age increased more than 12 percent. These population trends have created an increasing demand for transit services over the past 10 years. During this same time period employment in the Glens Falls area grew by more than 9 percent.


Despite a modest decline in the population of traditional

core urban market areas, the GGFT system experienced a strong 4.5 percent annualized rate of increase in ridership over the 10 years, 1990 to 2000. Ridership growth over the five year time-frame was 2.3 percent annualized with a 5.8 percent increase from 1999 to 2000. The GGFT paratransit service, FAME, which began operations in 1991also has experienced a steady increases in service and ridership from its inception. Over the five years from 1996 to 2000 FAME ridership grew at an annualized rate of 2.2 percent. However, 2000 saw a slight decline of just over 1 percent, which was comprised of only a drop of 50 passenger trips.


Systemwide service, as measured by revenue vehicle miles, increased nearly 5 percent (more than 14,000

| GREATER GLENS FALLS TRANSIT SYSTEM 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 316,485 | 3,205 | 319,690 |
| Number of Vehicles | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| Number of Employees | 28 | 3 | 31 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 293,674 | 19,367 | 313,041 |
| Revenue Vehicle Hours | 18,390 | 2,375 | 20,765 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 174,651 | 4,733 | 179,384 |
| Total Operating Expense | 778,629 | 63,637 | 842,266 |
| Operating Expense /Rev. Vehicle Mile | 2.65 | 3.29 | 2.69 |
| Operating Expense / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 42.34 | 26.79 | 40.56 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.08 | 0.17 | 1.02 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Hour | 17.21 | 1.35 | 15.40 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.22 | 0.07 | 0.21 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 2.46 | 19.86 | 2.63 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 0.55 | 1.48 | 0.56 |

miles) in 2000 over 1999. The majority of the increase, more than 13,000 miles, was on the fixed route service due primarily to the introduction of new night and weekend services in April, 2000.

Accordingly, GGFT's paratransit operation showed a slight increase in service (near 1,000 revenue miles). As noted, FAME carried slightly fewer passengers in 2000 than 1999, despite a 6 percent increase in revenue vehicle miles. During a recent FTA Triennial Review, GGFT was notified that they must provide additional complementary paratransit service on FAME during the same days and hours as their fixed route summer trolley schedule. Accordingly, FAME service will be increased in 2001 to be compliant.

GGFT completed renovations on their maintenance and office facility in 2000. GGFT recently received additional federal and state dollars for capital work and is reviewing several options to expand their garage to provide additional storage space for their trolley fleet during the winter.

Effective July, 2001, GGFT initiated a bus to train connection service at Amtrak's Fort Edward station. GGFT will provide transit service to the station at regular intervals as well as provide bus service to train passengers upon prior notification from Amtrak.

The increase in systemwide service provided in 2000 is reflected in a 9.4 percent growth in operating expenses over 1999. The overall cost of employee wages and salaries held generally in line with the estimated labor contract of 3 percent. The total personnel costs
increased by a mere 1 percent in 2000 over 1999 due to reduced overtime for vehicle maintenance employees as GGFT operated newer vehicles. The growth in nonpersonnel costs, 11 percent over 1999, was lead by a significant increase in fuel and lubricants, and to a lesser extent utilities, casualty and liability insurance. It should be noted that the increase in operating expenses in 2000 were almost exclusively related to fixed route bus service. Over the past five years (1996 to 2000), overall costs of operating the system has increased at an annualized rate of 4.3 percent.

Operating revenues decreased by a total of 2 percent from 1999 to 2000 levels, led by a decrease in "nonuser" revenue and to a lesser extent a drop in contract revenue. The largest loss in revenue was due to a drop of nearly $\$ 9,000$ primarily due to a reduction in advertizing revenues associated with the trolley service. This was partially offset by a 3.3 percent increase in passenger revenue, resulting from the ridership increase.

The ratio of total operating revenues to total operating expenses, a measure of service economy, was 21 percent in 2000. The revenue to cost ratio declined from the 1999 level of 24 percent, as expenses increased while operating revenue declined due to the factors mentioned above. Over the five year period from 1996 to 2000 revenue to cost ratio was virtually unchanged improving by an annualized rate of less than 1 percent

Operating cost per vehicle mile, a measure of service

efficiency, went up 4 percent from a 1999 level of $\$ 2.58$ to a 2000 level of $\$ 2.69$ per revenue vehicle mile. This was due to the significant increase in the overall operating costs along with a smaller increase in the total vehicle miles. Over the five years from 1996 to 2000 this measure increased at an annualized increase of 3 percent.

Revenue passengers per mile, a measure of service effectiveness, remained relatively constant in 2000 (1.02 pass/mile) over 1999 ( $1.01 \mathrm{pass} / \mathrm{mile}$ ) due to the trends in ridership and service on the fixed route bus system mentioned above. This stability was mirrored in the five year trend with an annualized increase of less than 1 percent.

FAME paratransit passengers per mile remained close to constant across the five years from .18 to .17 per mile. The cost per mile rose by more than 50 cents from 1996 to 1997 to $\$ 3.55$ but has remained steady declining slightly to $\$ 3.29$ in 2000. Revenue to cost ratio as with most paratransit services is low relative to other modes ranging from a 5 year low of 5.1 percent in 1997 to a high in 2000 of 7.4 percent (an annualized improvement of 4.75 percent over the five years).

| GGFT Service <br> Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total Population | 59,209 | 63,303 | $6.91 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 8,551 | 9,595 | $12.21 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 16,603 | 16,842 | $1.44 \%$ |
| Employment | 31,378 | 34,232 | $9.10 \%$ |
| Fixed Route <br> Ridership | 213,738 | 316,485 | $48.07 \%$ |
| Demand <br> Responsive <br> Ridership | 0 | 3,205 | NA |
| Rev. Miles <br> Fixed Route | 218,427 | 293,674 | $34.45 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Demand <br> Responsive | 0 | 19,367 | NA |

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - GREATER GLENS FALLS TRANSIT- SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 152,763$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 91,548$ |
| State | $\$ 364,398$ |
| Federal | $\$ 206,846$ |
| Other | $\$ 26,621$ |
| Total | $\$ 842,176$ |



Financial Trend Analysis over the past five years:


Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 484,523$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 154,159$ |
| Ins | $\$ 24,119$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 69,686$ |
| Other | $\$ 109,779$ |
| Total | $\$ 842,266$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


GGFT System Total Operations and Performance Statistics

|  | 1996 <br> Actual | 1997 <br> Actual | 1998 <br> Actual | 1999 <br> Actual | 2000 <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Passengers | 292,233 | 284,901 | 296,797 | 302,223 | 319,690 | $5.78 \%$ | $2.27 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 297,442 | 282,950 | 295,672 | 298,751 | 313,041 | $4.78 \%$ | $1.29 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 710,791$ | $\$ 711,725$ | $\$ 764,446$ | $\$ 769,678$ | $\$ 842,266$ | $9.43 \%$ | $4.33 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 148,805$ | $\$ 159,985$ | $\$ 161,203$ | $\$ 182,863$ | $\$ 179,384$ | $-1.90 \%$ | $4.78 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.98 | 1.01 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 1.02 | $0.95 \%$ | $0.97 \%$ |
| Op. Cost/Rev. Mile | $\$ 2.39$ | $\$ 2.52$ | $\$ 2.59$ | $\$ 2.58$ | $\$ 2.69$ | $4.44 \%$ | $3.01 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $20.94 \%$ | $22.48 \%$ | $21.09 \%$ | $23.76 \%$ | $21.30 \%$ | $-10.36 \%$ | $0.43 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| National CPI | 156.90 | 160.50 | 163.00 | 166.60 | 172.20 | $3.36 \%$ | $2.35 \%$ |
| NYSMA CPI | 166.90 | 170.80 | 173.60 | 177.00 | 182.50 | $3.11 \%$ | $2.26 \%$ |

Greater Glens Falls
Rev. Passenger per Rev. Vehicle Mile


Greater Glens Falls
Operating Cost per Rev. Vehicle Mile


Greater Glens Falls Operating Rev. to Operating Cost


GGFT - Operating and Performance Statistics by Mode - Fixed Route and Paratransit

| Greater Glens Falls <br> Fixed Route | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 289,298 | 282,058 | 293,719 | 298,981 | 316,485 | $5.85 \%$ | $2.27 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 281,386 | 267,168 | 278,302 | 280,513 | 293,674 | $4.69 \%$ | $1.07 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 663,741$ | $\$ 655,629$ | $\$ 706,125$ | $\$ 706,184$ | $\$ 778,629$ | $10.26 \%$ | $4.07 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 145,898$ | $\$ 157,104$ | $\$ 158,127$ | $\$ 179,593$ | $\$ 174,651$ | $-2.75 \%$ | $4.60 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 1.03 | 1.06 | 1.06 | 1.07 | 1.08 | $1.11 \%$ | $1.18 \%$ |
| Op Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.36$ | $\$ 2.45$ | $\$ 2.54$ | $\$ 2.52$ | $\$ 2.65$ | $5.32 \%$ | $2.97 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $21.98 \%$ | $23.96 \%$ | $22.39 \%$ | $25.43 \%$ | $22.43 \%$ | $-11.80 \%$ | $0.51 \%$ |







| Greater Glens Falls <br> Paratransit | $\mathbf{1 9 9 6}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 7}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 8}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{1 9 9 9}$ <br> Actual | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ <br> Actual | \% Change <br> 99 to 00 | Annualized <br> \% Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Rev. Passengers | 2,935 | 2,843 | 3,078 | 3,242 | 3,205 | $-1.14 \%$ | $2.22 \%$ |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 16,056 | 15,782 | 17,370 | 18,238 | 19,367 | $6.19 \%$ | $4.80 \%$ |
| Op. Cost | $\$ 47,050$ | $\$ 56,096$ | $\$ 58,321$ | $\$ 63,494$ | $\$ 63,637$ | $0.23 \%$ | $7.84 \%$ |
| Op. Rev. | $\$ 2,907$ | $\$ 2,881$ | $\$ 3,076$ | $\$ 3,270$ | $\$ 4,733$ | $44.74 \%$ | $12.96 \%$ |
| Rev. Pass/Rev. Mile | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.17 | $-6.90 \%$ | $-2.46 \%$ |
| Op.Cost/Pass Mile | $\$ 2.93$ | $\$ 3.55$ | $\$ 3.36$ | $\$ 3.48$ | $\$ 3.29$ | $-5.62 \%$ | $2.90 \%$ |
| Op. Rev./Op. Cost | $6.18 \%$ | $5.14 \%$ | $5.27 \%$ | $5.15 \%$ | $7.44 \%$ | $44.41 \%$ | $4.75 \%$ |

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State Legislative Districts:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Senate: } & 50,52 \\ \text { Assembly: } & 125\end{array}$
Assembly: 125

Base Fare:
\$0.75
Last Increase: $\quad \$ 0.15$ on 6/7/99

In 1998, New York State authorized the City of Ithaca, Tompkins County, and Cornell University to join together for the purpose of providing public transportation in the Tompkins County service area. As a result, Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit (TCAT) was formed effective April 1, 1998. TCAT's service area includes all of Tompkins County and the Towns of Richford, Berkshire and Newark Valley in Tioga County. The bulk of service is concentrated in the City or Ithaca including Cornell University.

The population of Tompkins County was 96,501 persons in 2000, a 2.6 percent increase since 1990. Tompkins County serves as a regional employment center with about 52,000 jobs, with about 20 percent of the jobs filled by those commuting into the county.

Statistical data for the various parts of the total system have been difficult for TCAT to verify for the period before consolidation. Since there is insufficient verified data to analyze the five year financial and operating

trends, across the primary modes served by TCAT

(Urban, Rural and Paratransit) this analysis will focus on system-wide trends in revenue passengers and miles and service performance changes from 1999 to 2000.

STOA-eligible urban fixed route ridership in the TCAT service area, totaled among the various operators providing service from 1990 to 2000 , grew at an annualized rate of 2.8 percent. Ridership on rural fixed route services grew at an annualized rate of 7.8 percent. The extent of change in service providers and definition

of urban versus rural service, prior to and after

| Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit 2000 Characteristics | Fixed Route <br> Motor Bus | Paratransit Service | Rural Service | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Passengers | 2,230,530 | 47,667 | 331,206 | 2,609,403 |
| Number of Vehicles | 39 | 17 | 17 | 73 |
| Number of Employees | 112 | 18 | 10 | 140 |
| Revenue Vehicle Miles | 1,169,486 | 243,628 | 215,264 | 1,628,378 |
| Total Operating Revenue | 2,262,373 | 16,321 | 4,201 | 2,282,895 |
| Total Operating Expense | 5,472,644 | 463,188 | 408,085 | 6,343,917 |
| Operating Expense/Rev. Vehicle Mile | 4.68 | 1.90 | 1.90 | 3.90 |
| Rev. Passengers / Rev. Vehicle Mile | 1.91 | 0.20 | 1.54 | 1.60 |
| Total Operating Revenue / Op. Expense | 0.41 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.36 |
| Operating Expense / Revenue Passenger | 2.45 | 9.72 | 1.23 | 2.43 |
| Total Op. Revenue / Revenue Passenger | 1.01 | 0.34 | 0.01 | 0.87 |

consolidation, cloud the distinction in the specific urban/rural trends. But the trend for the total of fixed route service is one of strong ridership growth.

Over the five year period from 1996 to 2000 total system ridership grew at a 2.1 percent annualized rate, with another strong year in 2000, where TCAT's systemwide ridership increased by 10 percent from 2,374,580 to 2,619, 144 trips.

TCAT's paratransit system, as a component of the total system trend, has experienced particularly strong growth. While demand responsive service was provided by Gadabout in the Tompkins County area prior to 1990, complementary paratransit designed to meet the requirements of the ADA was just beginning at the start of the 1990s. As a result growth in STOA-eligible paratransit ridership from the 1990 service to the more developed system operating by 2000 was dramatic, rising from just under 1,500 to nearly 48,000 annual trips. Over the five year period from 1996 to 2000 paratransit ridership increased at an annualized rate of 6 percent. Strong growth in 2000 outpaced the five year trend increasing by 11 percent.

System-wide, revenue vehicle miles, have risen since 1990 by an annualized rate of 1.4 percent. This increase accelerated after consolidation, as reflected by the five year annualized increase of 3.3 percent. In 2000 the growth in miles slowed to .8 percent. Revenue vehicle mile statistics have not been consistently reported between the rural and urban fixed route modes from year to year.

The Gadabout paratransit revenue vehicle mile trend roughly parallels the increase in riders, increasing from just over 9,000 STOA-eligible miles in 1990 rising to
nearly 244,000 in 2000 . Over the five year period revenue miles grew at an annualized rate of 10.3 percent, growing more slowly in 2000 by 5.8 percent.

In 2000, TCAT completed its first calender year of operating new bus routes, implemented in August, 1999. TCAT's new route system consolidated routes formerly operated by the three separate operators and added new urban and rural service. Significant service improvements include operating Sunday service in the urban area, adding three urban routes and one rural route.

Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit developed two FTA Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) proposals for $\$ 500,000$, and $\$ 367,000$ in Community Solution for Transportation grant funds through the New York State Department of Labor. TCAT also continues to plan a multi-modal downtown transportation center project.

TCAT's fixed route fleet is growing both in number of buses and in size of buses. TCAT is transitioning its fleet from 35 foot long/96 inch wide/high floor buses to 40 foot long/102 inch wide/ low floor buses. The increase in the number of buses in the fleet, and the increased size of some of the buses, is projected to require expansion of the TCAT bus maintenance and storage facility.

The ratio of operating revenue to operating expenses, a measure of service economy, increased from 33.7 percent in 1999 to 36 percent in 2000 . This 6.8 percent change resulted from the 15 percent increase in operating revenues outpacing the 8 percent increase in operating cost. Passenger revenues increased as a result of ridership increases and a full year of the fare increase

that occurred in the summer of 1999. The system again increased its fares in January, 2001.

Revenue passengers per revenue vehicle mile, a measure of system effectiveness, increased 11 percent in 2000. The increase was due to larger increases in ridership than in service miles.

The system operating expenses per revenue vehicle mile ratio, a measure of service efficiency, declined nearly 9 percent in 2000. This is the result of an 8.3 percent increase in operating costs combined with the very slight increase in miles of service. The significant operating cost increase in 2000 was a result of salary increases, increases in overtime costs and a moderate staffing increase.

| TCAT Service <br> Area | $\mathbf{1 9 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 0}$ | \% <br> Change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total <br> Population | 94,097 | 96,501 | $2.55 \%$ |
| Pop. Over 65 | 8,465 | 9,257 | $9.36 \%$ |
| Pop. Under 19 | 27,024 | 27,100 | $0.28 \%$ |
| Employment | 43,702 | 46,780 | $7.04 \%$ |
| Urban Fixed <br> Route <br> Ridership | $1,870,923$ | $2,230,530$ | $19.22 \%$ |
| Rural Bus <br> Ridership | 167,787 | 331,206 | $97.40 \%$ |
| Paratransit <br> Ridership | 1,459 | 47,667 | $3167.10 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Urban Bus | $1,045,130$ | $1,169,486$ | $11.90 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Rural Bus | 377,877 | 215,264 | $-43.03 \%$ |
| Rev. Miles <br> Paratransit | 9,127 | 243,628 | $2569.31 \%$ |

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION - TOMPKINS CONSOLIDATED AREA TRANSIT (TCAT) - SYSTEM TOTAL

Sources of Total System 2000 Operating Funds

| Fares | $\$ 2,140,198$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Local | $\$ 1,005,067$ |
| State | $\$ 2,598,499$ |
| Federal | $\$ 500,572$ |
| Other | $\$ 142,697$ |
| Total | $\$ 6,387,033$ |




Summary of Total System 2000 Operating Expenses

| Salaries | $\$ 2,900,550$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Fringe | $\$ 879,318$ |
| Ins | $\$ 302,130$ |
| Fuel | $\$ 331,941$ |
| Other | $\$ 1,929,978$ |
| Total | $\$ 6,343,917$ |



Fleet Characteristics over the past five years:


Tompkins Consolidated Area Transit - System Total Operations and Performance Statistics

| Operating | $\begin{gathered} 1996 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1997 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1998 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1999 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 2000 \\ \text { Actual } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { \% Change } \\ 99 \text { to } 00 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | Annualized \% Change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rev Passenge | 2,400,370 | 2354573 | 2333501 | 2364.518 | 2,609,403 | 1036\% | 211\% |
| Rev. Veh. Miles | 1,429,693 | 1,440,990 | 1,490,151 | 1,615,574 | 1,628,378 | 0.79\% | 3.31\% |
| Rey Pass/Rev, Mile | 1.68 | 1.63 | 157 | 1.46 | 1.60 | 9.49\% | -1.16\% |


[^0]:    A) Includes only revenue vehicle miles in New York S
    B) Other Formula Bus Systems: Dutchess Co., Orange Co., Putnam Co., City of Long Beach, City of Glen Cove and City of Poughkeeps
    C) Tappan Zee Bridge Bus Service provided under contract to Rockland Cou

