



To: Chicago Transit Authority Board
From: Jeremy Fine, Chief Financial Officer
Re: Financial Results for April 2020
Date: June 10, 2020

I. Summary

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak. CTA's financial results for the month and year to date are impacted by the effect of the COVID-19 outbreak on the economy. CTA's financial results are \$38.0 million unfavorable to budget for April primarily due to lower than anticipated fare and pass revenue. Results are unfavorable to budget for year-to-date by \$59.0 million primarily due to lower than anticipated fare and pass revenue.

Ridership for the month was 8.1 million, which was 29.0 million lower than budget and 30.2 million lower than April 2019. Ridership year-to-date was lower than budget and prior year by 42.3 million and 41.5 million, respectively. The ridership decrease over the prior year-to-date was due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Cash & Liquidity

The chart below highlights CTA's cash position at April 2020 compared to April 2019.

	April 2020	April 2019	Increase (Decrease)
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 166,824	\$ 111,980	\$ 54,844
Damage Reserve	48,543	59,524	\$ (10,981)
Funds Owed by RTA	307,381	313,508	\$ (6,127)
Trust Portfolio Assets	384,138	484,989	\$ (100,851)
Total Cash and Receivables	\$ 906,886	\$ 970,001	\$ (63,115)

CTA's total cash/receivables balance was equal to \$906.9 million. Unrestricted cash was \$54.8 million higher than the prior year due to the timing of cash receipts and invoice payments. The Damage Reserve fund was \$11.0 million lower than last year due to settlement payments. Funds owed by the RTA were approximately \$307.4 million which was \$6.1 million lower than the prior year due to the timing of payments from the State. CTA continues to work closely with the RTA to monitor their receivable balance owed; Trust Portfolio Assets represents bond proceeds held in Trust for funding capital projects and making required debt service payments and therefore goes down when payments are made.

III. Revenue

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Apr-20	Apr-20	Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	2020	2019
Fare & Pass Revenue	\$ 8,077	\$ (39,116)	\$ (39,664)	\$ 127,718	\$ (58,854)	\$ (54,267)

- Fare and pass revenue for April was \$39.1 million unfavorable to budget and \$39.7 million unfavorable to prior year due to sharply lower ridership as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The average fare for the month was \$1.00 per ride and was \$0.28 lower than budget and \$0.25 lower than the prior year.
- Year-to-date fare and pass revenue was \$58.9 million unfavorable to budget and \$54.3 million unfavorable to prior year due to sharply lower ridership as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic. The average fare for the year was \$1.24 per ride and was \$0.05 lower than budget and \$0.02 lower than the prior year.

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	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Apr-20	Apr-20	Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	2020	2019
Reduced Fare Subsidy	\$ 1,440	\$ 223	\$ 260	\$ 5,091	\$ 223	\$ 371

- Reduced Fare Subsidy was \$0.2 million favorable to budget for both the month and year-to-date based on expected reimbursements from the State.

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	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Apr-20	Apr-20	Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	2020	2019
Advertising, Charter, Concession	\$ 659	\$ (2,710)	\$ (2,619)	\$ 11,472	\$ (2,012)	\$ (1,571)

- Advertising, Charter and Concessions Revenue was \$2.7 million unfavorable to budget for the month and \$2.0 million unfavorable year-to-date. This revenue category was \$1.6 million lower than prior year-to-date. The unfavorability to budget and prior year was due to the uncertainty of vehicle and platform advertising revenue minimum guarantee payments starting in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Apr-20	Apr-20	Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	2020	2019
Investment income	\$ 188	\$ (62)	\$ (153)	\$ 906	\$ (94)	\$ (233)

- Investment income was \$0.1 million lower than budget for the month and \$0.2 million less than prior year-to-date due to lower short-term market rates.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Other Revenue	\$ 2,693	\$ (1,122)	\$ (502)	\$ 12,985	\$ (2,308)	\$ (1,097)

- Other Revenue was \$1.1 million and \$2.3 million unfavorable to budget for the month and year-to-date, respectively, due to lower than anticipated non-capital grant, rental, and miscellaneous revenues in addition to the impact of increased parking taxes. Other revenue was \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million unfavorable to April 2019 and prior year-to-date, respectively, primarily due to lower non-capital grant, parking lot, and scrap material sales revenues. This is offset by lower non-capital expense in the Other Expenses category.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Total System Generated Revenue	\$ 13,057	\$ (42,787)	\$ (42,678)	\$ 158,171	\$ (63,046)	\$ (56,796)

- Total System-Generated Revenue was lower than budget for the month and year-to-date by \$42.8 million and \$63.0 million, respectively due to sharply lower ridership as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic. It was \$42.7 million and \$56.8 million lower than April 2019 and prior year-to-date, respectively, due to sharply lower ridership as a result of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

IV. Expenses

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Labor	\$ 93,440	\$ 921	\$ (4,180)	\$ 382,921	\$ (1,700)	\$ (25,238)

- Labor expense was favorable to budget by \$0.9 million for the month due to managing vacant positions and \$1.7 million unfavorable for the year-to-date due to the settlement of certain union contracts and increased fringe benefit and overtime costs. Labor expense was \$4.2 million unfavorable to April 2019 and \$25.2 million unfavorable to prior year-to-date due to negotiated union contract increases that took effect in July 2019 and higher fringe benefit costs.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Material	\$ 5,895	\$ (110)	\$ (214)	\$ 26,435	\$ (1,348)	\$ (372)

- Material expense was \$0.1 million unfavorable to budget for the month and \$1.3 million unfavorable year-to-date due to increased costs for cleaning supplies related to COVID-19 and vehicle parts usage. Material expense was \$0.2 million and \$0.4 million unfavorable to April 2019 and prior year-to-date, respectively, due to higher vehicle parts usage.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Fuel	\$ 2,661	\$ 831	\$ 547	\$ 13,058	\$ 1,832	\$ 735

- Fuel for Revenue Equipment expense was \$0.8 million favorable to budget in April primarily due to lower than anticipated usage. Lower usage accounts for the favorable variance to the prior year-to-date.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Power	\$ 1,774	\$ 679	\$ 893	\$ 9,446	\$ 1,868	\$ 2,295

- The Electric Power for Revenue Equipment expense was \$0.7 million favorable to budget for the month and \$1.9 million favorable year-to-date due to lower than anticipated usage. Expenses were \$2.3 million favorable to prior year-to-date primarily due to the harsher weather in 2019.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Provision for Injuries & Damages	\$ 1,833	\$ -	\$ (1,208)	\$ 7,333	\$ -	\$ (4,833)

- The Provision for Injuries & Damages expense was on par with budget for the month and year-to-date. The unfavorable variance to 2019 for the month and year-to-date of \$1.2 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, is due to higher funding requirements in 2020.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Purchase of Security Services	\$ 1,675	\$ 28	\$ (217)	\$ 6,642	\$ 173	\$ (881)

- Purchase of Security Services was slightly favorable to budget for the month and \$0.2 million unfavorable to prior year. Year-to-date, expenses were \$0.2 million favorable budget and \$0.9 million unfavorable to prior year due to the timing of invoices.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Other Expenses	\$ 20,823	\$ 2,437	\$ 2,392	\$ 85,375	\$ 3,223	\$ 6,455

- Other expenses were \$2.4 million favorable to budget for the month and \$3.2 million favorable to budget for the year-to-date due to the timing of contractual services invoices. Other expenses year-to-date were \$6.5 million favorable to prior year due to moving capital debt service costs from the operating budget to the State's new capital pay-go funding. The other expense category includes the pension obligation bond expense, utilities, maintenance contracts, services, and other expenses.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 128,102	\$ 4,788	\$ (1,987)	\$ 531,212	\$ 4,047	\$ (21,840)

- Operating Expenses were \$4.8 million favorable to budget for the month primarily due to the timing of contractual services invoices. The unfavorable variance to prior year-to-date was due to higher labor costs and an increase in funding requirements for the provision for injuries and damages.

V. Recovery Ratio

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Apr-20	Budget Apr-20	Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	2020	Budget 2020	Prior Year 2019
Recovery Ratio	13.88%	(38.57)		37.68%	(13.71)	

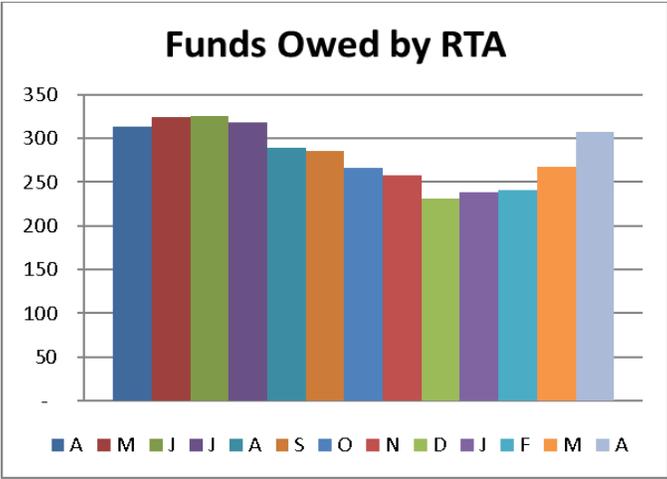
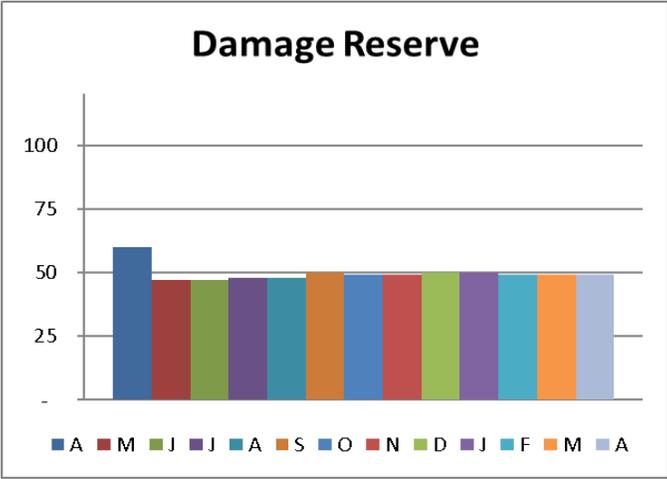
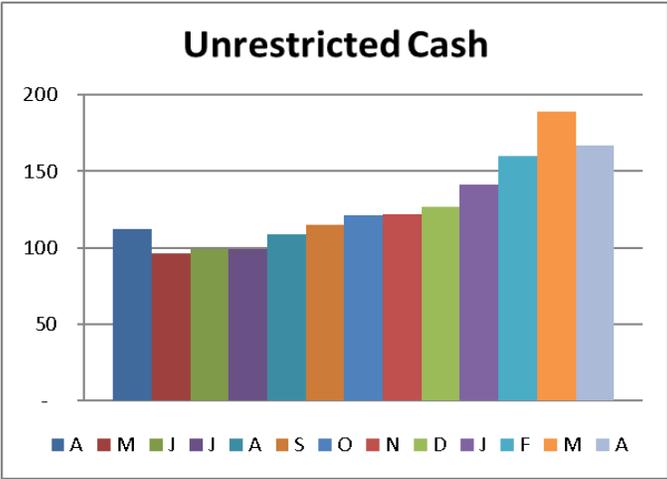
- Recovery Ratio, which measures the percentage of operating expenses CTA funds from internally generated revenues, was 13.88% for the month. This was unfavorable to budget by 38.57 percentage points for the month. Year-to-date, the recovery ratio was 37.68%, which was unfavorable to budget by 13.71 percentage points. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, fare and pass revenues have decreased significantly, which also causes an unfavorable variance in the recovery ratio. The RTA will count the Federal stimulus funds under the CARES Act as replacement fare revenues for recovery ratio purposes.

VI. Ridership

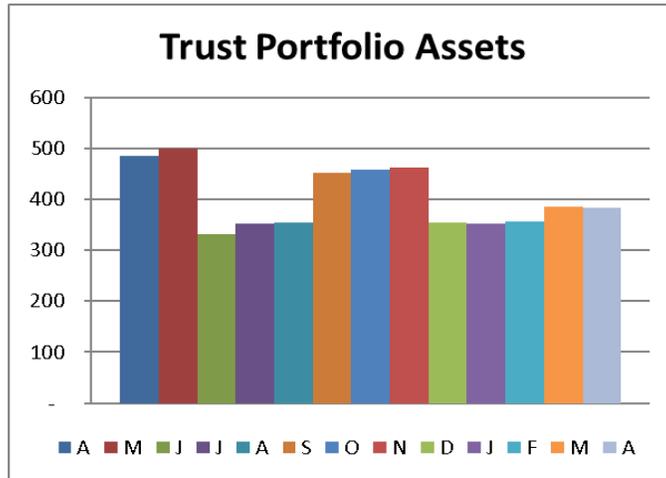
Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual Apr-20	Variance to Budget Apr-20	Variance to Prior Year Apr20 vs. Apr19	Actual 2020	Variance to Budget 2020	Variance to Prior Year 2019
Bus	5,852	(13,696)	(14,085)	57,705	(18,876)	(18,232)
Rail	1,850	(12,519)	(13,146)	37,294	(19,114)	(18,989)
Rail to Rail Transfers	417	(2,831)	(2,973)	8,247	(4,285)	(4,300)
Total	8,118	(29,045)	(30,204)	103,246	(42,275)	(41,521)

- Ridership for the month of April was 8.1 million and was lower than budget and prior year by 29.0 million and 30.2 million, respectively.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was down 78.7% from prior year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ridership for the year-to-date was 103.2 million and was 42.3 million lower than budget and 41.5 million lower than the prior year-to-date.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was down 29.5% from the prior year-to-date.
- More details on ridership can be found in the April Ridership Report.

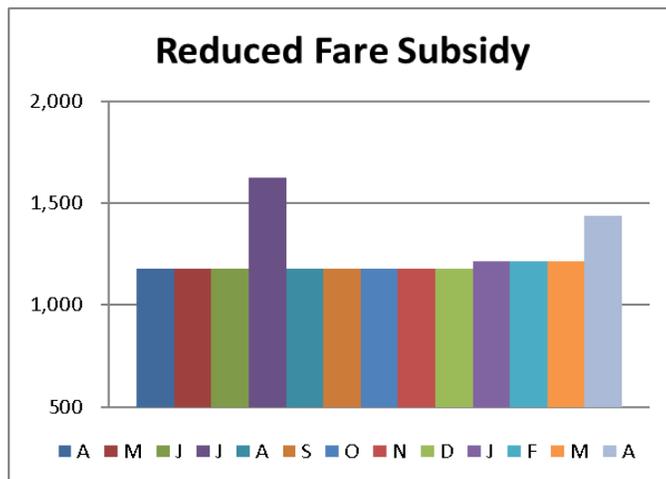
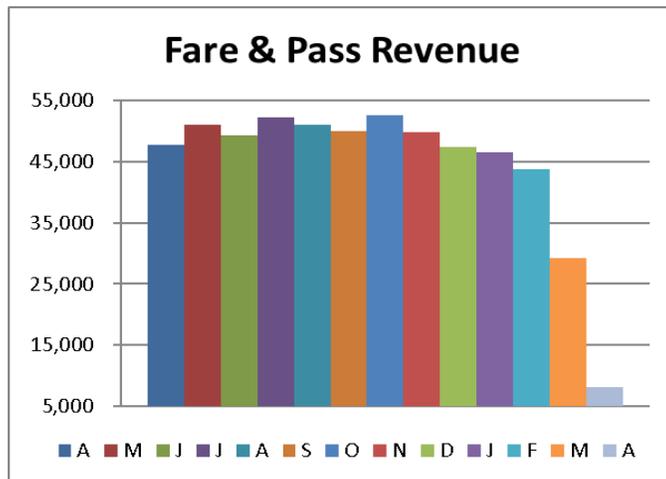
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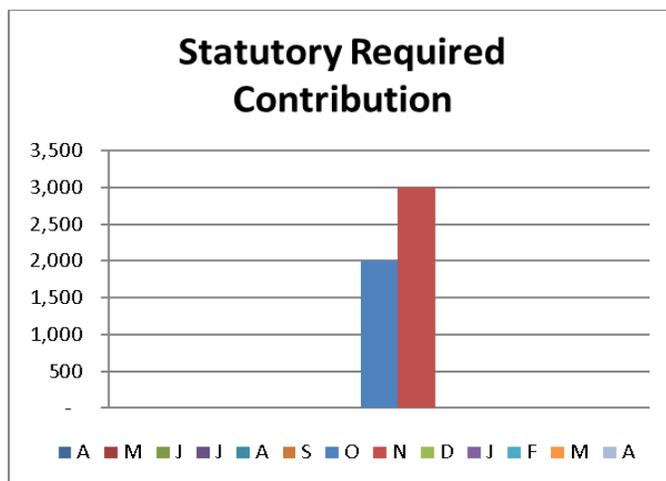
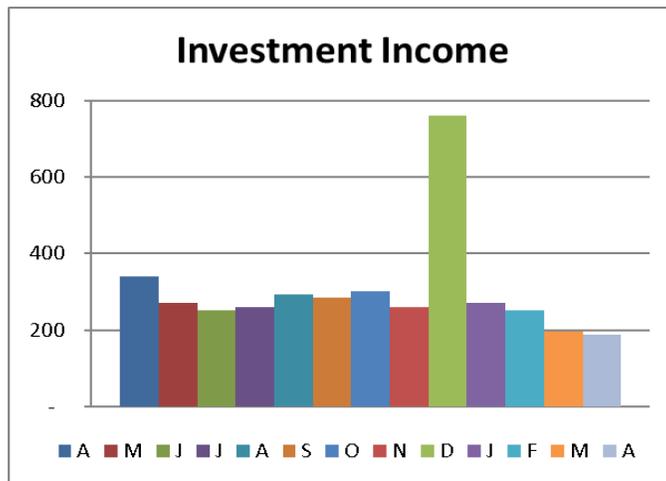
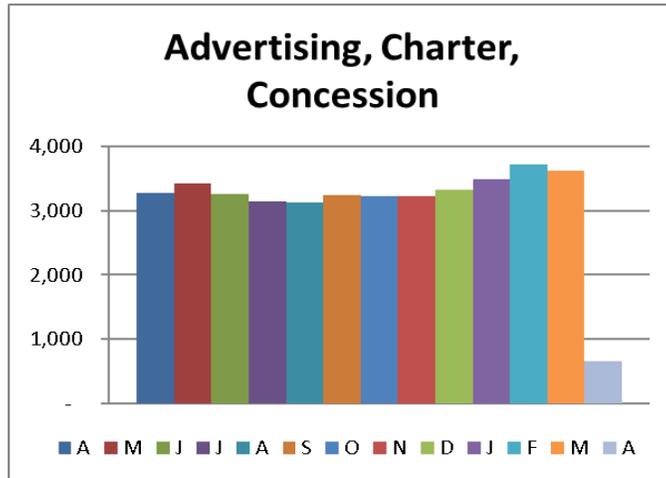
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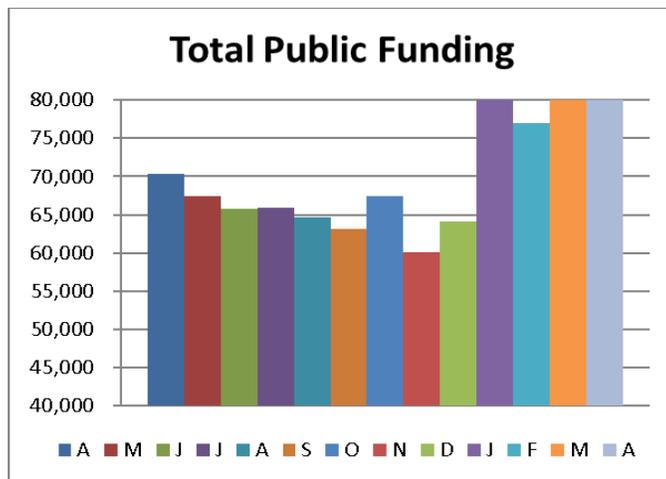
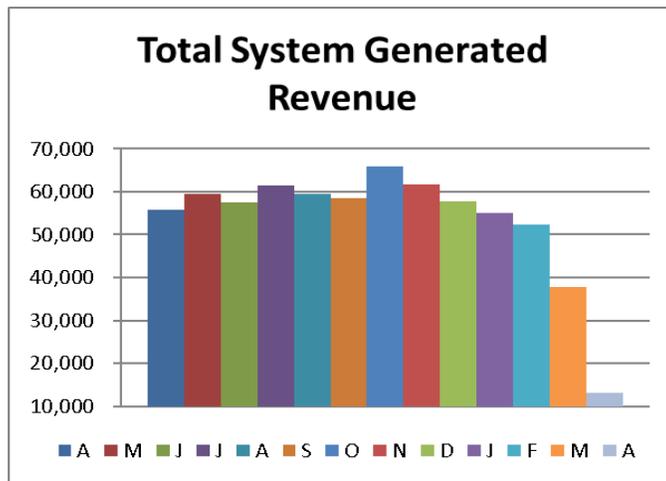
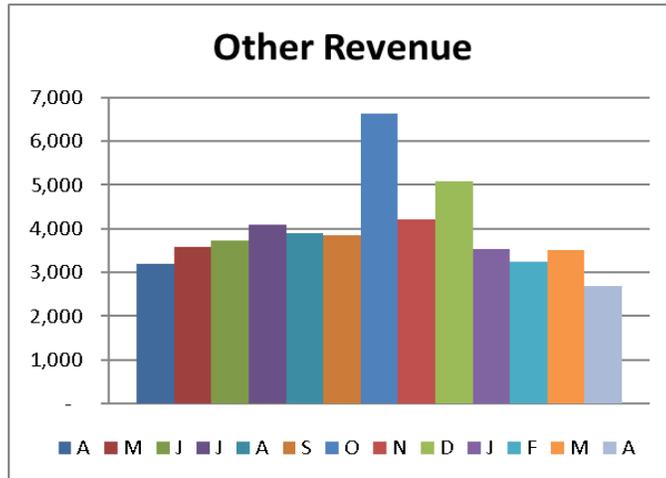
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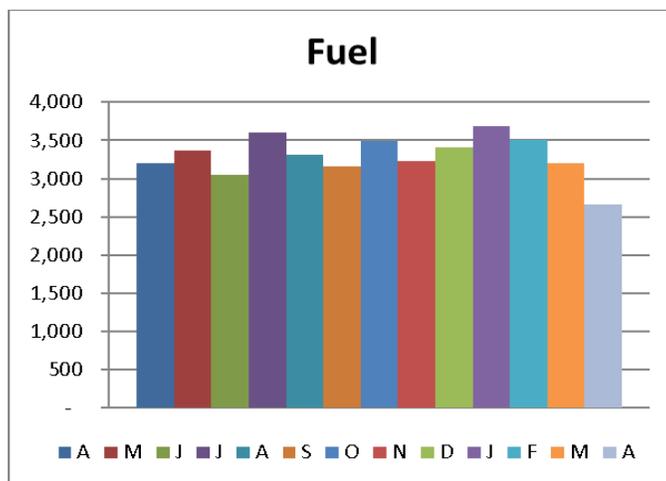
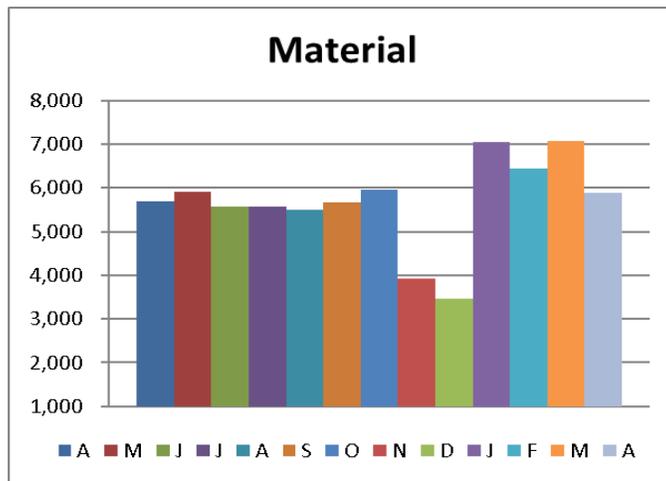
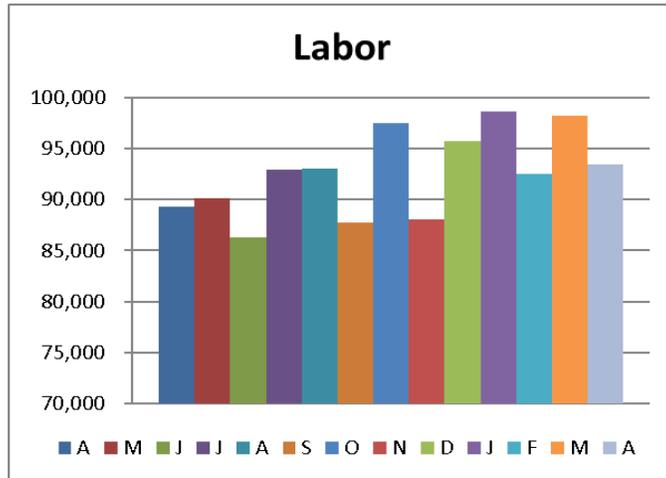
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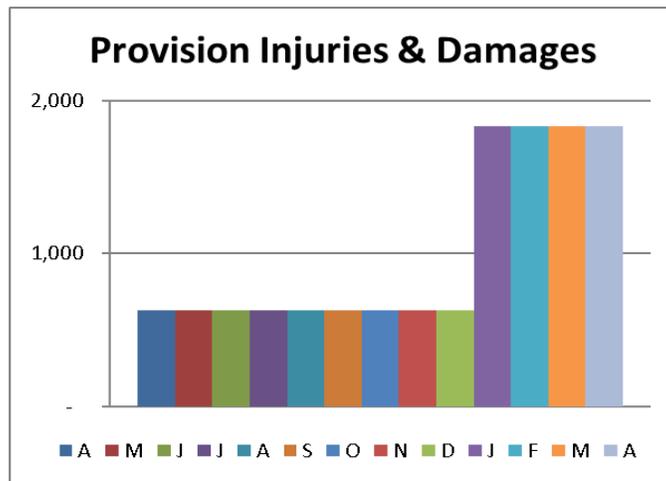
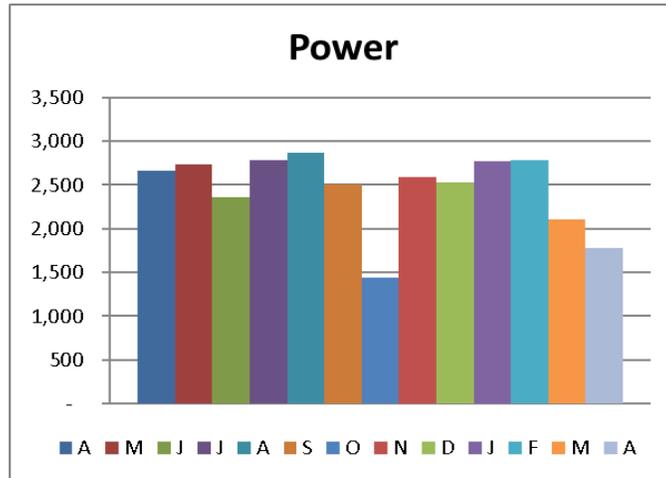
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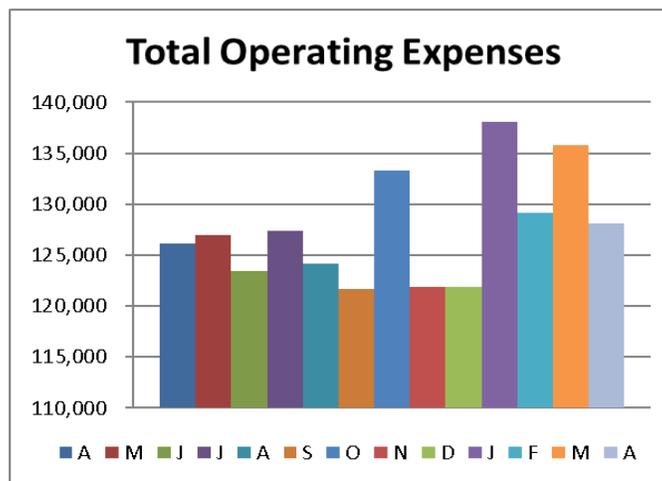
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Cash	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Unrestricted Cash	112	96	99	99	109	115	121	122	127	141	160	189	167
Damage Reserve	60	47	47	48	48	50	49	49	50	50	49	49	49
Funds Owed by RTA	314	324	326	318	289	286	266	258	231	238	241	267	307
Trust Portfolio Assets	485	500	331	351	353	452	458	461	354	351	356	385	384

Revenue	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Fare & Pass Revenue	47,741	51,027	49,212	52,247	51,064	49,965	52,498	49,861	47,438	46,608	43,798	29,234	8,077
Reduced Fare Subsidy	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,625	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,180	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,440
Advertising, Charter, Concession	3,278	3,414	3,257	3,138	3,122	3,235	3,230	3,228	3,319	3,480	3,715	3,618	659
Investment Income	341	272	252	261	293	284	302	259	760	272	251	195	188
Statutory Required Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	3,195	3,594	3,735	4,088	3,893	3,849	6,643	4,224	5,072	3,529	3,247	3,515	2,693
Total System Generated Revenue	55,735	59,486	57,637	61,360	59,553	58,512	65,853	61,752	57,769	55,106	52,230	37,779	13,057
Total Public Funding	70,381	67,490	65,820	65,970	64,623	63,205	67,478	60,151	64,102	82,989	76,950	98,056	115,045

Expenses	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20
Labor	89,260	90,095	86,253	92,900	93,001	87,743	97,545	88,041	95,693	98,687	92,509	98,284	93,440
Material	5,681	5,911	5,580	5,579	5,507	5,658	5,958	3,925	3,469	7,043	6,432	7,066	5,895
Fuel	3,208	3,364	3,047	3,599	3,314	3,154	3,487	3,232	3,405	3,688	3,507	3,203	2,661
Power	2,667	2,741	2,361	2,784	2,872	2,502	1,435	2,596	2,528	2,772	2,789	2,111	1,774
Provision Injuries & Damages	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	625	1,833	1,833	1,833	1,833
Purchase of Security Services	1,459	1,391	1,388	1,505	1,507	1,223	1,542	1,567	(965)	1,622	1,667	1,678	1,675
Other Expenses	23,215	22,849	24,202	20,339	17,349	20,811	22,739	21,917	17,115	22,451	20,443	21,659	20,823
Total Operating Expenses	126,116	126,976	123,457	127,330	124,176	121,718	133,332	121,903	121,871	138,095	129,179	135,835	128,102