



To: Chicago Transit Authority Board  
 From: Jeremy Fine, Chief Financial Officer  
 Re: Financial Results for May 2022  
 Date: July 13, 2022

**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 pandemic. The financial results incorporate the amended budget approved at the May 2022 board meeting. CTA’s financial results are \$20.9 million and \$37.2 million favorable to budget for May and year-to-date, respectively, primarily due to lower than anticipated labor costs and other expenses. Public funding for 2022 collected year-to-date totaled \$338.6 million, which is \$12.0 million favorable to budget. CTA has drawn down the full amount of CARES funding of \$817.5 million in addition to \$41.6 million of CRRSAA funding, which is approximately 11.5% of CTA’s CRRSAA allocation, and \$24.1 million of ARP funding, which is approximately 2.6% of CTA’s ARP allocation.

Ridership for the month was 21.2 million, which was 0.6 million lower than budget and 6.3 million higher than May 2021. Ridership year-to-date was 1.5 million lower than budget and 28.5 million higher than prior year. The ridership increase over the prior year-to-date was due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current stage of re-opening for the City of Chicago.

**II. Cash & Liquidity**

The chart below highlights CTA’s cash position at May 2022 compared to May 2021.

	May 2022	May 2021	Increase (Decrease)
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 189,313	\$ 198,217	\$ (8,904)
Damage Reserve	74,275	51,227	\$ 23,048
Funds Owed by RTA	317,287	289,201	\$ 28,086
Trust Portfolio Assets	728,080	616,665	\$ 111,415
Total Cash and Receivables	\$ 1,308,955	\$ 1,155,310	\$ 153,645

CTA’s total cash/receivables balance was equal to \$1.3 billion. Unrestricted cash was \$8.9 million lower than the prior year due to the timing of cash receipts and invoice payments. The Damage Reserve fund was \$23.0 million higher than last year due to deposits into the fund offset by settlement payments. Funds owed by the RTA were approximately \$317.3 million which was \$28.1 million higher 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	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Fare & Pass Revenue	\$ 24,898	\$ 66	\$ 6,293	\$ 109,470	\$ (291)	\$ 31,388

- Fare and pass revenue for May was \$0.1 million favorable to budget due to higher than expected full fare revenue on rail. It was \$6.3 million favorable to prior year due to higher ridership and promotional fares for select pass products. The average fare for the month was \$1.18 per ride and was \$0.04 higher than budget and \$0.07 lower than the prior year.
- Year-to-date fare and pass revenue was \$0.3 million unfavorable to budget due to lower than expected pass revenue. It was \$31.4 million favorable to prior year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current stage of re-opening for the City of Chicago. The average fare for the year was \$1.19 per ride and was \$0.02 higher than budget and \$0.04 lower than the prior year.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Reduced Fare Subsidy	\$ 1,217	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,086	\$ -	\$ -

- Reduced Fare Subsidy was on par with budget for the month and year-to-date based on expected reimbursements from the State.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Advertising, Charter, Concession	\$ 2,833	\$ 681	\$ 1,679	\$ 12,904	\$ 1,457	\$ 5,559

- Advertising, Charter and Concessions Revenue was \$0.7 million and \$1.5 million favorable to budget for the month and year-to-date, respectively, due to higher than anticipated vehicle and platform advertising and special contract guarantee revenues received in 2022. This revenue category was \$5.6 million higher than prior year-to-date due to additional vehicle and platform advertising revenue received in 2022.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Investment income	\$ 106	\$ 64	\$ 80	\$ 281	\$ 93	\$ 153

- Investment income was \$0.1 million higher than budget for both the month and the year-to-date. It was \$0.2 million higher than the prior year-to-date due to fluctuations in the short-term market rates.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Other Revenue	\$ 2,137	\$ (85)	\$ (575)	\$ 11,013	\$ 467	\$ (628)

- Other Revenue was \$0.1 million unfavorable to budget for the month due to lower than expected miscellaneous and rental revenues. It was \$0.5 million higher than the year-to-date due to higher than expected miscellaneous revenue. Other revenue was \$0.6 million unfavorable to May 2021 and \$0.6 million unfavorable to the prior year-to-date due to lower non-capital grant revenue. Lower non-capital grant revenue is offset by lower non-capital grant expense in the Other Expenses category.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Total System Generated Revenue	\$ 31,191	\$ 727	\$ 7,477	\$ 139,755	\$ 1,727	\$ 36,472

- Total System-Generated Revenue was \$0.7 million and \$1.7 million higher than budget for the month and year-to-date, respectively, due to higher than expected fare and vehicle and platform advertising revenues. It was \$7.5 million and \$36.5 million higher than May 2021 and prior year-to-date, respectively, due to higher fare and pass revenue.

#### IV. Expenses

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Labor	\$ 89,550	\$ 12,450	\$ 5,808	\$ 468,652	\$ 21,872	\$ 9,286

- Labor expense was \$12.5 million favorable to budget for the month and \$21.9 million favorable for the year-to-date due to lower than anticipated labor costs. Labor expense was \$5.8 million favorable to May 2021 and \$9.3 million favorable to prior year-to-date due to the timing of open positions.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Material	\$ 7,991	\$ 140	\$ (1,163)	\$ 41,552	\$ 5	\$ (4,931)

- Material expense was \$0.1 million favorable to budget for the month and slightly favorable year-to-date due to the timing of vehicle parts usage. Material expense was \$1.2 million and \$4.9 million unfavorable to May 2021 and prior year-to-date, respectively, due to the timing of vehicle parts usage, most of the bus fleet being out of warranty, and the increase in cost of materials.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Fuel	\$ 1,867	\$ 1,045	\$ 458	\$ 11,720	\$ 1,741	\$ 1,242

- Fuel for Revenue Equipment expense was \$1.0 million favorable to budget in May and \$1.7 million favorable year-to-date primarily due to lower than anticipated usage and fuel prices. Lower usage and fuel prices account for the favorable variance to the prior year-to-date.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Power	\$ 840	\$ 1,791	\$ 1,060	\$ 10,255	\$ 2,711	\$ 567

- The Electric Power for Revenue Equipment expense was \$1.8 million favorable to budget for the month and \$2.7 million favorable year-to-date due to lower than anticipated usage. In May, CTA began receiving a credit for traction power from ComEd as part of the Carbon Free Energy Resources Adjustment (CFERA) credit as a result of a provision in the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) signed by Governor in September 2021. We will be eligible for these credits through May 2023. Expenses were \$0.6 million favorable to prior year-to-date primarily due to slightly lower usage.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Provision for Injuries & Damages	\$ 2,640	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,200	\$ -	\$ -

- The Provision for Injuries & Damages expense was on par with budget for the month and year-to-date. The expense was on par with the prior year-to-date due to funding requirements.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Purchase of Security Services	\$ 1,771	\$ 418	\$ (490)	\$ 8,752	\$ 825	\$ (1,753)

- Purchase of Security Services was \$0.4 million favorable to budget for the month and \$0.5 million unfavorable to prior year due to the timing of invoices and an increase in private security services. Year-to-date, expenses were \$0.8 million favorable to budget and \$1.8 million unfavorable to prior year due to the timing of invoices for police and the increase in private security services.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Other Expenses	\$ 18,511	\$ 4,322	\$ 241	\$ 109,076	\$ 8,345	\$ 47

- Other expenses were \$4.3 million favorable to budget for the month and \$8.3 million favorable to budget for the year-to-date due to the timing of contractual services invoices. Other expenses year-to-date were slightly favorable to prior year due to the timing of contractual services invoices. 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
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 123,170	\$ 20,167	\$ 5,913	\$ 663,208	\$ 35,498	\$ 4,457

- Operating Expenses were \$20.2 million favorable to budget for the month primarily due to lower than anticipated labor and other costs. The favorable variance to prior year-to-date was primarily due to lower labor expenses.

## V. Recovery Ratio

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	May-22	Budget May-22	Prior Year May22 vs. May21	2022	Budget 2022	Prior Year 2021
Recovery Ratio	59.73%	3.23		56.63%	1.53	

- Recovery Ratio, which measures the percentage of operating expenses CTA funds from internally generated revenues, was 59.73% for the month. This was favorable to budget by 3.23 percentage points for the month. Year-to-date, the recovery ratio was 56.63%, which was favorable to budget by 1.53 percentage points and favorable to the RTA required recovery ratio of 54.75% by 1.88 percentage points. The RTA is including the Federal stimulus funds under the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP Acts as replacement fare revenues for recovery ratio

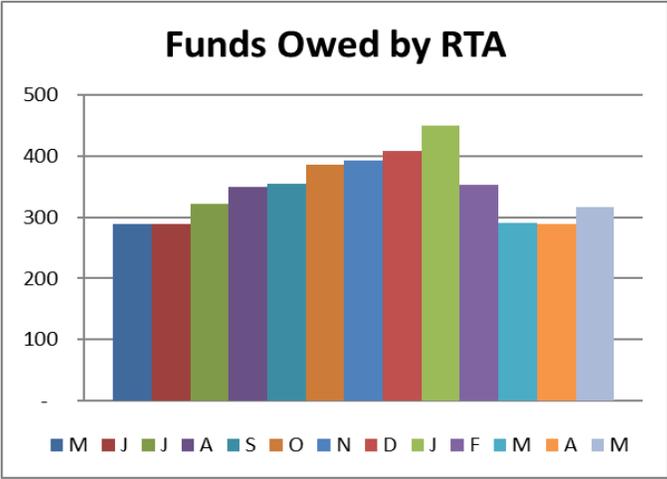
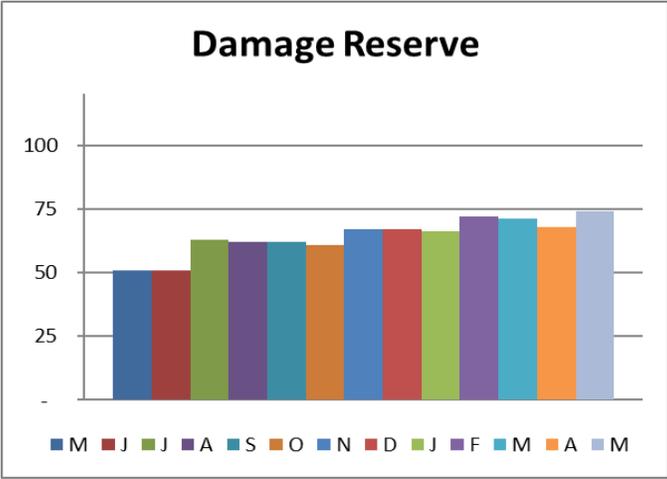
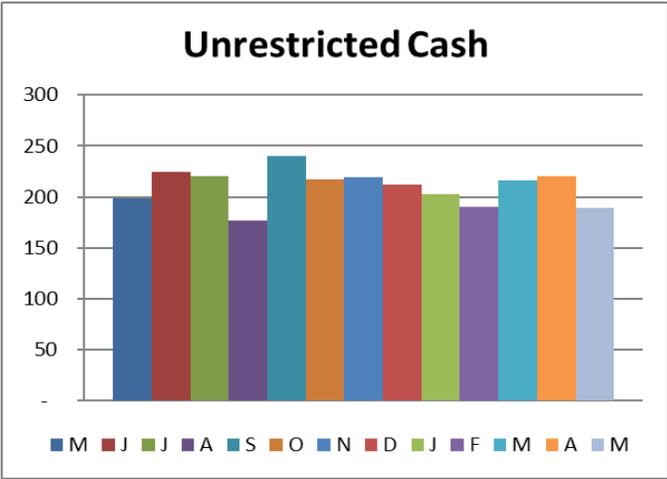
purposes. In late 2021, the Illinois legislature granted temporary recovery ratio relief for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 due to the ongoing pandemic.

## VI. Ridership

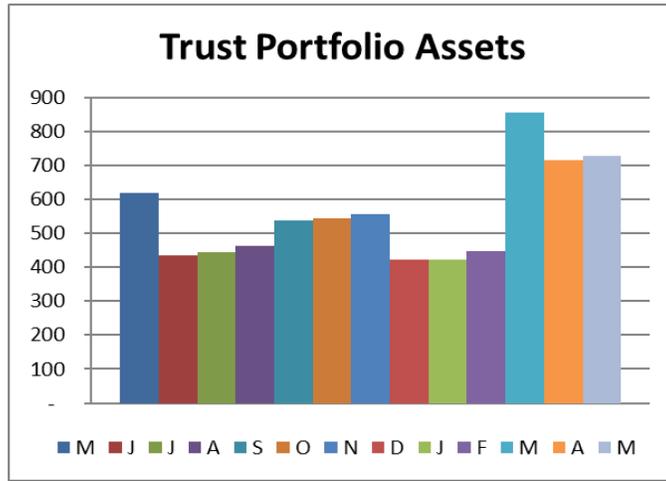
Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	May-22	May-22	May22 vs. May21	2022	2022	2021
Bus	12,254	292	3,056	54,108	448	13,214
Rail	7,523	(951)	2,755	31,958	(2,176)	13,198
Rail to Rail Transfers	1,401	55	445	6,035	188	2,057
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,178</b>	<b>(604)</b>	<b>6,256</b>	<b>92,100</b>	<b>(1,540)</b>	<b>28,469</b>

- Ridership for the month of May was 21.2 million and was 0.6 million lower than budget and 6.3 million higher than prior year.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was up 41.0% from prior year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the current stage of re-opening for the City of Chicago. The City of Chicago fully re-opened on June 11, 2021.
- Ridership for the year-to-date was 92.1 million and was 1.5 million lower than budget and 28.5 million higher than the prior year-to-date.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was up 44.3% from the prior year-to-date.
- More details on ridership can be found in the May Ridership Report.

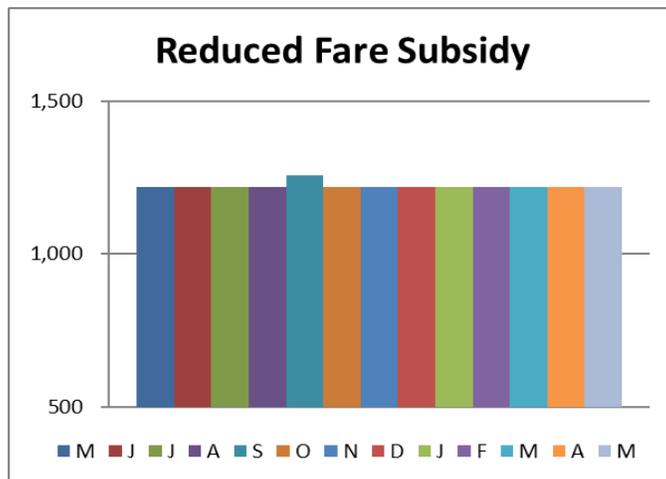
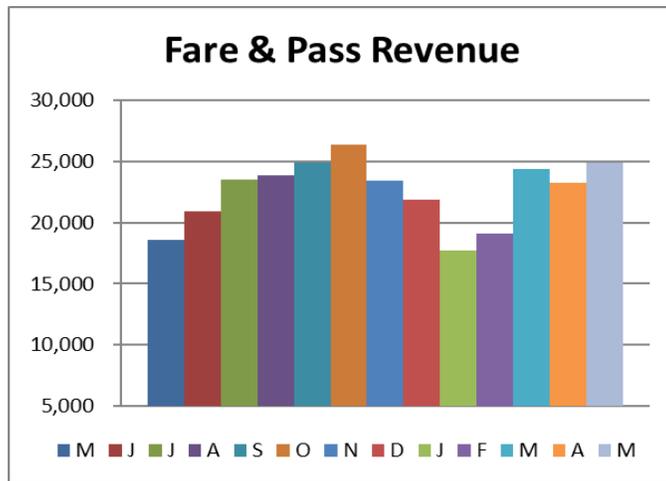
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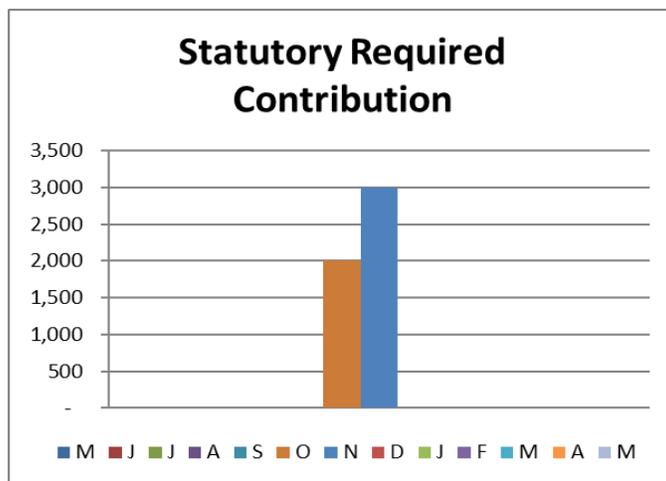
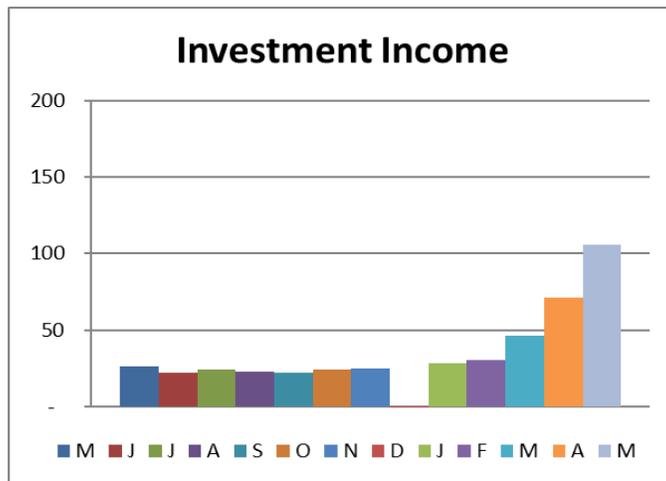
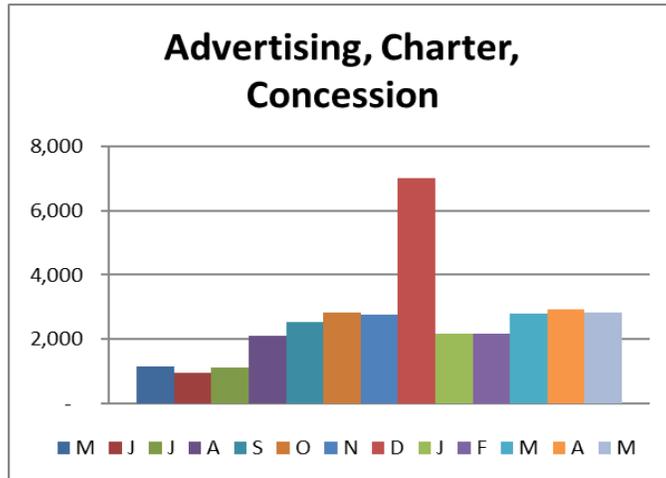
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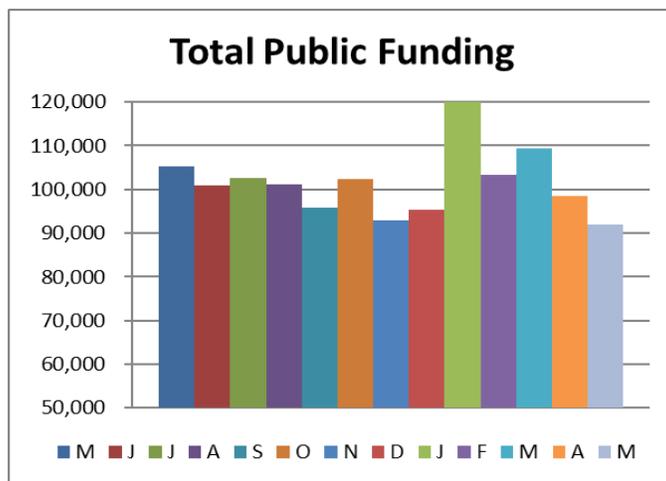
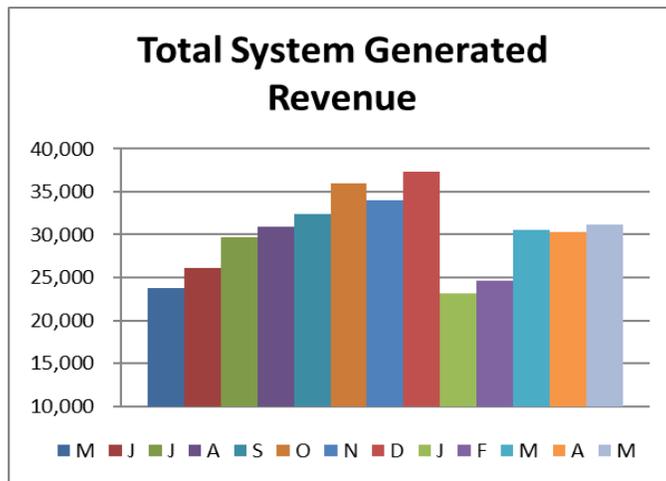
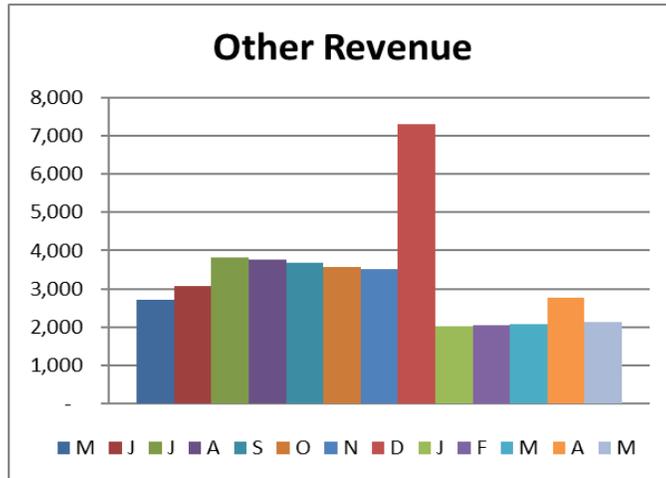
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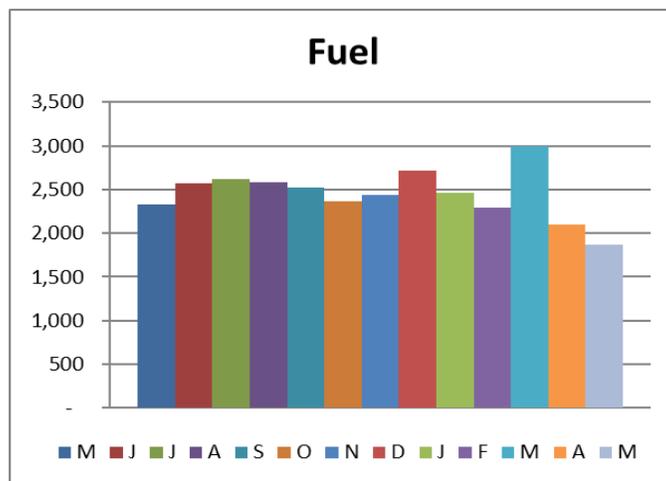
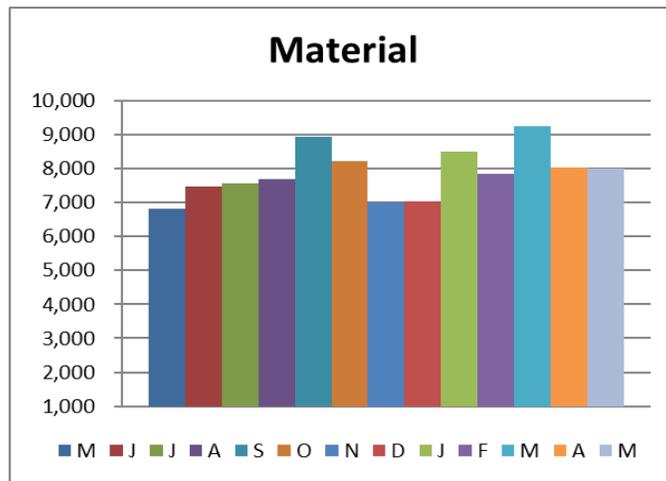
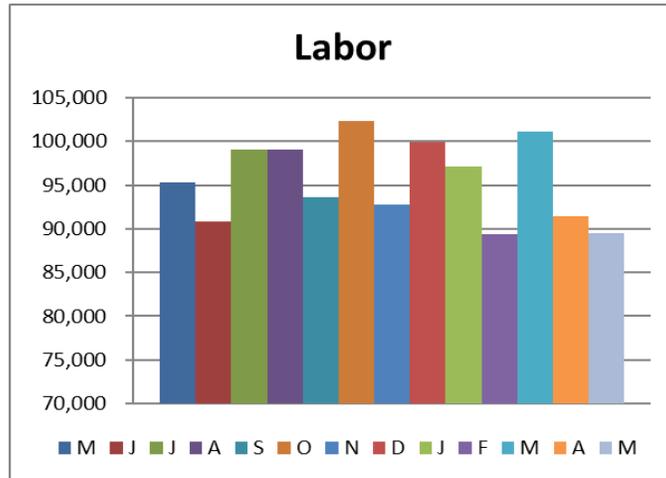
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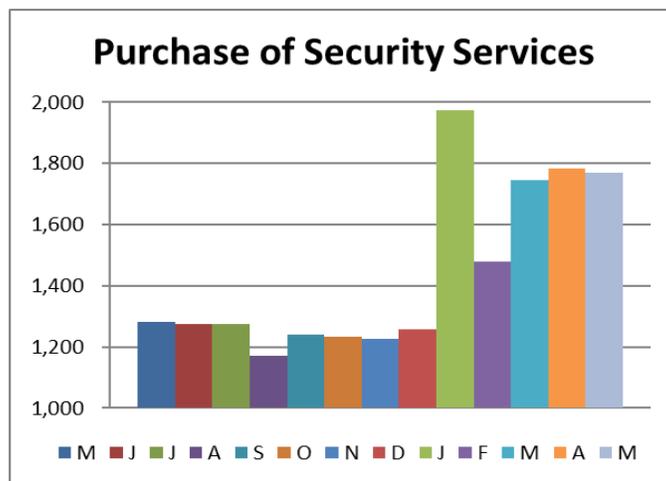
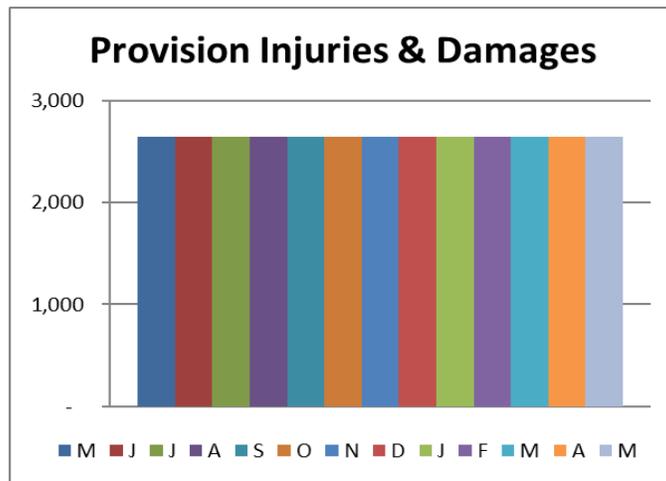
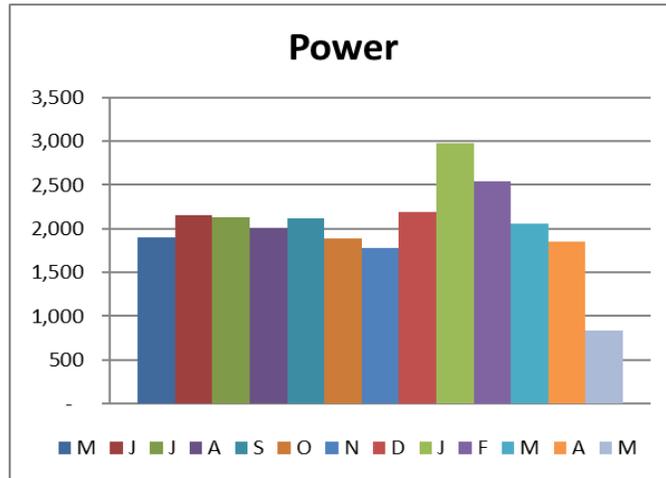
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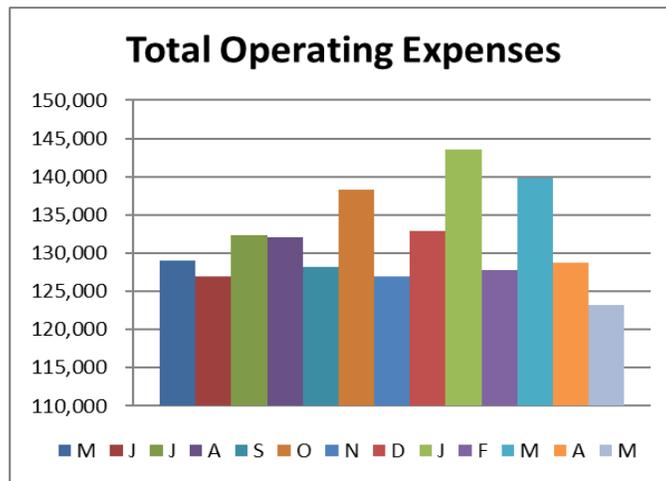
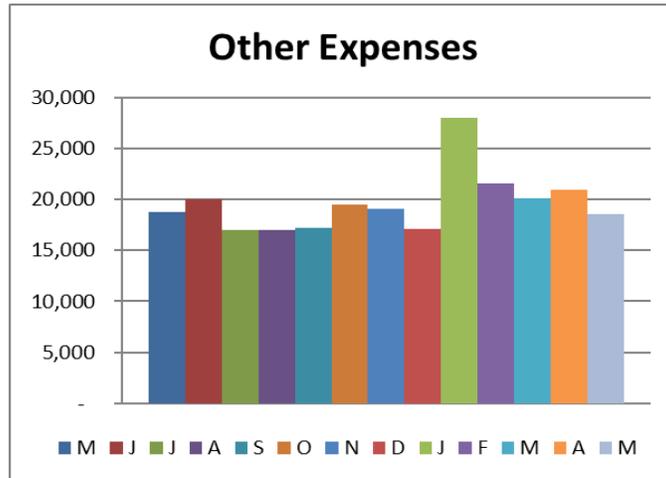
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Cash	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22
Unrestricted Cash	198	224	220	177	240	217	219	212	203	190	216	220	189
Damage Reserve	51	51	63	62	62	61	67	67	66	72	71	68	74
Funds Owed by RTA	289	288	321	350	354	386	392	408	449	353	290	288	317
Trust Portfolio Assets	617	434	445	461	536	543	557	421	422	446	854	714	728

Revenue	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22
Fare & Pass Revenue	18,605	20,884	23,489	23,848	24,907	26,337	23,456	21,860	17,751	19,132	24,407	23,282	24,898
Reduced Fare Subsidy	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,255	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217
Advertising, Charter, Concession	1,154	941	1,124	2,121	2,532	2,839	2,779	7,006	2,187	2,171	2,786	2,928	2,833
Investment Income	26	22	24	23	22	24	25	(7)	28	30	46	71	106
Statutory Required Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	2,712	3,074	3,806	3,762	3,692	3,562	3,512	7,295	2,008	2,035	2,063	2,770	2,137
Total System Generated Revenue	23,715	26,138	29,660	30,972	32,408	35,979	33,989	37,372	23,191	24,585	30,519	30,268	31,191
Total Public Funding	105,369	100,840	102,700	101,137	95,844	102,253	92,940	95,460	120,421	103,238	109,338	98,477	91,979

Expenses	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22
Labor	95,358	90,837	99,104	99,008	93,616	102,383	92,741	99,882	97,105	89,423	101,121	91,454	89,550
Material	6,828	7,455	7,567	7,682	8,927	8,225	7,001	7,020	8,491	7,829	9,227	8,013	7,991
Fuel	2,325	2,573	2,614	2,586	2,523	2,362	2,439	2,720	2,467	2,298	2,991	2,097	1,867
Power	1,900	2,158	2,126	2,015	2,124	1,889	1,781	2,191	2,975	2,537	2,053	1,851	840
Provision Injuries & Damages	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640
Purchase of Security Services	1,281	1,276	1,275	1,171	1,242	1,233	1,227	1,258	1,974	1,478	1,747	1,782	1,771
Other Expenses	18,752	20,039	17,036	17,007	17,180	19,500	19,100	17,121	27,962	21,619	20,077	20,907	18,511
Total Operating Expenses	129,083	126,979	132,361	132,109	128,252	138,232	126,929	132,832	143,613	127,823	139,857	128,745	123,170