

System Ridership Report: March 2016

System-wide ridership decreased 8.5%, or more than 55,000 passengers, for the month of March as compared to March 2015. UCSB ridership is the bright spot in this picture, having grown by nearly 13,000 passengers compared to last March. There were four cruise ship visits in March 2016, vs. two in 2015. Senior shuttle passengers are counted as "Senior", which accounts for the increase in that fare category. Transient Occupancy Taxes for the City of Santa Barbara increased 3.4% for March 2016 as compared to March 2015, indicating an increase in non-cruise ship tourism as well.

Table A: Ridership Trends by Fare Component

		Month		Fiscal Year to Date			
Fare Categories	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change	
General Fare	76,940	89,733	-14.3%	774,917	862,240	-10.1%	
Transfers	50,269	53,993	-6.9%	457,704	490,157	-6.6%	
Full Fare Prepaid (1)	91,803	111,301	-17.5%	880,155	1,044,045	-15.7%	
Santa Barbara City College	94,752	116,871	-18.9%	723,523	839,698	-13.8%	
Senior & Disabled Prepaid (2)	61,495	59,660	3.1%	514,470	519,904	-1.0%	
Shuttle (DWE & Seaside)	18,445	18,866	-2.2%	192,245	196,987	-2.4%	
UC Santa Barbara	105,201	92,593	13.6%	789,479	731,682	7.9%	
Student Prepaid (3)	56,855	68,801	-17.4%	493,724	567,810	-13.0%	
Free	12,828	15,283	-16.1%	119,765	135,692	-11.7%	
My Ride	8,500	9,006	-5.6%	81,699	92,601	-11.8%	
Senior	17,082	13,583	25.8%	136,234	125,982	8.1%	
Persons w ith Disabilities	3,237	3,635	-10.9%	28,311	33,487	-15.5%	
Tokens	2,625	2,361	11.2%	18,415	21,339	-13.7%	
Total	600,032	655,686	-8.5%	5,210,641	5,661,624	-8.0%	

(1) Includes adult 10-Ride and Unlimited 30-Day Passport use.

(2) Includes seniors' and persons with disabilities' 10-Ride and Unlimited 30-Day Passport use.

(3) Includes student 10-Ride and Unlimited 30-Day Passport use.

Table B: Revenue Hours and Revenue Miles

		Month		Fiscal Year to Date			
Metrics	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change	
Passengers	600,032	655,686	-8.5%	5,210,641	5,661,624	-8.0%	
Revenue Hours	18,713	18,140	3.2%	157,652	153,945	2.4%	
Passengers per Rev Hour	32.06	36.15	-11.3%	33.05	36.78	-10.1%	
Miles	229,236	225,986	1.4%	1,910,769	1,929,303	-1.0%	
Passengers per Mile	2.62	2.90	-9.8%	2.73	2.93	-7.1%	

Source: MTD Passdat Program, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table C: March 2016 System Ridership

			Month		F	Fiscal Year to Date	
	LINE	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change
1	West Santa Barbara	34,599	35,917	-3.7%	297,468	309,598	-3.9%
2	East Santa Barbara	50,239	57,048	-11.9%	456,032	493,373	-7.6%
3	Oak Park	17,478	21,308	-18.0%	153,903	178,610	-13.8%
4	Mesa/SBCC	12,473	15,394	-19.0%	106,749	117,138	-8.9%
5	Mesa / La Cumbre	14,349	16,830	-14.7%	122,345	144,838	-15.5%
6	Goleta	53,785	60,567	-11.2%	493,394	538,920	-8.4%
7	County Health / Fairview	10,495	13,229	-20.7%	100,424	114,552	-12.3%
8	County Health	8,767	9,934	-11.7%	77,155	91,208	-15.4%
9	Calle Real / Old Tow n Shuttle	3,322	3,132	6.1%	27,399	27,640	-0.9%
10	Cathedral Oaks	2,535	2,967	-14.6%	20,670	24,396	-15.3%
11	UCSB	95,620	105,811	-9.6%	835,677	933,536	-10.5%
12x	Goleta Express	20,652	22,809	-9.5%	185,337	210,372	-11.9%
14	Montecito	8,108	9,168	-11.6%	71,790	78,461	-8.5%
15x	SBCC / UCSB Express	33,415	39,519	-15.4%	261,347	298,339	-12.4%
16	City College Shuttle	13,557	20,298	-33.2%	108,742	130,858	-16.9%
17	Low er West / SBCC	14,973	17,958	-16.6%	130,711	150,002	-12.9%
20	Carpinteria	26,397	29,436	-10.3%	238,569	264,039	-9.6%
21x	Carpinteria Express	8,342	8,852	-5.8%	72,030	78,998	-8.8%
22	Old Mission	-	-	0.0%	-	3,172	-100.0%
23	Winchester Canyon	4,994	6,230	-19.8%	46,259	57,738	-19.9%
24x	UCSB Express	58,709	50,691	15.8%	524,112	494,482	6.0%
25	Ellw ood	4,105	5,205	-21.1%	36,184	42,750	-15.4%
27	Isla Vista Shuttle	34,041	30,729	10.8%	245,280	234,656	4.5%
36	Seaside Shuttle	7,191	6,646	8.2%	61,151	55,689	9.8%
37	Crosstow n Shuttle	8,293	9,137	-9.2%	71,834	78,737	-8.8%
	Booster Services	25,841	27,587	-6.3%	188,959	190,866	-1.0%
Syst	em Subtotal	572,280	626,402	-8.6%	4,933,521	5,342,968	-7.7%
Dow	ntown Waterfront Shuttles	I	l_				
30	Dow ntow n Shuttle	21,668	20,798	4.2%	223,357	229,249	-2.6%
31	East Beach Waterfront Shuttle	3,124	2,747	13.7%	32,712	36,004	-9.1%
	West Beach Waterfront Shuttle	2,960	2,100	41.0%	21,051	21,419	-1.7%
	stal Express Limited	,	,				
	Coastal Express Limited - Santa Barbara	-	1,892	-100.0%	-	16,002	-100.0%
	Coastal Express Limited - Goleta	_	1,747	-100.0%	-	15,982	-100.0%
Unk	nown/Miscellaneous		-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Syst	em Total	600,032	655,686	-8.5%	5,210,641	5,661,624	-8.0%
Rela	ted Routes						
20, 2	21x Carpinteria	34,739	38,288	-9.3%	310,599	343,037	-9.5%
1, 2,	37 East/West & Crosstow n	93,131	102,102	-8.8%	825,334	881,708	-6.4%
4, 5,	15x, 16, 17 Mesa Lines	88,767	109,999	-19.3%	729,894	841,175	-13.2%
7, 8,	9 Calle Real	22,584	26,295	-14.1%	204,978	233,400	-12.2%
	State/Hollister	149,405	166,378	-10.2%	1,329,071	1,472,456	-9.7%

Source: MTD Passdat Program, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table C Notes - Period over period comparison exceptions: System changes and enhancements occur throughout the year. These affect the quality of conclusions drawn when comparing ridership period over period for those lines that are modified.

Table D: March 2016 - Passengers per Hour

			Month			Fiscal Year to Date	
	LINE	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change
1	West Santa Barbara	33.8	37.3	-9.4%	35.0	37.3	-6.1%
2	East Santa Barbara	30.8	38.7	-20.4%	34.3	40.1	-14.5%
3	Oak Park	18.8	23.5	-20.2%	19.8	27.0	-26.9%
4	Mesa/SBCC	30.2	38.3	-21.0%	30.7	33.8	-9.3%
5	Mesa / La Cumbre	23.4	27.9	-16.1%	23.3	27.7	-15.9%
6	Goleta	32.0	36.5	-12.3%	33.8	37.3	-9.2%
7	Calle Real / Fairview	22.5	29.6	-24.3%	25.5	29.8	-14.3%
8	Calle Real / Turnpike	26.2	30.6	-14.3%	27.6	32.8	-15.8%
9	Calle Real / Old Tow n Shuttle	15.1	14.3	5.3%	14.3	14.5	-1.2%
10	Cathedral Oaks	17.7	21.7	-18.3%	17.9	21.2	-15.7%
11	UCSB	35.7	39.8	-10.3%	35.9	40.3	-10.8%
12x	Goleta Express	33.7	41.5	-18.9%	35.4	43.9	-19.5%
14	Montecito	18.0	21.2	-14.8%	19.0	20.9	-9.0%
15x	SBCC / UCSB Express	41.1	48.6	-15.3%	46.6	49.2	-5.4%
16	City College Shuttle	44.5	63.2	-29.6%	54.9	66.0	-16.8%
17	Low er West / SBCC	51.6	63.7	-19.0%	53.8	62.1	-13.3%
20	Carpinteria	22.2	25.1	-11.5%	23.3	26.1	-10.7%
21x	Carpinteria Express	21.3	23.6	-9.6%	22.3	24.5	-9.0%
	Old Mission	-	-	0.0%	-	13.0	-100.0%
23	Winchester Canyon	17.5	21.8	-19.7%	18.7	23.1	-19.4%
24x	UCSB Express	53.7	59.2	-9.2%	57.7	66.5	-13.2%
25	Ellw ood	31.1	39.1	-20.5%	31.6	37.0	-14.7%
27	Isla Vista Shuttle	52.7	49.1	7.4%	49.5	47.7	3.6%
36	Seaside Shuttle	19.5	18.2	7.0%	19.2	23.2	-17.2%
37	Crosstow n Shuttle	14.7	16.9	-13.2%	15.7	17.6	-10.7%
	Booster Services	89.6	90.8	-1.4%	91.7	91.8	0.0%
Syst	em Average	31.4	36.2	-13.3%	32.9	37.0	-11.3%
Dow	ntown Waterfront Shuttles						
30	Dow ntow n Shuttle	24.5	24.5	0.1%	25.3	27.4	-7.5%
31	East Beach Waterfront Shuttle	18.5	16.3	13.7%	17.4	19.7	-11.8%
	West Beach Waterfront Shuttle	30.5	23.0	32.7%	21.4	23.2	-7.7%
Coa	stal Express Limited					I I	
	Coastal Express Limited - Santa Barbara	-	22.3	-100.0%	-	22.5	-100.0%
	Coastal Express Limited - Goleta	-	18.6	-100.0%	-	20.2	-100.0%
Unk	nown/Miscellaneous	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
Syst	em Total	32.1	36.1	-11.3%	33.05	36.78	-10.1%
	ted Routes						
	, 21x Carpinteria	28.0	32.6	-14.1%	29.2	33.1	-11.8%
-	2, 37 East/West & Crosstow n	30.0	32.1	-6.4%	30.7	31.8	-3.6%
-	5, 15x, 16, 17 Mesa Lines	29.2	36.7	-20.5%	31.0	36.7	-15.5%
	8, 9 Calle Real/Fairview	29.4	34.4	-14.5%	31.5	35.3	-10.9%
6,	11 State/Hollister	22.3	26.8	-16.6%	22.3	26.5	-15.9%

Source: MTD Passdat Program, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table E: March 2016 – 'At Capacity' Loads Indicated

Classified as a 30-foot vehicle with 10 or more standees, or a 40-foot vehicle with 20 or more standees.

			Month		Fiscal Year to Date			
	LINE	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change	
1	West Santa Barbara	1	1	0.0%	24	28	-14.3%	
2	East Santa Barbara	11	16	-31.3%	100	97	3.1%	
3	Oak Park	1	3	-66.7%	12	27	-55.6%	
4	Mesa/SBCC	3	1	200.0%	7	19	-63.2%	
5	Mesa / La Cumbre	1	1	0.0%	34	42	-19.0%	
6	Goleta	4	21	-81.0%	126	245	-48.6%	
7	Calle Real / Fairview	1	-	100.0%	28	90	-68.9%	
8	Calle Real / Turnpike	1	-	100.0%	7	2	250.0%	
9	Calle Real / Old Tow n Shuttle	2	-	100.0%	2	2	0.0%	
10	Cathedral Oaks	-	1	-100.0%	3	7	-57.1%	
11	UCSB	42	48	-12.5%	343	683	-49.8%	
12x	Goleta Express	2	3	-33.3%	47	109	-56.9%	
14	Montecito	-	1	-100.0%	12	7	71.4%	
15x	SBCC / UCSB Express	17	13	30.8%	144	479	-69.9%	
16	City College Shuttle	-	27	-100.0%	57	133	-57.1%	
17	Low er West / SBCC	2	2	0.0%	36	42	-14.3%	
20	Carpinteria	3	7	-57.1%	55	124	-55.6%	
21x	Carpinteria Express	3	2	50.0%	9	23	-60.9%	
22	Old Mission	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	
23	Winchester Canyon	-	-	0.0%	2	8	-75.0%	
24x	UCSB Express	53	77	-31.2%	528	830	-36.4%	
25	Ellw ood	1	-	100.0%	1	2	-50.0%	
27	UCSB Shuttle	24	40	-40.0%	282	196	43.9%	
36	Seaside Shuttle	1	1	0.0%	37	15	146.7%	
37	Crosstow n Shuttle	-	1	-100.0%	8	8	0.0%	
	Booster Services	42	43	-2.3%	355	352	0.9%	
Syst	em Subtotal	215	309	-30.4%	2,259	3,570	-36.7%	
Dow	ntown Waterfront Shuttles							
30	Dow ntow n Shuttle	19	53	-64.2%	178	491	-63.7%	
31	East Beach Waterfront Shuttle	-	-	0.0%	8	8	0.0%	
32	West Beach Waterfront Shuttle	-	6	-100.0%	-	26	-100.0%	
Coa	stal Express Limited							
	Santa Barbara	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	
	Goleta	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	
Unk	nown	3	1	200.0%	20	8	150.0%	
System Total		237	369	-35.8%	2,465	4,103	-39.9%	

Source: GFI Genfare, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table F: March 2016 – 'Too Full to Board' Loads Indicated

Passengers were refused service because a vehicle was too full to safely board additional riders.

			Month		Fiscal Year to Date			
	LINE	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change	
1	West Santa Barbara	-	1	-100.0%	6	9	-33.3%	
2	East Santa Barbara	1	16	-93.8%	38	58	-34.5%	
3	Oak Park	1	3	-66.7%	2	20	-90.0%	
4	Mesa/SBCC	-	1	-100.0%	-	11	-100.0%	
5	Mesa / La Cumbre	5	1	400.0%	24	42	-42.9%	
6	Goleta	1	21	-95.2%	77	158	-51.3%	
7	Calle Real / Fairview	-	-	0.0%	12	27	-55.6%	
8	Calle Real / Turnpike	-	-	0.0%	-	5	-100.0%	
9	Calle Real / Old Tow n Shuttle	-	-	0.0%	-	1	-100.0%	
10	Cathedral Oaks	-	1	-100.0%	-	8	-100.0%	
11	UCSB	45	48	-6.3%	390	573	-31.9%	
12x	Goleta Express	-	3	-100.0%	38	41	-7.3%	
14	Montecito	1	1	0.0%	1	5	-80.0%	
15x	SBCC / UCSB Express	16	13	23.1%	174	619	-71.9%	
16	City College Shuttle	-	27	-100.0%	26	99	-73.7%	
17	Low er West / SBCC	-	2	-100.0%	11	37	-70.3%	
20	Carpinteria	1	7	-85.7%	19	68	-72.1%	
21x	Carpinteria Express	-	2	-100.0%	1	35	-97.1%	
22	Old Mission	-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%	
23	Winchester Canyon	-	-	0.0%	-	3	-100.0%	
24x	UCSB Express	55	77	-28.6%	654	818	-20.0%	
25	Ellwood	-	-	0.0%	-	2	-100.0%	
27	UCSB Shuttle	33	40	-17.5%	274	255	7.5%	
36	Seaside Shuttle	-	1	-100.0%	7	28	-75.0%	
37	Crosstow n Shuttle	2	1	100.0%	9	5	80.0%	
	Booster Services	23	43	-46.5%	186	230	-19.1%	
Syst	em Subtotal	184	309	-40.5%	1,949	3,157	-38.3%	
Dow	ntown Waterfront Shuttles	1						
30	Dow ntow n Shuttle	35	53	-34.0%	536	757	-29.2%	
31	East Beach Waterfront Shuttle	3	-	100.0%	20	25	-20.0%	
32	West Beach Waterfront Shuttle	-	6	-100.0%	9	29	-69.0%	
Coa	stal Express Limited	1						
	Santa Barbara	-	-	100.0%	-	1	-100.0%	
	Goleta	-	-	0.0%	-	1	-100.0%	
Jnk	nown	1	1	100.0%	22	7	214.3%	
System Total		223	369	-39.6%	2,536	3,977	-36.2%	

Source: GFI Genfare, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table G: March 2016 – Bicycles Carried

			Month		Fiscal Year to Date			
	LINE	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change	
1	West Santa Barbara	211	234	-9.8%	1,807	1,947	-7.2%	
2	East Santa Barbara	595	646	-7.9%	4,584	5,535	-17.2%	
3	Oak Park	192	180	6.7%	1,887	1,818	3.8%	
4	Mesa/SBCC	183	205	-10.7%	1,637	1,836	-10.8%	
5	Mesa / La Cumbre	255	292	-12.7%	2,107	2,467	-14.6%	
6	Goleta	1,213	1,480	-18.0%	12,580	12,725	-1.1%	
7	Calle Real / Fairview	245	268	-8.6%	2,244	2,206	1.7%	
8	Calle Real / Turnpike	142	190	-25.3%	1,637	1,762	-7.1%	
9	Calle Real / Old Tow n Shuttle	34	49	-30.6%	301	327	-8.0%	
10	Cathedral Oaks	37	68	-45.6%	383	576	-33.5%	
11	UCSB	1,981	2,318	-14.5%	19,067	19,926	-4.3%	
12x	Goleta Express	673	828	-18.7%	6,513	6,715	-3.0%	
14	Montecito	154	179	-14.0%	1,374	1,367	0.5%	
15x	SBCC / UCSB Express	336	494	-32.0%	3,204	3,364	-4.8%	
16	City College Shuttle	96	207	-53.6%	898	1,282	-30.0%	
17	Low er West / SBCC	84	154	-45.5%	1,034	1,379	-25.0%	
20	Carpinteria	616	720	-14.4%	6,219	6,253	-0.5%	
21x	Carpinteria Express	186	284	-34.5%	2,108	2,211	-4.7%	
22	Old Mission	-	-	0.0%	-	103	-100.0%	
23	Winchester Canyon	73	119	-38.7%	764	892	-14.3%	
24x	UCSB Express	1,374	1,270	8.2%	11,216	10,111	10.9%	
25	Ellwood	60	84	-28.6%	510	764	-33.2%	
27	UCSB Shuttle	231	314	-26.4%	2,167	2,181	-0.6%	
36	Seaside Shuttle*	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	
37	Crosstow n Shuttle*	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	
	Booster services	45	33	36.4%	183	281	-34.9%	
Sys	tem Subtotal	9,016	10,616	-15.1%	84,424	88,028	-4.1%	
Dow	ntown Waterfront Shuttles							
30	Downtown Shuttle*	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	
31	East Beach Waterfront Shuttle*	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	
32	West Beach Waterfront Shuttle*	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	
Coa	stal Express Limited							
	Santa Barbara	-	5	-100.0%	-	51	-100.0%	
	Goleta	-	53	-100.0%	-	554	-100.0%	
Unk	nown	111	14	692.9%	650	160	306.3%	
<u> </u>	tem Total	9,127	10,688	-14.6%	85,074	88,793	-4.2%	

* The electric shuttles cannot carry bicycles. Source: GFI Genfare, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table H: March 2016 – Wheelchairs Boarded

			Month		F	iscal Year to Date	
	LINE	Mar 16	Mar 15	%Change	Jul 15 - Mar 16	Jul 14 - Mar 15	%Change
1	West Santa Barbara	129	122	5.7%	1,008	1,061	-5.0%
2	East Santa Barbara	149	197	-24.4%	1,420	1,759	-19.3%
3	Oak Park	156	85	83.5%	1,214	1,174	3.4%
4	Mesa/SBCC	9	28	-67.9%	79	314	-74.8%
5	Mesa / La Cumbre	70	77	-9.1%	605	780	-22.4%
6	Goleta	204	193	5.7%	1,854	1,899	-2.4%
7	Calle Real / Fairview	96	91	5.5%	855	701	22.0%
8	Calle Real / Turnpike	66	56	17.9%	528	566	-6.7%
9	Calle Real / Old Tow n Shuttle	20	15	33.3%	194	144	34.7%
10	Cathedral Oaks	6	3	100.0%	11	14	-21.4%
11	UCSB	207	264	-21.6%	2,166	2,219	-2.4%
12x	Goleta Express	64	104	-38.5%	567	731	-22.4%
14	Montecito	15	34	-55.9%	179	244	-26.6%
15x	SBCC / UCSB Express	29	2	1350.0%	84	26	223.1%
16	City College Shuttle	21	38	-44.7%	181	278	-34.9%
17		13	15	-13.3%	87	236	-63.1%
20	Carpinteria	160	115	39.1%	1,305	1,077	21.2%
21x	Carpinteria Express	40	28	42.9%	254	256	-0.8%
22		-	-	0.0%	-	-	0.0%
23	Winchester Canyon	9	13	-30.8%	48	117	-59.0%
24x	UCSB Express	39	38	2.6%	322	244	32.0%
25	Ellw ood	1	25	-96.0%	43	171	-74.9%
27	UCSB Shuttle	7	7	0.0%	42	58	-27.6%
36	Seaside Shuttle	14	6	133.3%	85	53	60.4%
37	Crosstow n Shuttle	1	7	-85.7%	54	66	-18.2%
	Booster Services	-	1	-100.0%	6	8	-25.0%
Svs	tem Subtotal	1,525	1,564	-2.5%	13,191	14,196	-7.1%
-	vntown Waterfront Shuttles	.,020	.,	2.070		,	
30		48	44	9.1%	439	490	-10.4%
31		5	3	66.7%	106	66	60.6%
32		4	-	100.0%	31	38	-18.4%
	astal Express Limited			100.070			10.470
500	Santa Barbara		-	0.0%	_	1	-100.0%
	Goleta		1	-100.0%		5	-100.0%
Unk	know n	4	3	33.3%	41	14	192.9%
	<i>tem Total</i> ce: GFI Genfare, MTD Transit Develog	1,586	1,615	-1.8%	13,808	14,810	-6.8%

Source: GFI Genfare, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

Table I: Ridership by Day Type

		March 2016			March 2015			
	Ridership	Days	A∨g Daily Ridership	Ridership	Days	A∨g Daily Ridership	Change in Daily Ridership	% Change in Daily Ridership
Weekday	524,760	23	22,816	559,116	22	25,414	-2,599	-10.2%
Saturday	42,934	4	10,734	50,061	4	12,515	-1,782	-14.2%
Sunday	32,338	4	8,085	46,509	5	9,302	-1,217	-13.1%
Total	600,032	31	19,356	655,686	31	21,151	-1,795	-8.5%

FY 2016

FY 2015

	Ridership	Days	A∨g Daily Ridership	Ridership	Days	Avg Daily Ridership	Change in Daily Ridership	% Change in Daily Ridership
Weekday	4,319,953	186	23,226	4,676,585	185	25,279	-2,053	-8.1%
Saturday	519,631	43	12,084	562,672	43	13,085	-1,001	-7.6%
Sunday	371,057	44	8,433	422,367	44	9,599	-1,166	-12.1%
Total	5,210,641	273	19,087	5,661,624	272	20,815	-1,728	-8.3%

Source: GFI Genfare, MTD Transit Development Department, Planning Section

External Factors Affecting Ridership

Service Days & School Days: There was one more weekday service day in March this year. SBCC and the secondary schools had one less class day, while UCSB was in session one more class day than in March last year.

Weather: Average temperatures for March 2016 were a bit cooler than in March 2015; there were more days of damp weather and we received 2.5" of rain this year – vs. only 0.3" in March last year. Even though they were lower than last March, temperatures were about 3° warmer than 'normal' for the month.

	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays	HS + JHS	SBCC	UCSB
Mar-16	23	4	4	19	19	18
Mar-15	22	4	5	20	20	17

Source: Gregorian Calendar, SB Area School Districts, SBCC, UCSB.

	Temperature (°F)	High	Average	Low	Precipitatio	n
	Maximum	82	70	58	Weekday: 1.1 in (4 days)	
Mar-16	Mean	68	59	49	Saturday: 0.7 in (1 day)	2.5 in
	Minimum	59	51	40	Sunday: 0.8 in (2 days)	
	Maximum	88	71	57	Weekday: 0.1 in (2 days)	
Mar-15	Mean	74	62	50	Saturday: T in (1 day)	0.3 in
	Minimum	60	53	39	Sunday: 0.2 in (1 day)	

Source: www.wunderground.com

Addendum: Data Source Documentation

GFI Genfare data is taken directly from the electronic fare box system on each MTD vehicle so equipped. In general, GFI data has not been verified, modified, adjusted, added, or removed since being captured at the time of the driver/passenger transaction. GFI data is considered raw data.

Passdat program accuracy is determined by the amount of GFI fare box data that remains unchanged as compared to Trapeze Run and Trip templates for the evaluation time period. Both human and mechanical errors influence the need to make manual adjustments. These corrections are defined and determined by evaluation of historical and experiential ridership patterns.