

Public Transit Program Overview



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Public Transit Program in Vermont - Vision

“Public transit meets the basic mobility needs of all Vermonters including transit dependent persons, provides access to employment and other modes, mitigates congestion, preserves air quality and promotes efficient energy use, and advances the State’s economic development objectives – all in a safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible manner.”



Public Transit Program in Vermont (Funds and Services)

Approximately \$44 million annual budget - Over 65% from state funds or “flexed over” from FHWA funds.

FTA Formula Funds
FHWA “Flex” funds
State Funds
Local Funds

Fixed Routes w/ ADA Paratransit service
Deviated Fixed Routes
Vermont Elders and Persons with Disabilities Demand Response
NEMT (Medicaid) Demand Response
Intercity
Go Vermont

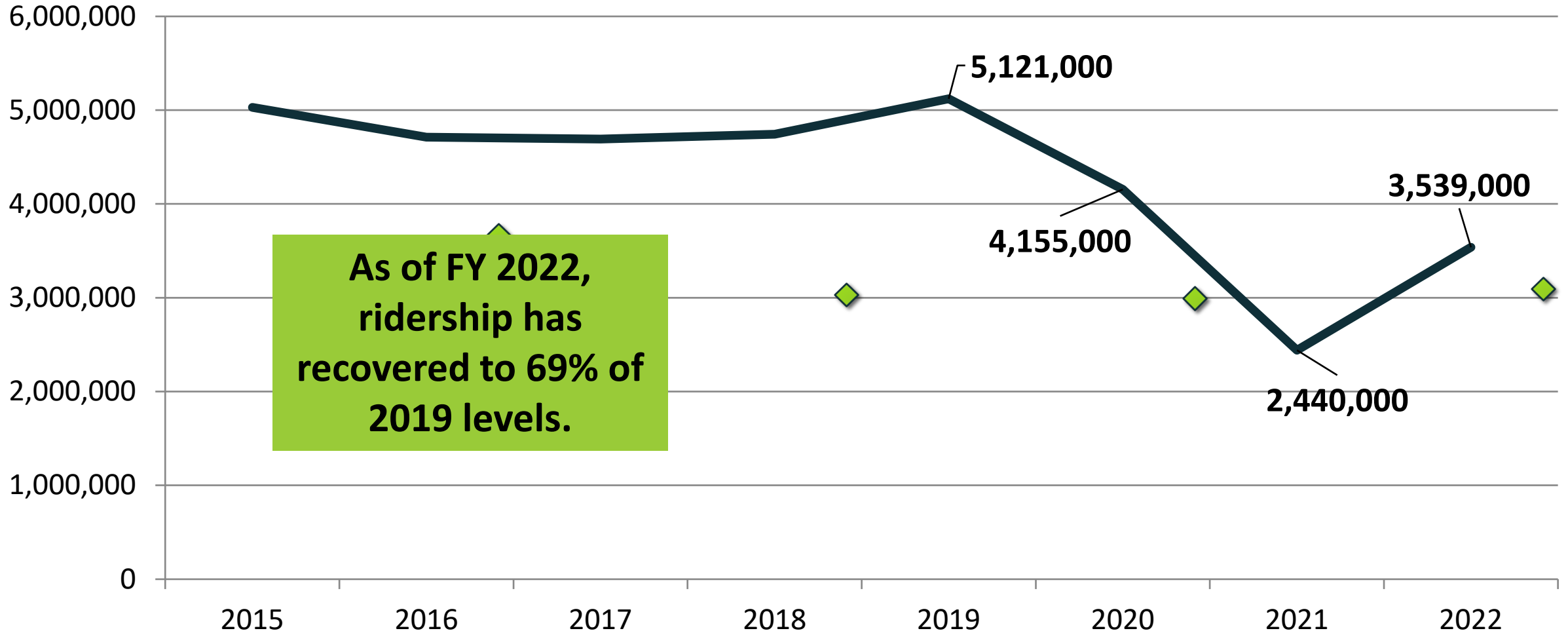
Program Elements to be Covered

- **COVID - Ridership Impacts**
- **Microtransit Pilots**
- **Demand Response Pilots**
- **Community Driver Program**



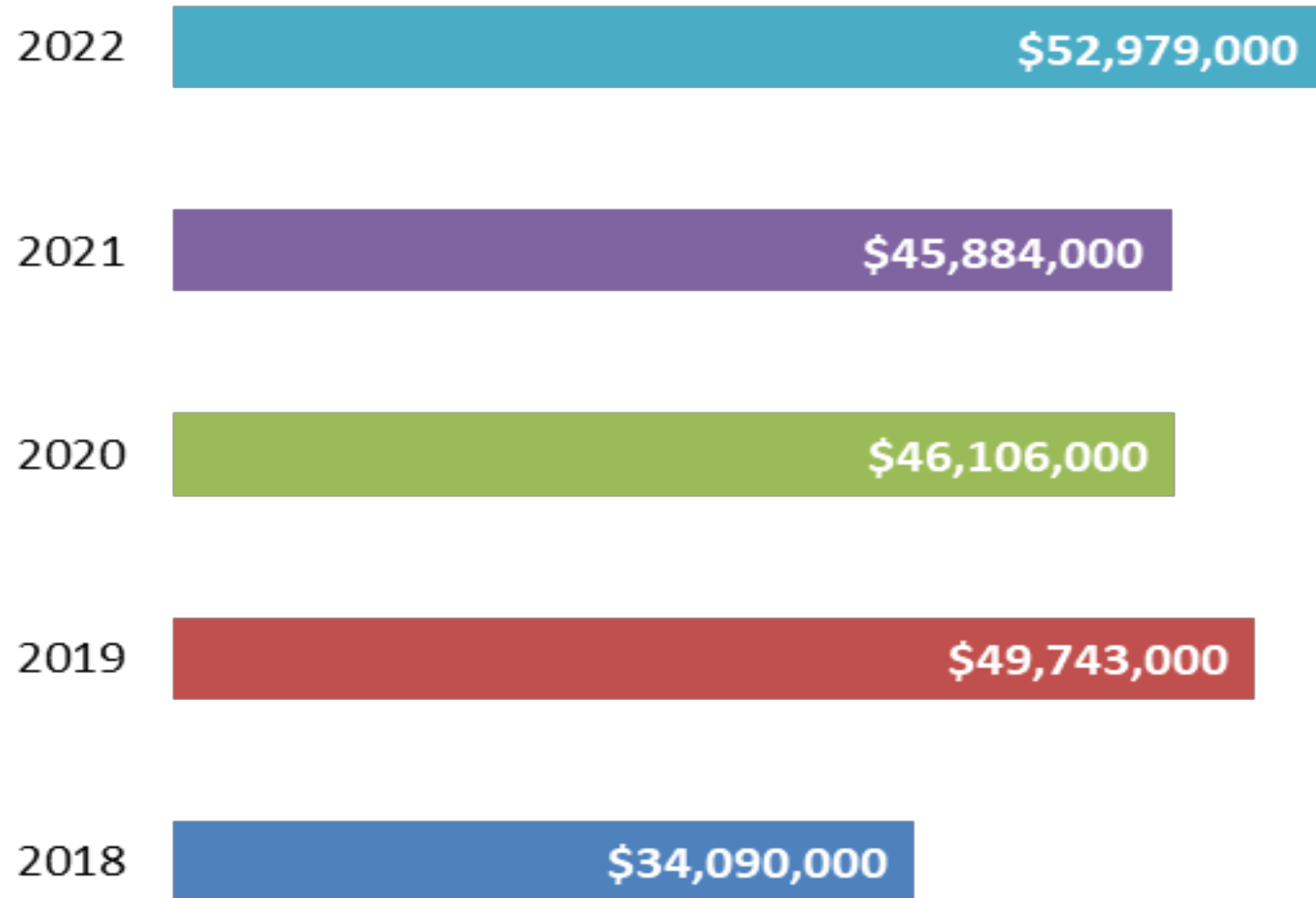
Public Transit

Ridership by State Fiscal Year



**As of FY 2022,
ridership has
recovered to 69% of
2019 levels.**

Statewide Operating Costs



On-Demand Micro-Transit

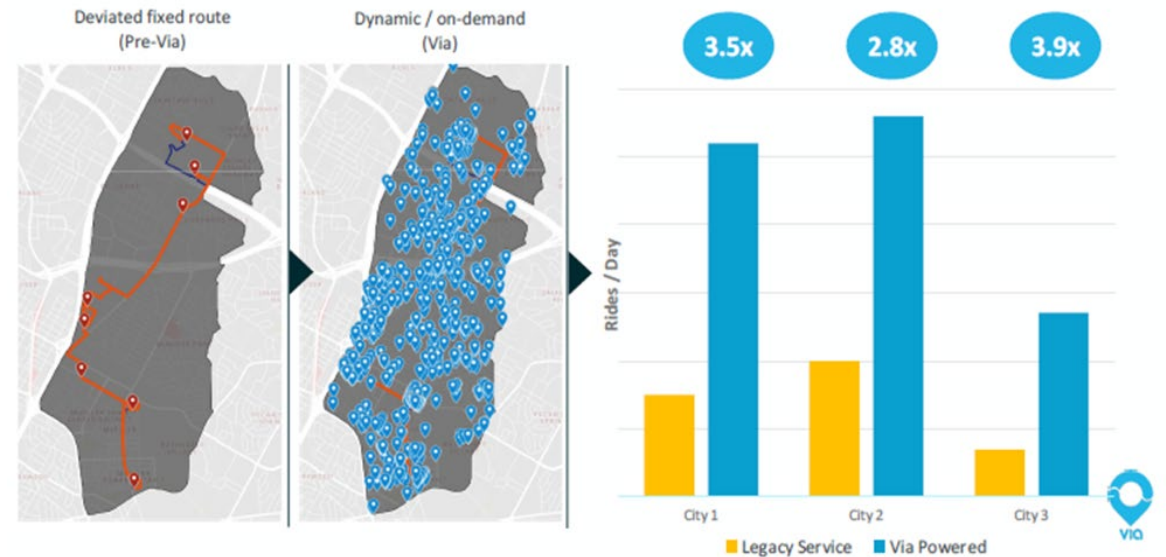
Real-time hailed, dynamically routed, public transit service within a designated region



Mini-Bus, Large Van

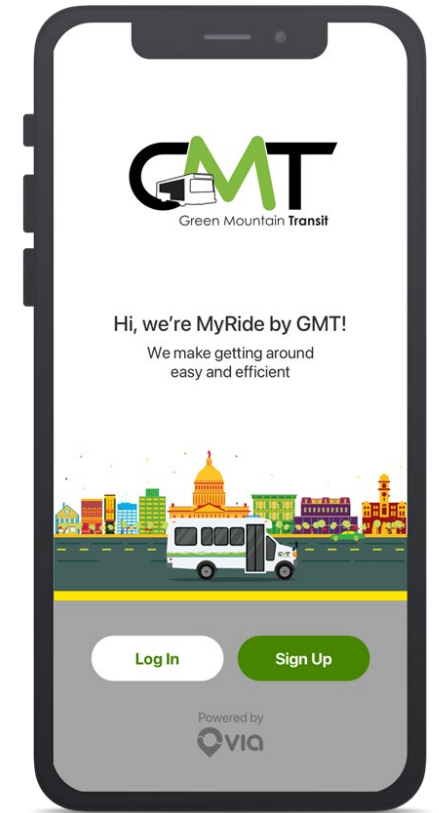
Called by an App or by Phone

Convenience drives demand



Why would we consider this “new” type of Service?

- Aging population
- Current ridership
- Costs of transit service
- New technologies
- More flexible
- More Convenient?
- Successful Case Studies



Transit App/ Statewide AVL

- All providers, routes, and bus stops operating with the same AVL service.
- Open-Source Data(GTFS-RT)
- Basic Service



FIND MY BUS

New Transit App helps track and plan your route.

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GO YOUR OWN WAY

iPhone



Android



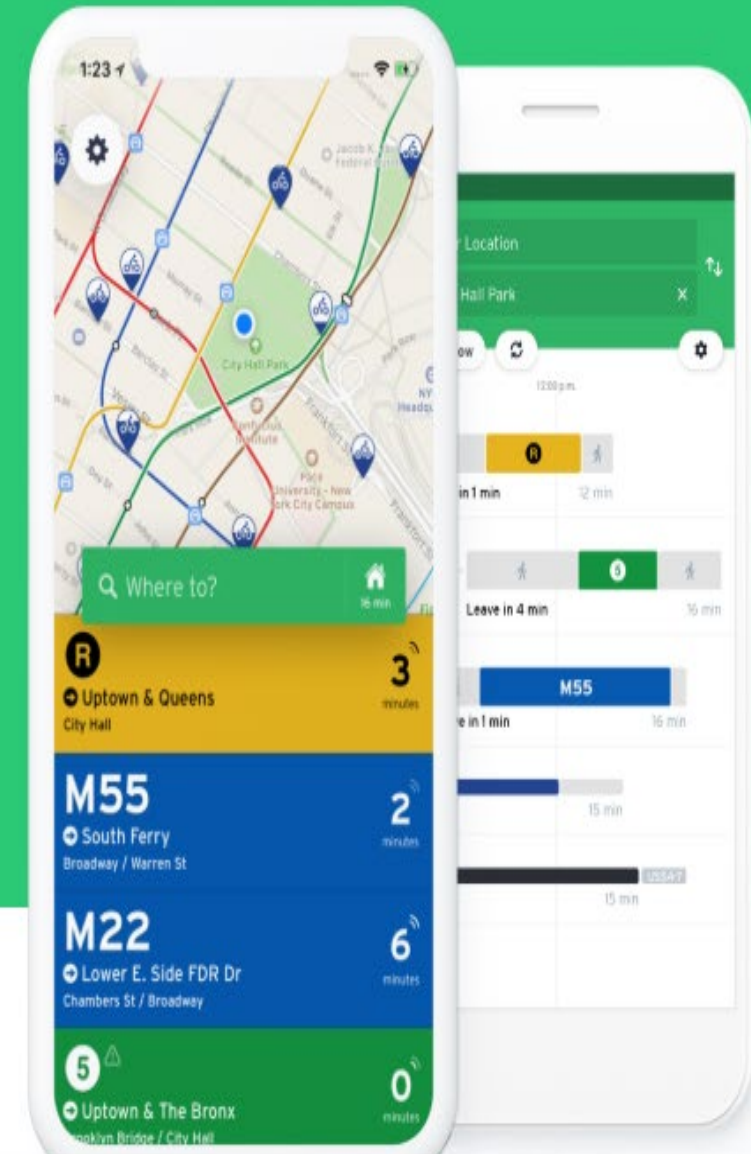
It's in the Name™

[Transit App](#)

Regions

Partners

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Demand Response Services – Recovery and Job Access Rides

- Elderly and Persons with a Disability
- Recovery and Job Access
 - \$320k over two years to cover costs for recovery and job access transportation
 - Service began in September 2019. Rural Region
 - Second pilot started January 2020. Small Urban Region.
- VTrans and the Agency of Human Services collaborating on oversight and funding. How can we better coordinate services and funding?



transportation is
ESSENTIAL.
VERMONTERS
need you.



BECOME A COMMUNITY DRIVER AND BE A FORCE FOR CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF YOUR NEIGHBORS.

As Vermonters, we love our community. Part of maintaining our community is ensuring that ALL of its members can access essential services like medical care and groceries - and it can be as easy as opening your car door.



LEARN MORE



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YOU CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE



There is a transportation crisis in Vermont. Mobility is essential to almost everyone, and there is more demand than ever to help Vermonters get to doctor's appointments and fulfill other critical needs. The answer? You and your vehicle. Plus, for providing transport to help other Vermonters, you will be eligible to be paid or receive compensation.

Become a Community Driver and be a force for change in the lives of your neighbors. Your car can be the difference, put it to good use.



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ZERO-FARE STUDY AND
ANALYSIS



INTERCITY
ASSESSMENT



ROUTE PERFORMANCE
REPORT



CORE BUDGET
DASHBOARD

Useful Tools

- [Go Vermont](#) – carpool matching, vanpools, links to bus schedules, employer program.
- Regional Public Transit Providers – found at the Go Vermont site. Establish contacts and relationships to ensure optimal coordination.
- Employers – they can advocate for carpools, support vanpool formation, and Go Vermont staff can conduct a “Commuter Audit” to determine the best incentives and communications for improved job access.
- PT Staff – me, Stephanie, Tim, Dan, etc... We are here to work with you.

THANK YOU

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