

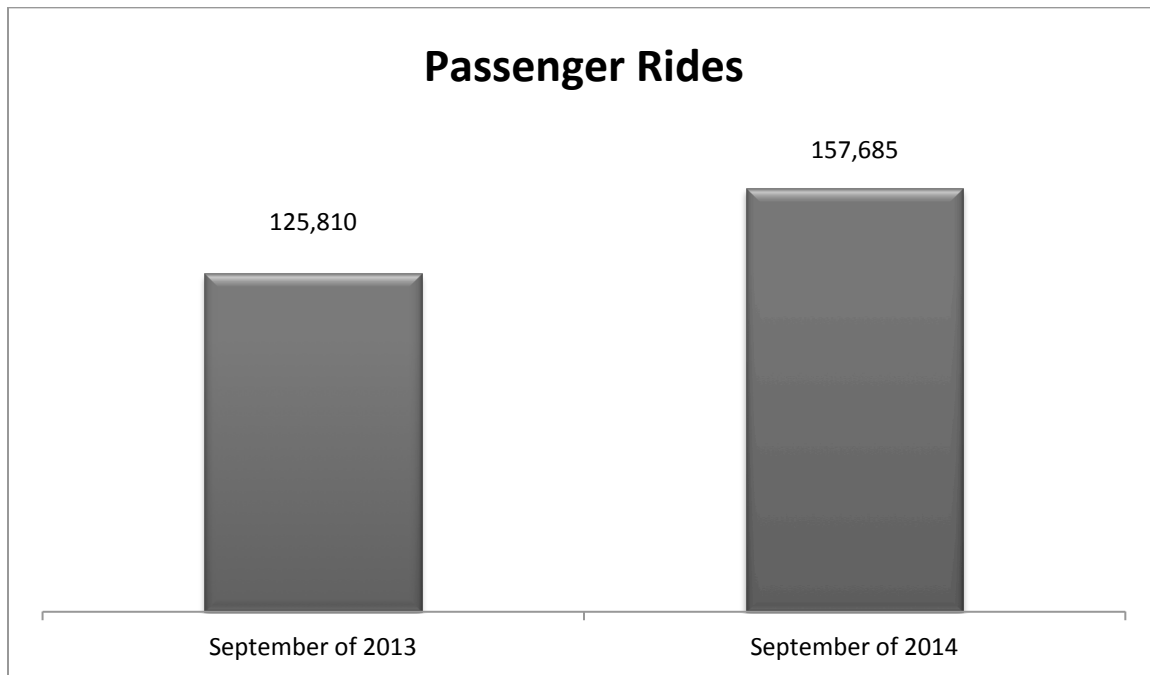


Building A Better Transit System

The people have trusted us with their penny, and we're committed to building the transit system our community deserves. We've restored much of the service that was lost in lean times, and we continue to improve and expand service throughout the county.

Growing Ridership

With community support and hard work, more people than ever are using The COMET. Passenger rides are up 20% year-to-year in September. In September of this year, we had 157,685 passenger rides – up from 125,810 passenger rides in July 2013. That's almost 32,000 additional trips.



Adding Technology

We are harnessing the power of technology to make riding The COMET easy and convenient.

- Passengers can purchase and pay their fares with a smartphone using The COMET app.
- Comet passengers can use a smartphone to track where their bus is in real time, stop-by-stop.
- Real time tracking is provided in the transit center.
- With Google Maps, passengers can plan their ride.



Restoring and Expanding Service

The COMET is restoring and expanding service to meet our commitment to providing more and better options for our riders.

- 10% more service on the street than in 2011
- Restored and expanded weekend service
- Restored mid-day
- Extended operating hours on many routes from 5 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
- Expanded DART Service
- Introduced rural flex service – approximately 20 square miles of rural transit zones with flexible service
- Planning expansions in the Northeast
- Restored mid-day service in Eau Claire, Bluff Road, Hollywood & Rose Hill
- Extended service to Bush River Road
- In 2011, only two routes had service of 40 minutes or better. That service was cut completely in 2012. Today, eight routes have all day service of 40 minutes or better.

Neighborhood and environmentally friendly buses:

We're committed not just to maximizing service on mainline routes, but to increasing access to transit within neighborhoods. We're rolling out 11 smaller, propane-powered buses to do that.

- Energy-efficient and environmentally friendly
- Quieter operation
- Smaller and more agile
- Less expensive to buy, run and maintain