



To: Chicago Transit Authority Board  
From: Jeremy Fine, Chief Financial Officer  
Re: Financial Results for August 2021  
Date: October 13, 2021

## 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 2021 board meeting. CTA's financial results are \$6.5 million and \$29.1 million favorable to budget for August and year-to-date, respectively, primarily due to lower than anticipated labor and other expenses. Public funding for 2021 collected year-to-date totaled \$528.1 million, which is \$129.3 million favorable to budget. CTA has drawn down CARES funding of \$746.3 million, which is approximately 91.3% of CTA's CARES allocation.

Ridership for the month was 19.0 million, which was 1.3 million higher than budget and 6.2 million higher than August 2020. Ridership year-to-date was 7.0 million higher than budget and 30.4 million lower than prior year. 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 August 2021 compared to August 2020.

	August 2021	August 2020	Increase (Decrease)
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 176,601	\$ 135,449	\$ 41,152
Damage Reserve	61,774	44,856	\$ 16,918
Funds Owed by RTA	350,327	307,484	\$ 42,843
Trust Portfolio Assets	460,556	362,976	\$ 97,580
Total Cash and Receivables	\$ 1,049,258	\$ 850,765	\$ 198,493

CTA's total cash/receivables balance was equal to \$1.0 billion. Unrestricted cash was \$41.2 million higher than the prior year due to the timing of cash receipts and invoice payments. The Damage Reserve fund was \$16.9 million higher than last year due to deposits into the fund offset by settlement payments. Funds owed by the RTA were approximately \$350.3 million which was \$42.8 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
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Fare & Pass Revenue	\$ 23,848	\$ (918)	\$ 8,690	\$ 146,304	\$ (2,946)	\$ (26,026)

- Fare and pass revenue for August was \$0.9 million unfavorable to budget due to lower than expected full fare revenue on rail and 30 day pass revenue. It was \$8.7 million favorable to prior year due to higher ridership. The average fare for the month was \$1.25 per ride and was \$0.15 lower than budget and \$0.07 higher than the prior year.
- Year-to-date fare and pass revenue was \$2.9 million unfavorable to budget due to lower than expected pass revenue. It was \$26.0 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 \$0.11 lower than budget and \$0.08 higher than the prior year.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Reduced Fare Subsidy	\$ 1,217	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,737	\$ -	\$ (223)

- 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
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Advertising, Charter, Concession	\$ 2,121	\$ 497	\$ 606	\$ 11,532	\$ (2,036)	\$ (4,793)

- Advertising, Charter and Concessions Revenue was \$0.5 million favorable to budget for the month due to additional vehicle and platform advertising revenue received as a result of a contract amendment. It was \$2.0 million unfavorable year-to-date due to lower than anticipated vehicle and platform advertising revenue. This revenue category was \$4.8 million lower than prior year-to-date 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	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Investment income	\$ 23	\$ (2)	\$ (42)	\$ 197	\$ (7)	\$ (1,057)

- Investment income was slightly unfavorable to budget for the month and \$1.1 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
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Other Revenue	\$ 3,762	\$ 262	\$ 184	\$ 22,283	\$ 239	\$ (3,529)

- Other Revenue was \$0.3 million favorable to budget for the month due to an increase in rental revenue. It was \$0.2 million favorable to budget for the year-to-date due to higher than anticipated parking lot revenue and scrap material sales. Other revenue was \$0.2 million favorable to August 2020 due to higher non-capital grant and rental revenues and \$3.5 million unfavorable to prior year-to-date due to the monthly ride hailing fee received in 2020 but not in 2021 which was partially offset by higher non-capital grant revenue. Higher non-capital grant revenue is offset by higher non-capital grant expense in the Other Expenses category.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Total System Generated Revenue	\$ 30,972	\$ (161)	\$ 9,437	\$ 190,054	\$ (4,750)	\$ (35,628)

- Total System-Generated Revenue was lower than budget for the month and year-to-date by \$0.2 million and \$4.8 million, respectively, due to lower than expected pass revenue for both the month and year-to-date and lower vehicle and platform advertising revenue for the year-to-date. It was \$9.4 million higher than August 2020 due to higher fare and pass revenue and \$35.6 million lower than prior year-to-date 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
	Aug-21	Amended Budget Aug-21	Prior Year Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	Amended Budget 2021	Prior Year 2020
Labor	\$ 99,008	\$ 1,587	\$ (5,434)	\$ 766,888	\$ 9,342	\$ (8,064)

- Labor expense was \$1.6 million favorable to budget for the month and \$9.3 million favorable for the year-to-date due to lower than anticipated labor costs. Labor expense was \$5.4 million unfavorable to August 2020 and \$8.1 million unfavorable to prior year-to-date due to the timing of open positions.

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	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Material	\$ 7,682	\$ (220)	\$ (540)	\$ 59,325	\$ (718)	\$ (7,952)

- Material expense was \$0.2 million and \$0.7 million unfavorable to budget for the month and year-to-date, respectively, due to vehicle parts usage. Material expense was \$0.5 million and \$8.0 million unfavorable to August 2020 and prior year-to-date due to vehicle parts usage and increased costs for cleaning supplies related to COVID-19.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Fuel	\$ 2,586	\$ 654	\$ 476	\$ 20,735	\$ 3,151	\$ 4,215

- Fuel for Revenue Equipment expense was \$0.7 million favorable to budget in August primarily due to lower than anticipated usage. Lower usage and fuel prices account for the favorable variance to the prior year-to-date.

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	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Power	\$ 2,015	\$ 664	\$ (78)	\$ 17,121	\$ 2,664	\$ (269)

- The Electric Power for Revenue Equipment expense was \$0.7 million favorable to budget for the month and \$2.7 million favorable year-to-date due to lower than anticipated usage. Expenses were \$0.3 million unfavorable to prior year-to-date primarily due to higher usage.

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	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Provision for Injuries & Damages	\$ 2,640	\$ -	\$ (807)	\$ 21,120	\$ -	\$ (6,453)

- The Provision for Injuries & Damages expense was on par with budget for the month and year-to-date. The unfavorable variance to 2020 for the month and year-to-date of \$0.8 million and \$6.5 million, respectively, is due to higher funding requirements in 2021.

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	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Purchase of Security Services	\$ 1,171	\$ 510	\$ 502	\$ 10,720	\$ 1,874	\$ 2,627

- Purchase of Security Services was \$0.5 million favorable to budget for the month and \$0.5 million favorable to prior year due to the timing of invoices. Year-to-date, expenses were \$1.9 million favorable to budget and \$2.6 million favorable to prior year due to the timing of invoices.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Other Expenses	\$ 17,007	\$ 3,431	\$ (1,131)	\$ 163,205	\$ 17,575	\$ (5,380)

- Other expenses were \$3.4 million favorable to budget for the month and \$17.6 million favorable to budget for the year-to-date due to the timing of contractual services invoices. Other expenses year-to-date were \$5.4 million unfavorable to prior year due to an increase in debt service costs on the TIFIA loans and 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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	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 132,109	\$ 6,626	\$ (7,012)	\$ 1,059,114	\$ 33,887	\$ (21,277)

- Operating Expenses were \$6.6 million favorable to budget for the month primarily due to lower than anticipated other expenses and labor costs. The unfavorable variance to prior year-to-date was due to higher labor, material, and other expenses in addition to 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
	Aug-21	Amended Budget	Prior Year	2021	Amended Budget	Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Recovery Ratio	40.22%	(14.58)		51.12%	(3.99)	

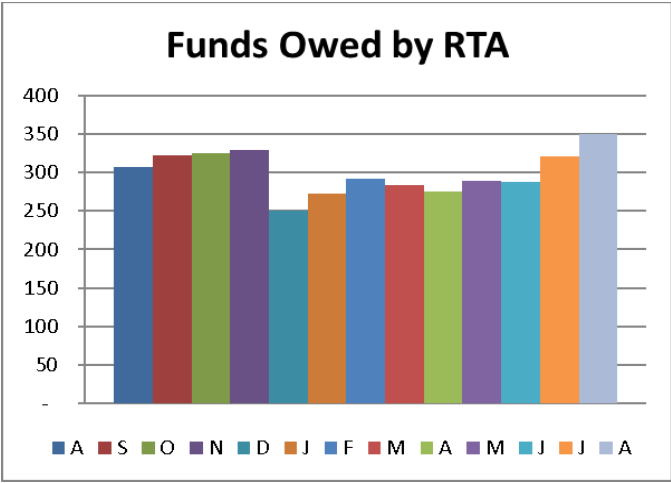
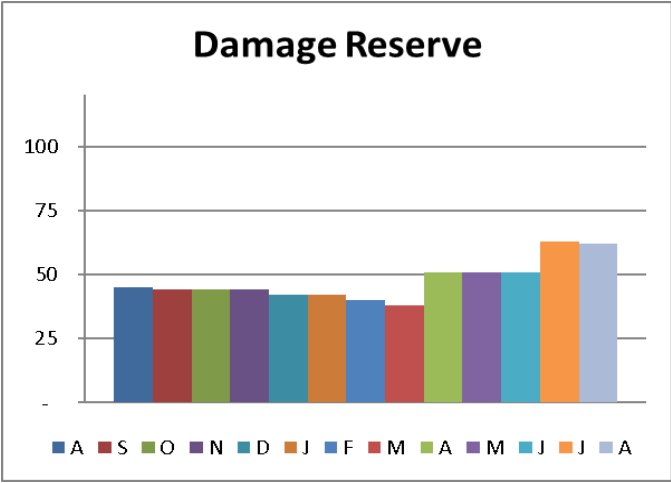
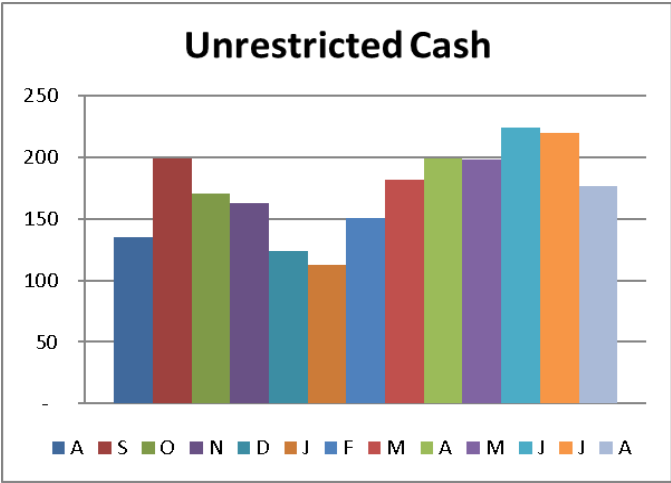
- Recovery Ratio, which measures the percentage of operating expenses CTA funds from internally generated revenues, was 40.22% for the month. This was unfavorable to budget by 14.58 percentage points for the month. Year-to-date, the recovery ratio was 51.12%, which was unfavorable to budget by 3.99 percentage points. The RTA is including the Federal stimulus funds under the CARES Act as replacement fare revenues for recovery ratio purposes.

## VI. Ridership

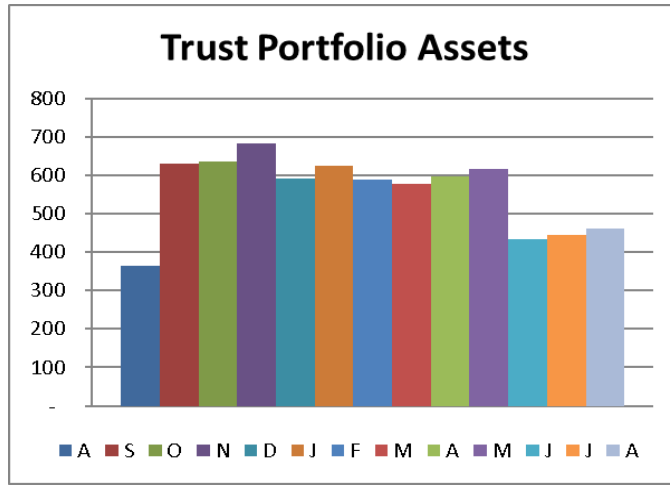
Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to Amended Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Amended Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Aug-21	Aug-21	Aug21 vs. Aug20	2021	2021	2020
Bus	10,950	759	2,409	72,293	1,320	(16,715)
Rail	6,859	781	3,364	38,083	5,531	(10,441)
Rail to Rail Transfers	1,202	(229)	436	7,461	109	(3,261)
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,011</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>6,209</b>	<b>117,838</b>	<b>6,960</b>	<b>(30,418)</b>

- Ridership for the month of August was 19.0 million and was 1.3 million higher than budget and 6.2 million higher than prior year.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was up 47.1% 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 117.8 million and was 7.0 million higher than budget and 30.4 million lower than the prior year-to-date.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was down 19.9% from the prior year-to-date.
- More details on ridership can be found in the August Ridership Report.

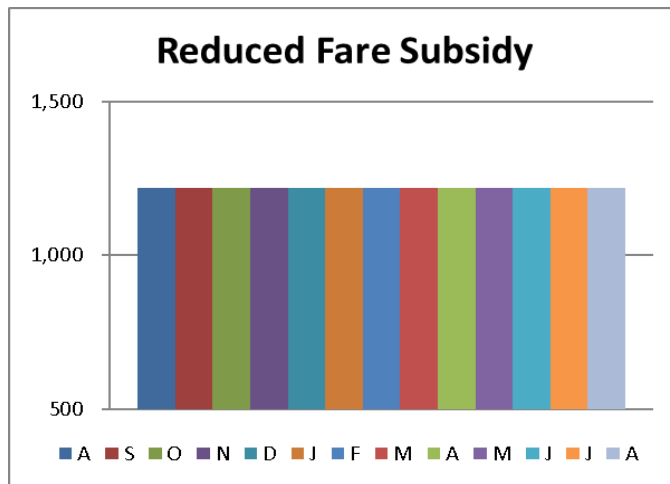
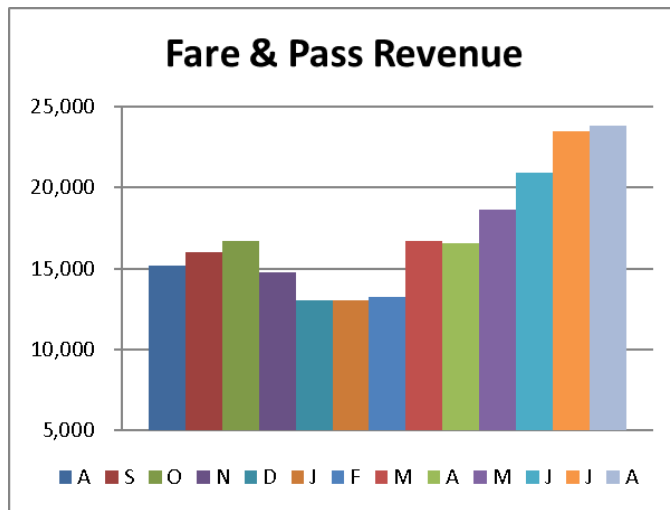
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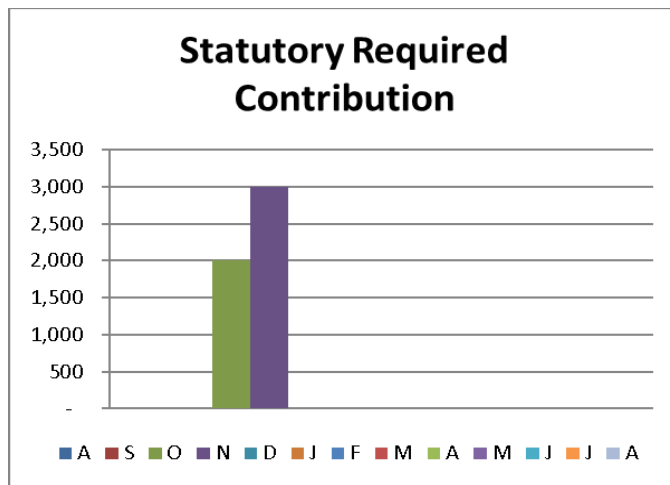
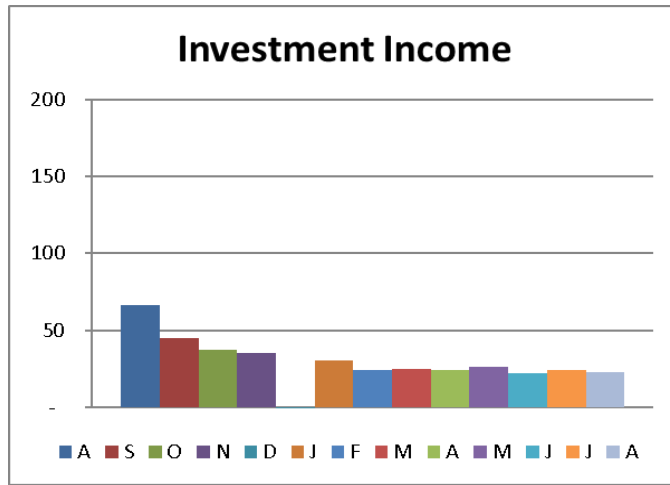
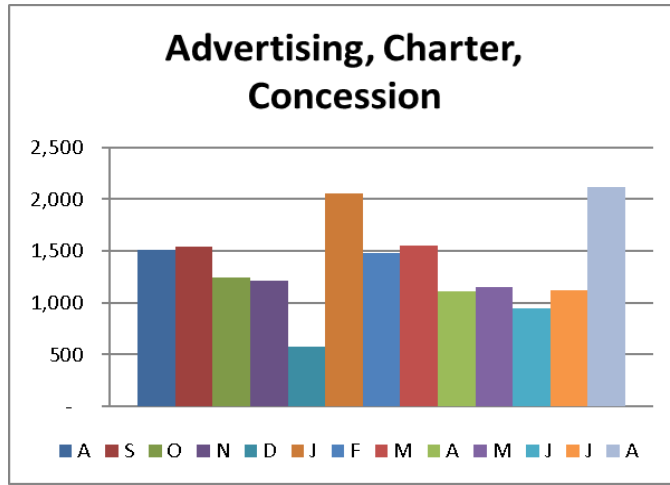


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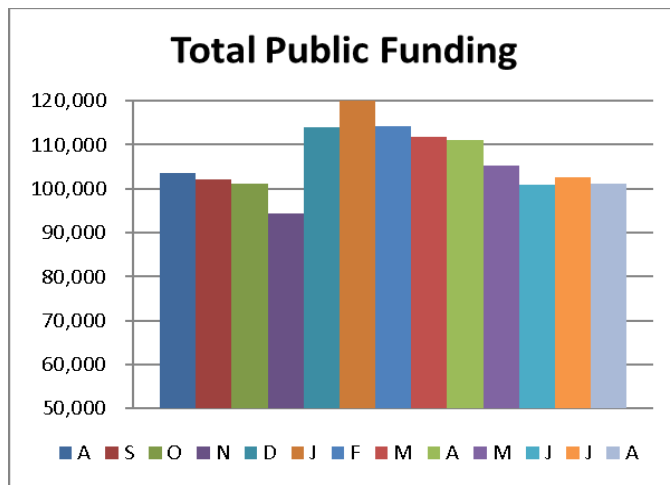
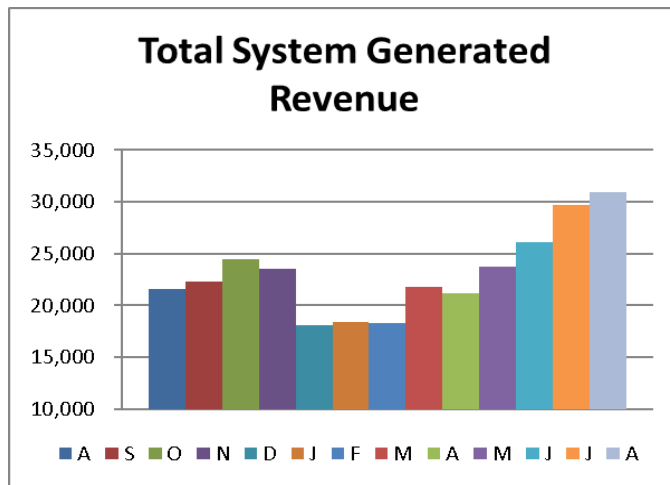
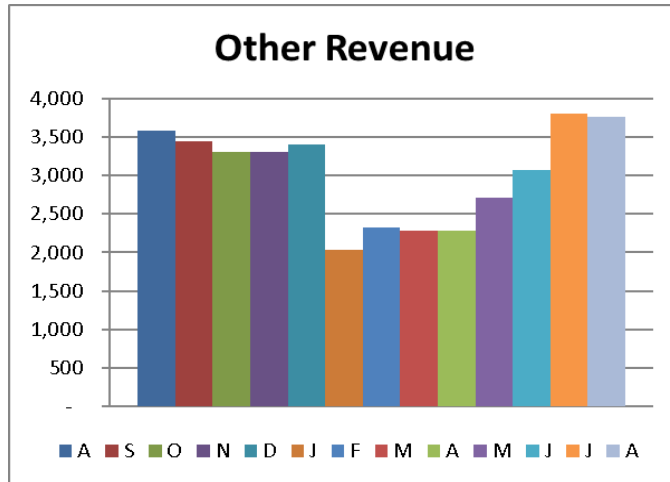




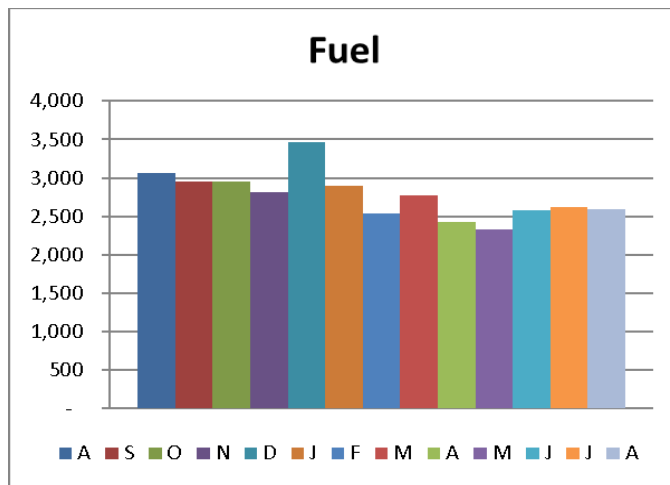
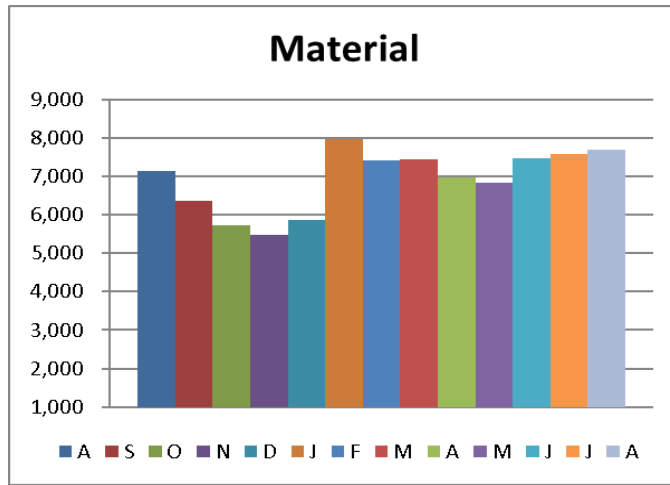
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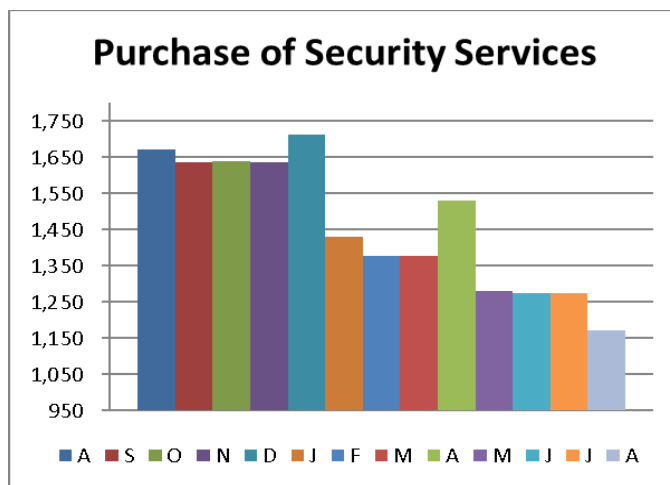
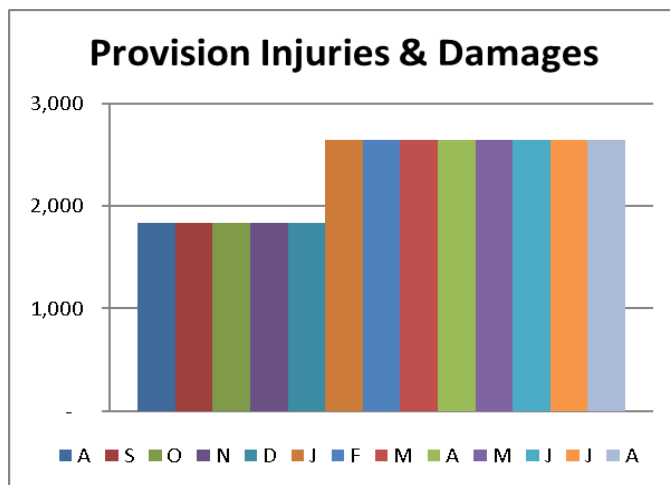
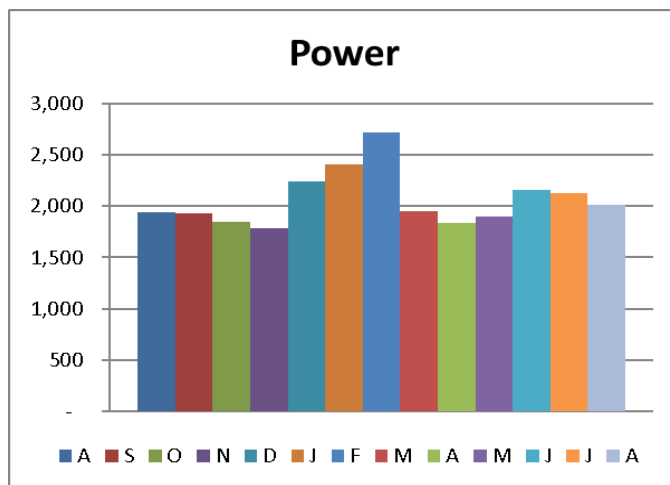
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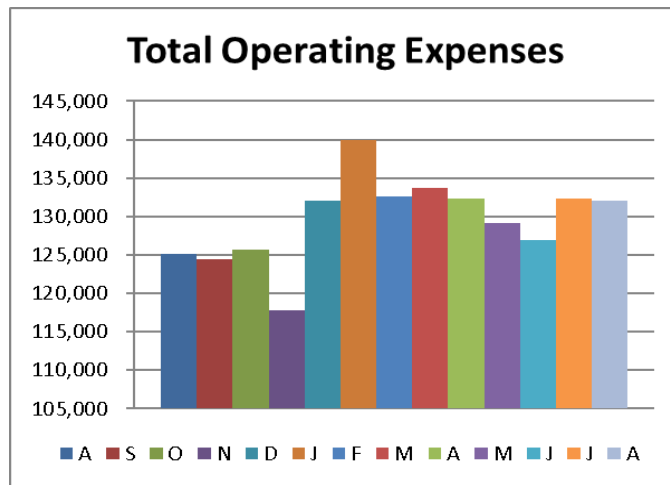
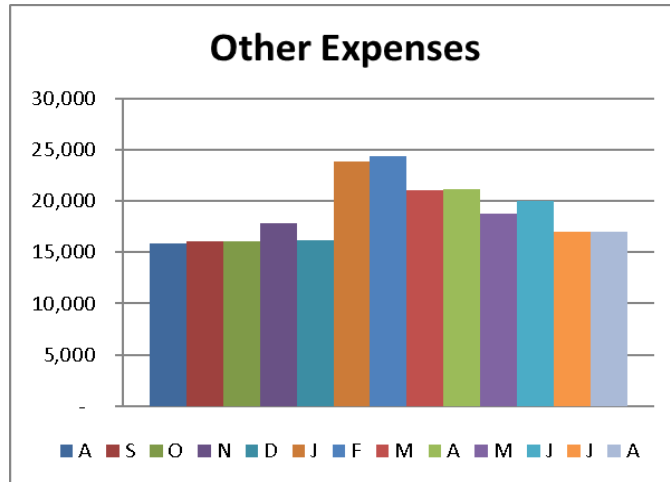
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Cash	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Unrestricted Cash	135	199	171	163	124	113	151	182	199	198	224	220	177
Damage Reserve	45	44	44	44	42	42	40	38	51	51	51	63	62
Funds Owed by RTA	307	323	325	329	251	272	292	284	276	289	288	321	350
Trust Portfolio Assets	363	630	634	683	591	623	587	578	597	617	434	445	461

Revenue	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Fare & Pass Revenue	15,158	16,012	16,672	14,769	13,046	13,013	13,263	16,671	16,530	18,605	20,884	23,489	23,848
Reduced Fare Subsidy	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217	1,217
Advertising, Charter, Concession	1,515	1,538	1,248	1,208	579	2,059	1,476	1,551	1,105	1,154	941	1,124	2,121
Investment Income	66	45	37	35	(149)	30	24	25	24	26	22	24	23
Statutory Required Contribution	-	-	2,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	3,579	3,450	3,302	3,313	3,408	2,039	2,320	2,289	2,281	2,712	3,074	3,806	3,762
Total System Generated Revenue	21,535	22,263	24,476	23,542	18,101	18,359	18,301	21,752	21,157	23,715	26,138	29,660	30,972
Total Public Funding	103,562	102,164	101,227	94,277	113,938	121,550	114,347	111,927	111,190	105,369	100,840	102,700	101,137

Expenses	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21
Labor	93,574	93,674	95,596	86,474	100,786	98,703	91,587	96,475	95,816	95,358	90,837	99,104	99,008
Material	7,142	6,364	5,731	5,462	5,870	7,956	7,417	7,443	6,976	6,828	7,455	7,567	7,682
Fuel	3,062	2,949	2,948	2,818	3,460	2,901	2,539	2,767	2,430	2,325	2,573	2,614	2,586
Power	1,937	1,932	1,843	1,787	2,241	2,412	2,723	1,955	1,833	1,900	2,158	2,126	2,015
Provision Injuries & Damages	1,833	1,833	1,833	1,833	1,833	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640
Purchase of Security Services	1,673	1,638	1,640	1,637	1,713	1,431	1,378	1,378	1,531	1,281	1,276	1,275	1,171
Other Expenses	15,876	16,037	16,111	17,808	16,135	23,866	24,362	21,021	21,121	18,752	20,039	17,036	17,007
Total Operating Expenses	125,097	124,428	125,703	117,819	132,040	139,909	132,648	133,679	132,347	129,083	126,979	132,361	132,109