



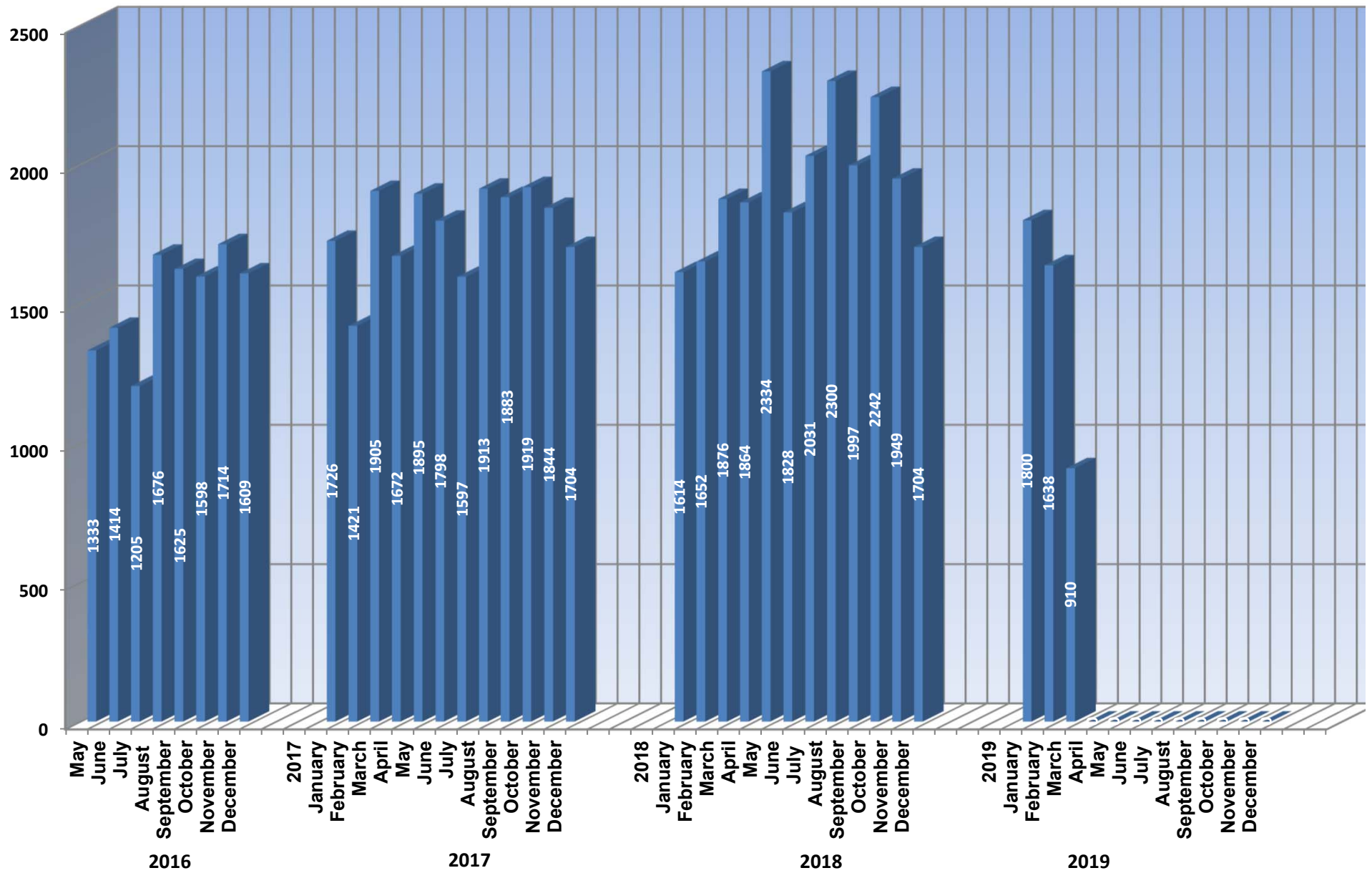
FY 2019-2020 Brunswick Explorer Funding Request



FY 2018-2019 ridership

- **22,963 ↑ 10% over FY 2017-2018**
- **91.6 rides per operating day.**
- **As of March 1, ridership ↑ more than 5% from 2018.**
- **25% of ridership is now using the bus to get to work.**

Ridership by Month



DESTINATION USE

January - December 2018

Sorted - Busiest to Least Busy	SCHEDULED BUS STOP	East & West - 2018
1	HANNAFORD SUPERMARKET	5227
2	WOODLAWN TOWERS	3435
3	WALMART	2371
4	COOK'S CORNER MALL	2136
5	MALLARD POND APARTMENTS	1967
6	PEOPLE PLUS SENIOR CENTER	1293
7	PEJEPSCOT TERRACE APARTMENTS	1186
8	MERRYMEETING PLAZA	1156
9	MAINE STREET STATION	626
10	SWEETSER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	615
11	MID COAST HOSPITAL	612
12	PARKVIEW (NORTH & SOUTH)	579
13	BOWDOIN COLLEGE	399
14	HEALTH LOOP, 66 BARIBEAU	177
15	BRUNSWICK H.S.	128

NOTE: Brunswick HS = one stop/day @ 16:05



Stories...

- **Southern Maine Community College**
- **Wreaths Across America**
- **Veterinarian's offices**
- **Birthday ride**
- **Downeast Community Partners "rescue"**



None of this would be possible...

Without the outstanding work of

- Supervisor, Ed Hannan
- Drivers
- Maintenance team



Funding Request & Match:

\$70,000 for Operation

Accesses Approximately \$85,000 in Federal match (~45%:55%)

- Based on FTA mix of “operating” and “administrative” categories**

Full costs known / costs increasing / cost controls in-place

\$20,000 for Capital Reserve (bus replacement)

Accesses Additional \$100, 000 in Federal match (80%-20%)



What about the deficit?

- **\$41,000 under budget for local match revenue**
- **\$24,000 Federal match also at risk**
- **Working to find sustainable private sector partnerships**
- **If none, may require some service reduction until new FY**
- **Not in any way similar to problems of previous operator**



Where are the new buses?

- All local, state and federal funding in place
- Bus requests submitted to MaineDOT over a year ago

Bus fleet replacement critically-delayed statewide... Why?

- MaineDOT Procurement Office workload
- Vehicle manufacturers **not** responding to RFPs



Are we going to be OK?... Yes.

- **Old buses are safe, but need more frequent maintenance**
- **Parts becoming harder (and more expensive) to source**
- **Spare bus(es) are available when needed**
- **Working to communicate low-floor availability to senior riders**



Why \$20,000 for capital this year?

- Funds capital reserve account to replace 3rd bus
- \$20,000 should be set aside each year to assure local match capital is available for bus replacement.
- 3 buses (or more if service grows) 5-year replacement cycle
- Buses and necessary equipment getting more expensive



Why invest more?

- Local transit is service for residents and visitors of all ages
- Reduces traffic
- Reduces pollution
- Aids economic development
- Draw for Millennials / Tourists / Businesses
- Supports existing and prospective businesses
 - Brings customers
 - Brings employees



Why invest more?

Increased relevance...

- Longer hours 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM Mon-Thu
- Weekends Fri-Sat to 9:00 PM, Sun 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM)
- Brunswick Landing “circulator”
- “Last/First Mile” service for...

Connections to



Downeaster



Concord Coach



Metro Breez

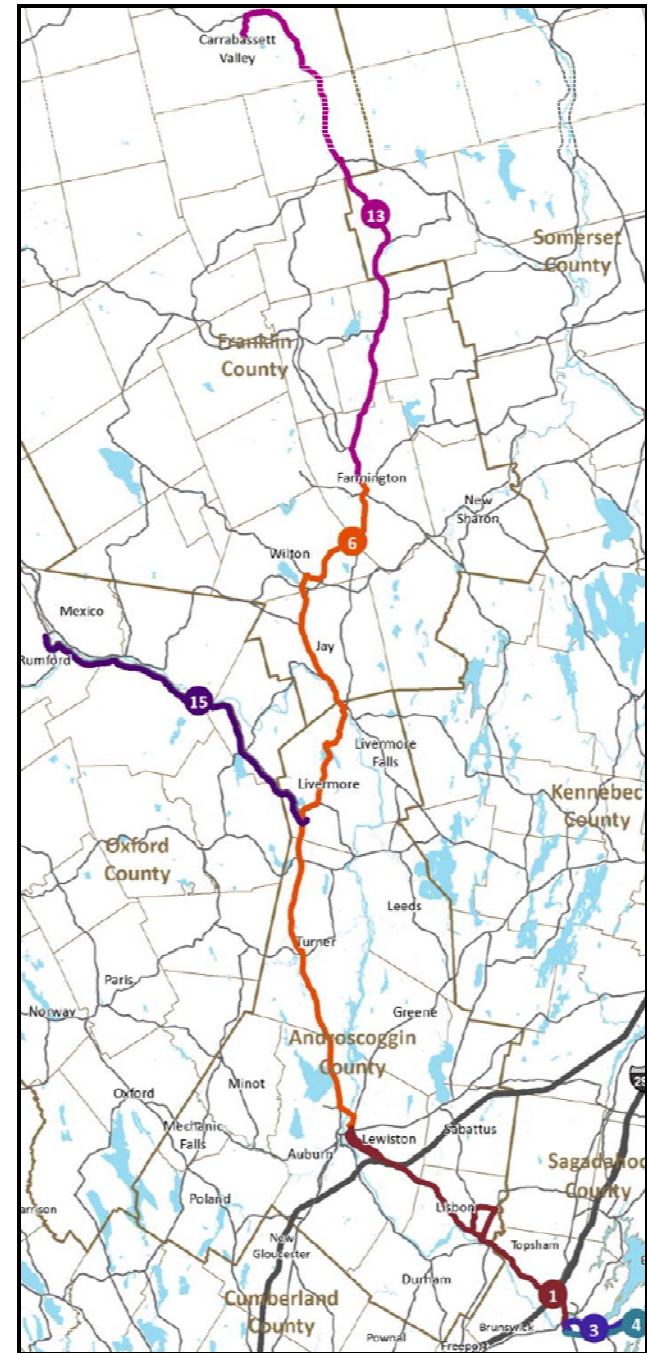
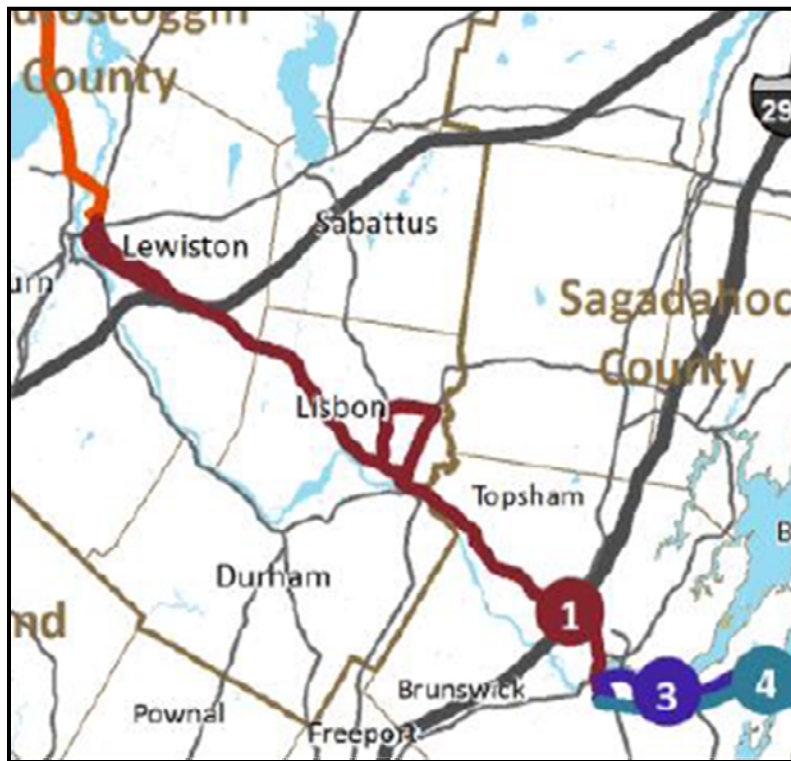


Greyhound



And...

2019 Projected start
Daily commuter service from
L~A to Brunswick
(separate funding)
With possible connections as far
as Farmington and Rumford





**Thank you
&
Ride the bus!**