

OCTA Transit
Service Update

# OC BUS ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19



# **Background**

- Sharp decline in average daily ridership
  - From 120,000 to 34,000; a drop of about 70 percent
- Implemented a Sunday service for all days on March 23
  - 41 of 61 total routes in service, including Stationlink routes
- Other actions:
  - Rear-door boarding
  - Enhanced sanitizing of buses
  - Hand sanitizer dispensers installed on all buses
  - Limiting bus capacity to 15 passengers on 40' buses and 20 passengers on 60' buses to allow social distancing based on current guidance

# OC BUS TRENDS DURING THE PANDEMIC



# Tracking three key metrics:

- Ridership
  - Trending at 50 percent or less of the average weekday ridership
- Pass-Bys
  - Occurs when passenger loads on a 40' bus reach 15 or more (20 passengers on a 60' bus)
- Trippers
  - Unscheduled trips dispatched to provide more capacity and prevent overloads (15+ passengers)
  - Deployed based on data, coach operator input, and customer comment

## **JUNE 2020 SERVICE CHANGE**

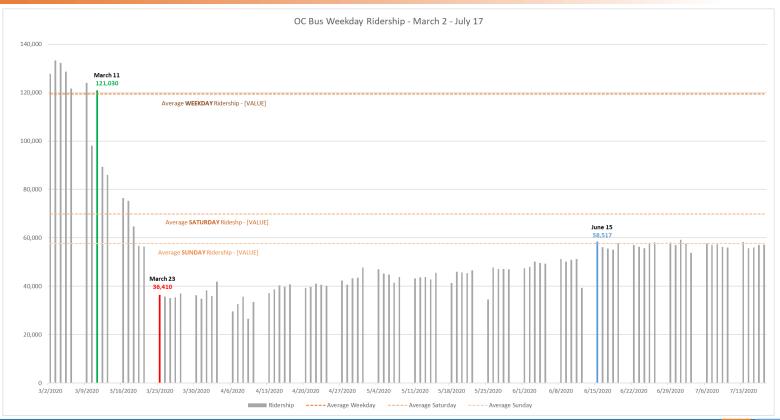


## **Service Elements**

- Moved from Sunday service levels everyday to Saturday service levels
  - 50 routes of 61 total routes in service effective June 14
- Weekday service restored on nine additional local and community routes
  - Suspended in March since these routes do not operate on weekends
- Overall, the June service change increased weekday service by 517 daily bus trips; and Saturday service by 147 daily trips

## OC BUS RIDERSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC





## **ACTIONS TAKEN ON OTHER SERVICES**

#### OC ACCESS

- Maximum 3 passengers on board at any given time
- No shared rides on taxis
- Hand sanitizer available for all passengers
- Vehicles are disinfected every evening

#### SAME DAY TAXI

- Hand sanitizer available for all passengers
- Vehicles are disinfected every three days
- Sanitizing after each passenger

#### OC FLEX

- No shared rides
- Hand sanitizer available for all passengers
- Vehicles are disinfected every evening

### SERVICE CHANGES DURING THE PANDEMIC

#### OC ACCESS

- Operating service area and hours from February 9, 2020 service change
- No subcontractor (taxi operator) providing service

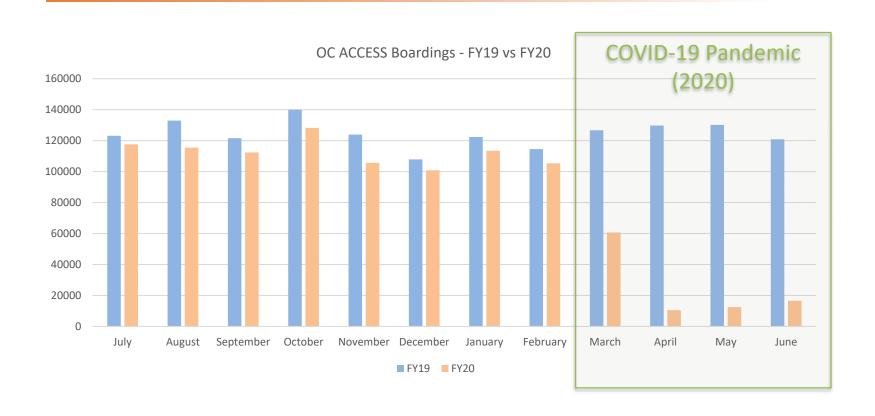
#### SAME DAY TAXI

Service operated by California Yellow Cab (Cabco)

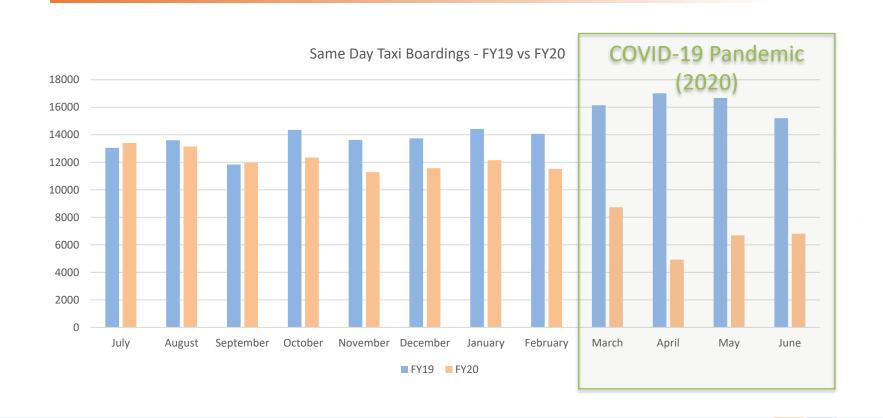
#### OC FLEX

- Huntington Beach/Westminster Temporary Suspended
- Service operated by MV Transportation

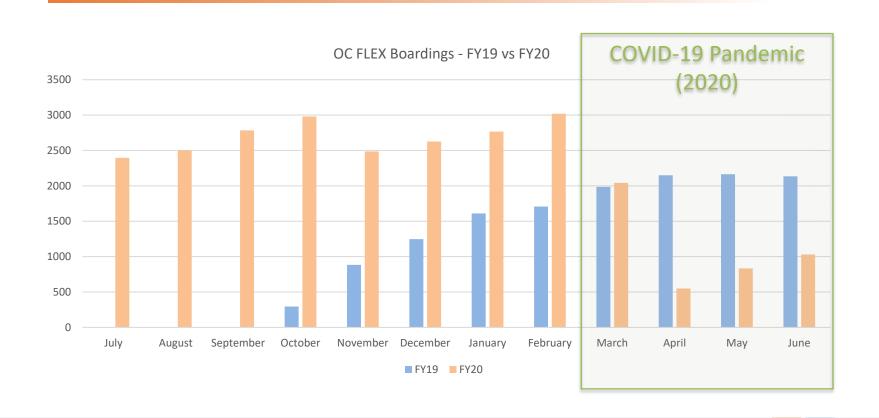
## OC ACCESS RIDERSHIP TRENDS DURING PANDEMIC



## SAME DAY TAXI RIDERSHIP TRENDS DURING PANDEMIC



## OC FLEX RIDERSHIP TRENDS DURING PANDEMIC



## **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue to track service performance
- Develop October 2020 Service Plan
- Monitor COVID-19 Impacts