



September 2026 Executive Director's Report

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September 2026 at a Glance

20,165
Sept. Projected Trips

207,256
Projected FY2026 YTD

+4.8%
Growth vs. August

\$126,636
Microgrid Reimbursement Req.

In September 2026, SCRTD is projected to provide 20,165 passenger trips based on first-week activity. Combined with 187,091 actual trips through August, projected FY2026 ridership reaches 207,256 passenger trips. The District maintained fare-free fixed-route service while advancing five major initiatives:



Solar & Battery Microgrid

Commissioning underway at Sunland Park to power electric buses, vans, and facility loads.



Sunland Park Resurfacing & Security

Procurement advancing; camera and pricing recommendations under review.



Venus Facility

Property appraisal complete; environmental and site-development work continues in Las Cruces.



Fleet & Charging Investments

Fourth bus charger installation planned; additional electric-van charger being secured.





September Ridership Performance

19,236

August 2026 Actual Trips

20,165

September 2026 Projected

~672 / day

Avg. Daily Ridership (Projected)

Reporting Basis

Ridership Reporting Basis	Projected from first-week route counts; final reconciliation after Sept. 30
Monthly Passenger Trips	20,165 projected
Fiscal Year-to-Date Trips	187,091 actual through Aug.; 207,256 projected through Sept.
Leading Route	Yellow Route — 9,712 projected trips

929

ADDITIONAL TRIPS vs. AUGUST

+4.8%

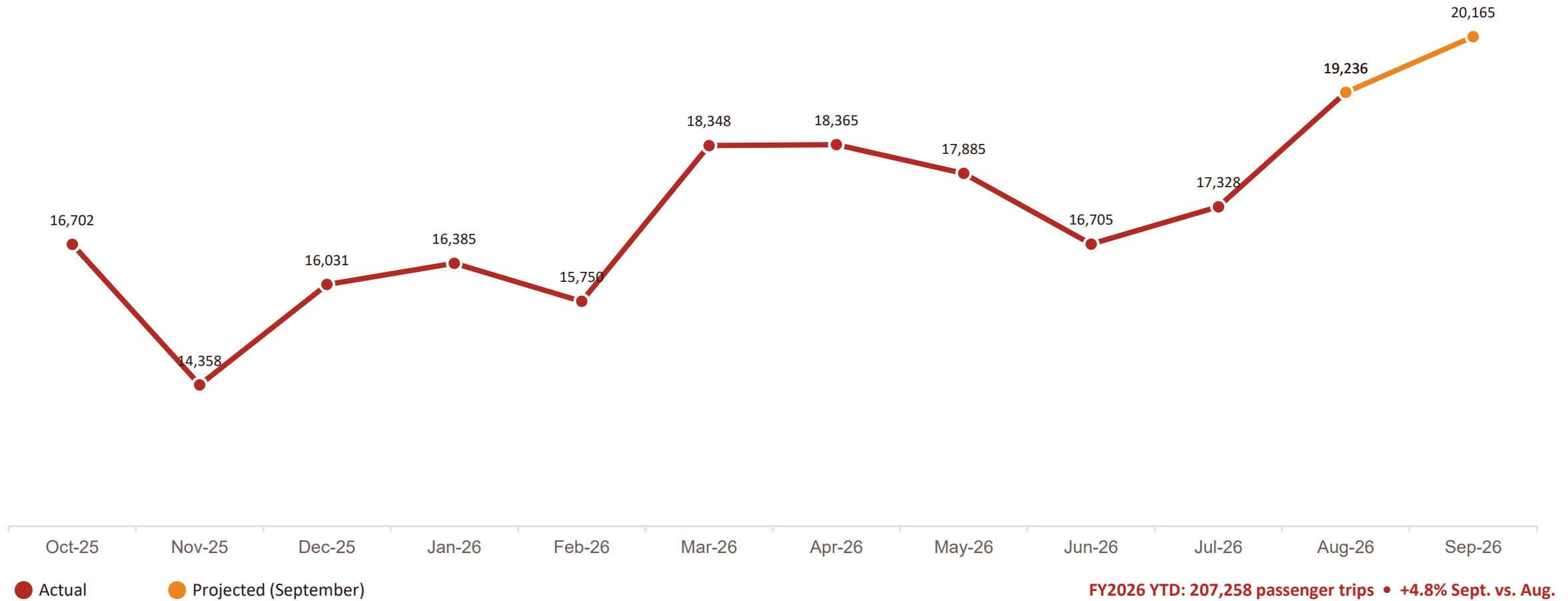
MONTH-OVER-MONTH GROWTH

Yellow Route leads September ridership (9,712 trips), followed by Copper (1,828) and Red (1,817).

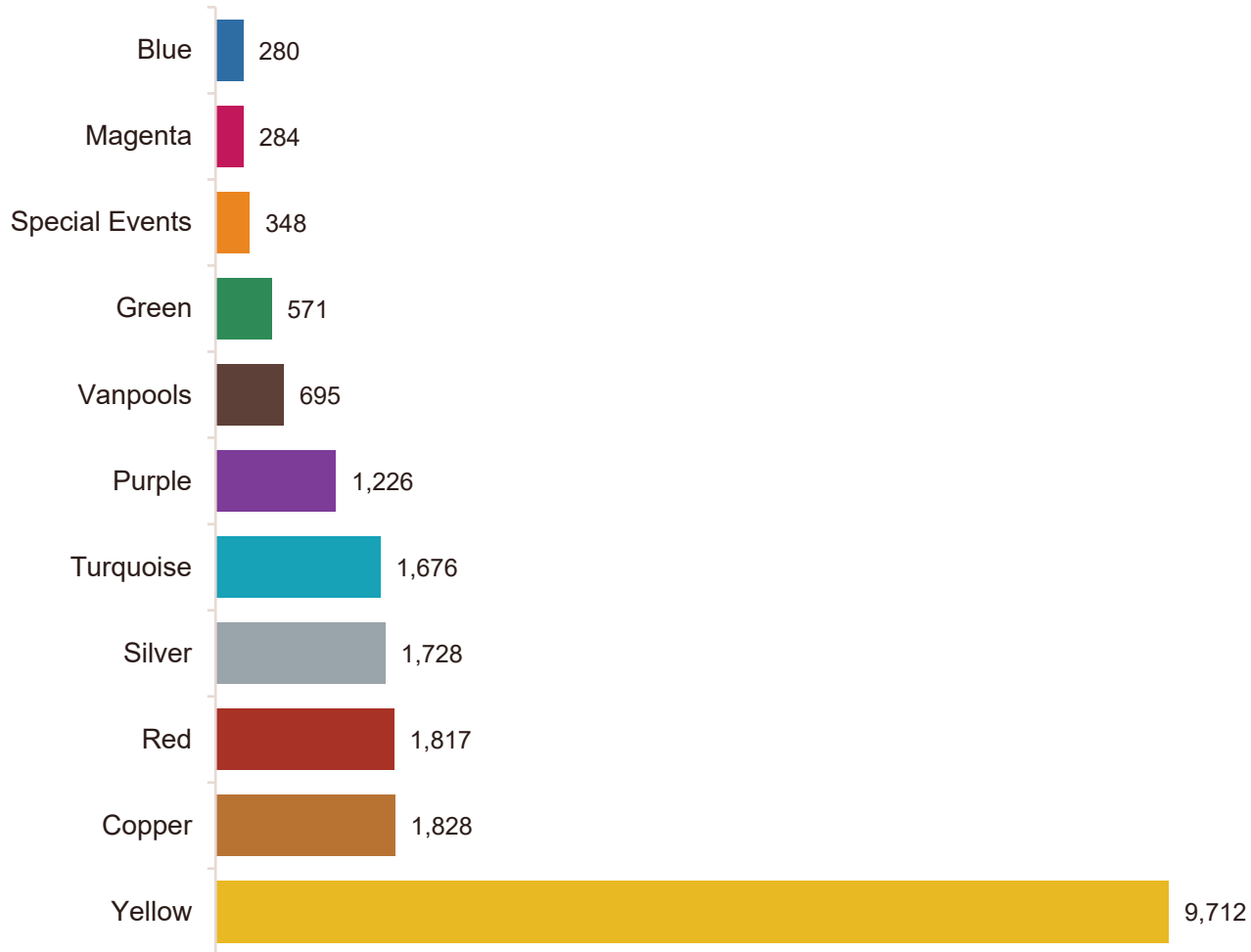




Monthly Passenger Trips — FY2026



September 2026 Route Breakdown



Key Takeaways

● Yellow Route

9,712 trips — 48% of all September ridership, the District's highest-volume corridor.

● Copper & Red

1,828 and 1,817 trips respectively, the next-highest routes.

● Special Events

348 trips, more than double August's figure.

● Vanpools

695 trips, continuing steady demand for commuter vanpool service.





September Service Priorities

South Central Regional Transit District continued scheduled fixed-route service throughout Doña Ana County, connecting the Mesilla Valley, Hatch corridor, Anthony, Chaparral, Sunland Park, Santa Teresa, and Las Cruces, with regional connections into El Paso.



Full Network Coverage

Maintaining scheduled weekday service across the full route network and weekend service on designated routes.



Regional Mobility

Supporting regional mobility between rural communities and urban transfer locations in Las Cruces and El Paso.



Essential Access

Providing access to employment, education, medical care, shopping, and essential services throughout Doña Ana County.



Fare-Free Service

Continuing fare-free passenger service under the District's current fare policy.

SCRTD also continued monitoring route-level ridership, service reliability, and NTD data quality to support ongoing service planning and reporting.





Capital Projects Update



Solar & Battery Microgrid

Sunland Park system in final testing and commissioning. Reimbursement request No. 3 (\$126,636) submitted Aug. 13; payment pending after change-order cost review. Will power battery-electric buses, vans, and facility loads.



Sunland Park Resurfacing & Security

RFQ submitted to NMDOT Aug. 5, resubmitted with draft contract Aug. 11, posted publicly Aug. 28; site visit held Sept. 3. Camera-location and pricing recommendations under review with Sentinel Security.



Venus Facility (Las Cruces)

Property appraisal completed Aug. 24; \$3,034.92 reimbursement submitted Aug. 31. Planned for overnight bus parking, two-bay light maintenance, EV charging, CDL training, and service expansion.



Fleet & Charging Investments

Installation planned for a fourth District-owned bus charger; pursuing an additional electric-van charger. Section 5339 pay-advance request (\$173,497.47) submitted Sept. 1 for hybrid-electric bus acquisitions.





Planning, Fleet & Administrative Activities



Section 5310 Vans

Two FTA Section 5310-funded electric vans delivered to Sunland Park to support mobility and planned paratransit service there and in Santa Teresa. Fleet records updated; disposition documentation continues for buses 5, 6, 7, and 11.



ADA Paratransit

RFP and draft contract issued/posted Aug. 21; Addendum No. 1 on Aug. 27; pre-proposal conference held Sept. 2. Independent Transit Asset Management Plan implementation continues.



Clean Transportation Fuel Program

District account approved June 15; energy entity approved Aug. 27. Fueling-supply-equipment information is the next required approval step.



Grant & Contract Administration

Agreement for a \$101,329.31 Public Infrastructure Grant disbursement returned for remaining DFA signatures. \$110,000 invoice issued to City of Sunland Park (Sept. 2) for the senior vanpool agreement.





Hatch Chile Festival — Free Shuttle Service

On September 5, 2026, SCRTD provided free shuttle service throughout the Hatch Chile Festival, helping festival-goers travel safely between parking areas and event grounds throughout the day.



Serving Festival Guests All Day



Bus stop signage guided guests to shuttle pickup points.



Staff marked pickup locations along the shuttle route.



Thank you to our operators, staff, and volunteers who made free festival transportation possible.