

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT

Executive Director's Report

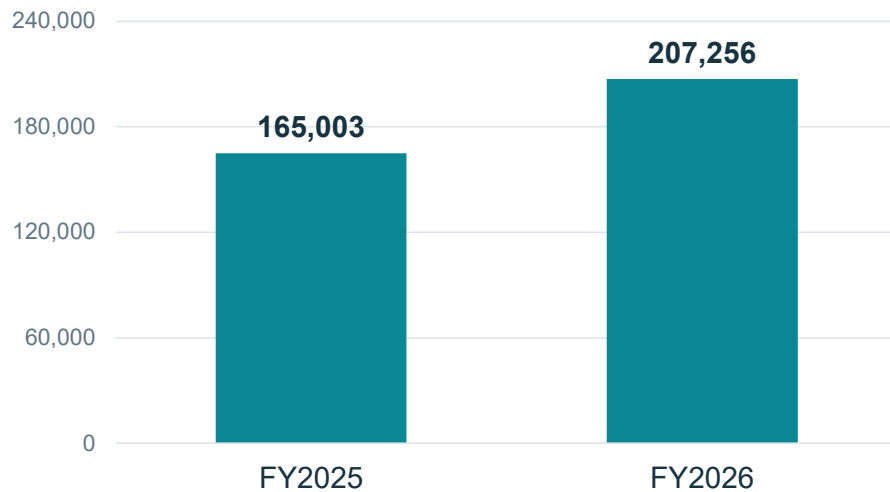
FY2026 ridership growth, service expansion and fleet deployment

October 2024 through September 2026

FY2026 ridership grew 25.6% to 207,256 rides

+42,253

more rides than FY2025



What changed

Fixed-route boardings
+38,520 (+23.7%)

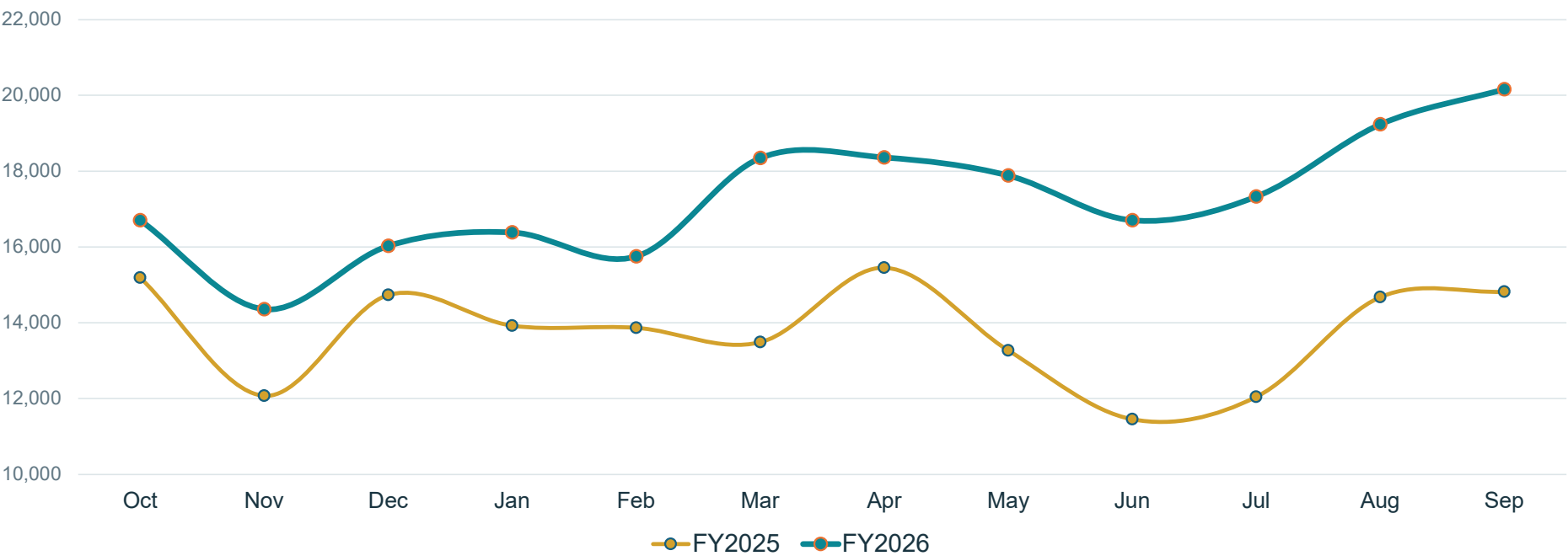
Vanpool
+4,594 (828 to 5,422)

Special events
-861 (1,525 to 664)

Reported total includes route boardings, vanpool, and special-event counts.

FY2026 ridership exceeded FY2025 in every month

Monthly reported rides, aligned October through September



FY2026 led in all 12 months. September posted the largest gain (+5,346), while June had the largest percentage increase (+45.9%).

FY2026 expanded frequency and weekend service

Frequency changes

Yellow improved from an 80-minute to a 40-minute frequency.

Turquoise expanded to hourly service.

Service additions

Weekend service began on selected routes.

Magenta launched with a two-hour round trip.

Green added one peak trip.

Eight vehicles joined the fleet between April and July

SCRTD received eight vehicles between April and July 2026: five Gillig buses (two hybrid-electric and three battery-electric), two additional EVs and one Arboc bus. Gillig buses entered service on Red, Purple, Silver and Turquoise.



Hybrid-electric Gillig coaches



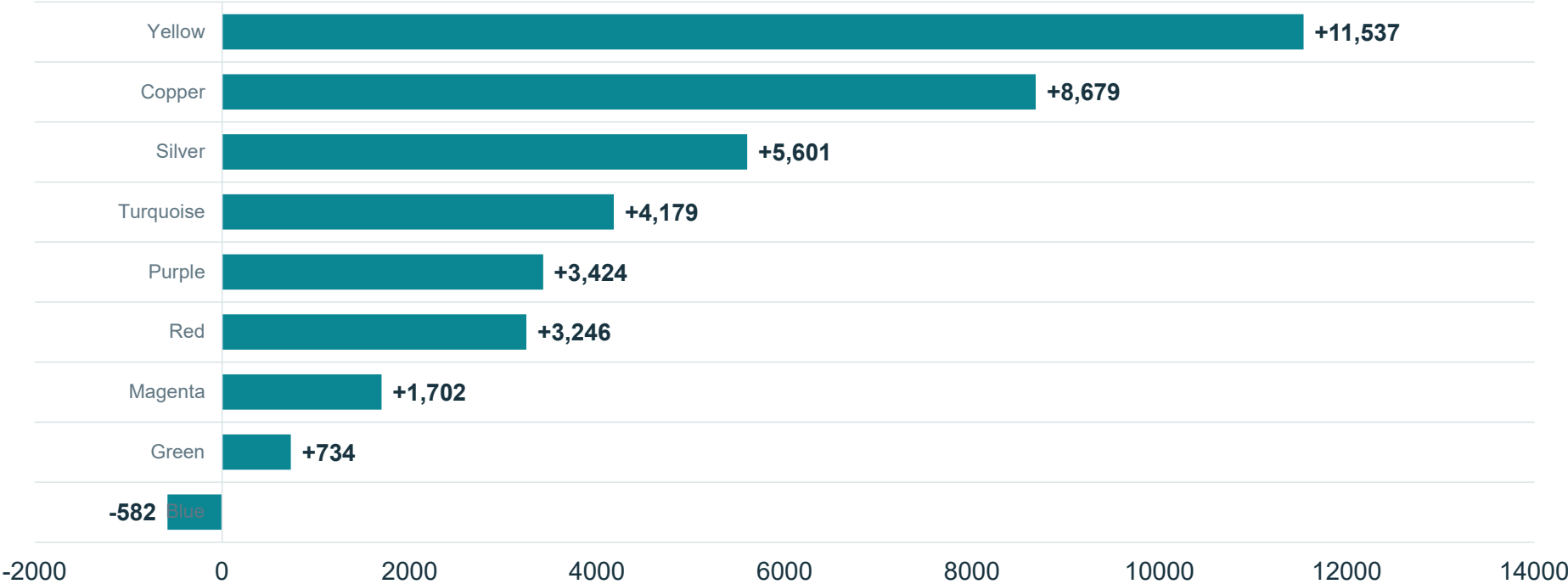
Battery-electric Gillig buses



Additional EVs and one Arboc bus

Yellow and Copper drove 52.5% of route growth

Fixed-route boardings rose 23.7%, from 162,650 to 201,170



Yellow and Copper added 20,216 boardings, or 52.5% of the fixed-route gain. Magenta contributed 1,702 rides; Blue declined by 582.

FY2026 delivered broad ridership and service growth

Executive summary

25.6%

annual ridership increase

207,256 rides in FY2026
+42,253 versus FY2025

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**months exceeded
FY2025**

52.5%

**of fixed-route growth
came from Yellow and
Copper**

Service and fleet expanded

Yellow and Turquoise frequencies improved; weekend service and new Magenta and Green trips were added. Eight vehicles joined the fleet between April and July.

EXECUTIVE TAKEAWAY

Growth was broad across the year and concentrated among key routes while SCRTD expanded service and deployed new vehicles.