



To: Chicago Transit Authority Board  
From: Jeremy Fine, Chief Financial Officer  
Re: Financial Results for March 2023  
Date: May 10, 2023

## I. Summary

CTA's financial results for the month and year to date are impacted by the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. CTA's financial results are \$14.7 million and \$36.2 million favorable to budget for March and year-to-date, respectively, primarily due to lower than anticipated labor costs. Public funding for 2023 collected year-to-date totaled \$184.7 million, which is \$2.8 million unfavorable to budget. CTA has drawn down the full amount of CARES funding of \$817.5 million in addition to \$71.2 million of CRRSAA funding, which is approximately 19.7% of CTA's CRRSAA allocation, \$98.5 million of ARP funding, which is approximately 10.8% of CTA's ARP allocation, and \$9.5 million of ARP Discretionary funding, which is approximately 8.0% of CTA's ARP Discretionary allocation.

Ridership for the month was 22.9 million, which was 0.9 million higher than budget and 2.4 million higher than March 2022. Ridership year-to-date was 3.6 million higher than budget and 11.0 million higher than the prior year. The ridership increase over the prior year-to-date was due to continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

## II. Cash & Liquidity

The chart below highlights CTA's cash position at March 2023 compared to March 2022.

	March 2023	March 2022	Increase (Decrease)
Unrestricted Cash	\$ 193,209	\$ 215,733	\$ (22,524)
Damage Reserve	62,961	70,568	\$ (7,607)
Funds Owed by RTA	311,700	290,429	\$ 21,271
Trust Portfolio Assets	541,835	854,179	\$ (312,344)
Total Cash and Receivables	\$ 1,109,705	\$ 1,430,909	\$ (321,204)

CTA's total cash/receivables balance was equal to \$1.1 billion. Unrestricted cash was \$22.5 million lower than the prior year due to the timing of cash receipts and invoice payments. The Damage Reserve fund was \$7.6 million lower than last year due to settlement payments offset by deposits into the fund. Funds owed by the RTA were approximately \$311.7 million which was \$21.3 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
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Fare & Pass Revenue	\$ 26,982	\$ 276	\$ 2,575	\$ 74,815	\$ 4,205	\$ 13,525

- Fare and pass revenue for March was \$0.3 million favorable to budget due to higher than expected bus and rail full fare revenue in addition to 7-day pass revenue. It was \$2.6 million favorable to prior year primarily due higher bus and rail full fare revenue and pass revenue. The average fare for the month was \$1.18 per ride and was \$0.04 lower than budget and \$0.01 lower than the prior year.
- Year-to-date fare and pass revenue was \$4.2 million favorable to budget due to higher than expected bus and rail full fare revenue in addition to 7-day pass revenue. It was \$13.5 million favorable to prior year due to the continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The average fare for the year was \$1.20 per ride and was on par with budget and \$0.01 higher than the prior year.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Reduced Fare Subsidy	\$ 1,217	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,652	\$ -	\$ -

- 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
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Advertising, Charter, Concession	\$ 2,846	\$ 112	\$ 60	\$ 9,597	\$ 1,397	\$ 2,454

- Advertising, Charter and Concessions Revenue was \$0.1 million and \$1.4 million favorable to budget for the month and year-to-date, respectively, due to higher than anticipated vehicle and platform advertising and special contract guarantee revenues received in 2023. This revenue category was \$2.5 million higher than prior year due to additional in vehicle and platform advertising revenues received in 2023.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Investment income	\$ 689	\$ 481	\$ 643	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,279	\$ 1,799

- Investment income was \$0.5 million and \$1.3 million favorable to budget for the month and the year-to-date, respectively. It was \$1.8 million higher than prior year-to-date due to fluctuations in the short-term market rates.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Other Revenue	\$ 1,800	\$ 60	\$ (263)	\$ 5,428	\$ 205	\$ (678)

- Other Revenue was \$0.1 million favorable to budget for the month and \$0.2 million favorable for the year-to-date due to higher than expected rental and miscellaneous revenues. Other revenue was \$0.3 million unfavorable to March 2022 and \$0.7 million unfavorable to the prior year-to-date due to lower non-capital grant revenue. Lower non-capital grant revenue is offset by lower non-capital grant expense in the Other Expenses category.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Total System Generated Revenue	\$ 33,535	\$ 929	\$ 3,016	\$ 95,395	\$ 7,085	\$ 17,100

- Total System-Generated Revenue was \$0.9 million and \$7.1 million higher than budget for the month and the year-to-date, respectively, due to higher than expected fare and vehicle and platform advertising revenues in addition to investment income. It was \$3.0 million and \$17.1 million higher than March 2022 and prior year-to-date, respectively, due to higher fare and pass revenue.

#### IV. Expenses

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Labor	\$ 103,624	\$ 10,367	\$ (2,503)	\$ 300,176	\$ 23,753	\$ (12,528)

- Labor expense was \$10.4 million favorable to budget for the month and \$23.8 million favorable for the year-to-date due to lower than anticipated labor costs. Labor expense was \$2.5 million unfavorable to March 2022 and \$12.5 million unfavorable to prior year-to-date due to the timing of open positions and the impact of contractual wage increases.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Material	\$ 10,080	\$ (27)	\$ (853)	\$ 29,412	\$ (368)	\$ (3,864)

- Material expense was slightly unfavorable to budget for the month and \$0.4 million unfavorable year-to-date due to the timing of vehicle parts usage, most of the bus fleet being out of warranty, and the increase in cost of materials. Material expense was \$0.9 million and \$3.9 million unfavorable to March 2022 and prior year-to-date, respectively, due to the timing of vehicle part usage and the increase in cost of materials.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Fuel	\$ 3,464	\$ 1,057	\$ (473)	\$ 10,137	\$ 3,260	\$ (2,382)

- Fuel for Revenue Equipment expense was \$1.1 million favorable to budget in March and \$3.3 million favorable year-to-date primarily due to lower than anticipated usage and fuel prices. Higher usage accounts for the unfavorable variance to the prior year-to-date.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Power	\$ 1,935	\$ (198)	\$ 118	\$ 5,516	\$ 246	\$ 2,049

- The Electric Power for Revenue Equipment expense was \$0.2 million unfavorable to budget for the month. It was \$0.2 million favorable for the year-to-date due to lower than anticipated usage. In May 2022, CTA began receiving a credit for traction power from ComEd as part of the Carbon Free Energy Resources Adjustment (CFERA) credit as a result of a provision in the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act (CEJA) signed by the Governor in September 2021. CTA will be eligible for these credits through May 2023. Expenses were \$2.0 million favorable to prior year-to-date primarily due to the CFERA credit.

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	Actual	Variance to	Variance to	Actual	Variance to	Variance to
	Mar-23	Budget Mar-23	Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	Budget 2023	Prior Year 2022
Provision for Injuries & Damages	\$ 1,683	\$ -	\$ 957	\$ 5,050	\$ -	\$ 2,870

- The Provision for Injuries & Damages expense was on par with budget for the month and year-to-date. The expense was \$2.9 million favorable to the prior year-to-date due to funding requirements.

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	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Mar-23	Mar-23	Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	2023	2022
Purchase of Security Services	\$ 3,576	\$ (147)	\$ (1,829)	\$ 10,465	\$ (178)	\$ (5,266)

- Purchase of Security Services was \$0.1 million unfavorable to budget for the month and \$1.8 million unfavorable to March 2022 due to the timing of invoices and an increase in private security services. Year-to-date, expenses were \$0.2 million unfavorable to budget and \$5.3 million unfavorable to prior year due to the timing of invoices for police and the increase in private security services.

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	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Mar-23	Mar-23	Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	2023	2022
Other Expenses	\$ 22,624	\$ 2,736	\$ (2,547)	\$ 71,485	\$ 2,440	\$ (1,827)

- Other expenses were \$2.7 million favorable to budget for the month and \$2.4 million favorable to budget for the year-to-date due to the timing of contractual services invoices. Other expenses year-to-date were \$1.8 million unfavorable to prior year due to 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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	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Mar-23	Mar-23	Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	2023	2022
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 146,988	\$ 13,789	\$ (7,131)	\$ 432,241	\$ 29,152	\$ (20,947)

- Operating Expenses were \$13.8 million and \$29.2 million favorable to budget for the month and year-to-date, respectively, primarily due to lower than anticipated labor costs. The unfavorable variance to prior year-to-date was primarily due to higher labor costs in addition to higher material, security, and fuel expenses.

## V. Recovery Ratio

Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year	Actual	Variance to Budget	Variance to Prior Year
	Mar-23	Mar-23	Mar23 vs. Mar22	2023	2023	2022
Recovery Ratio	42.51%	(9.07)		43.16%	(12.51)	

- Recovery Ratio, which measures the percentage of operating expenses CTA funds from internally generated revenues, was 42.51% for the month. This was unfavorable to budget by 9.07 percentage points for the month. Year-to-date, the recovery ratio was 43.16%, which was unfavorable to budget by 12.51 percentage points and favorable to the RTA required

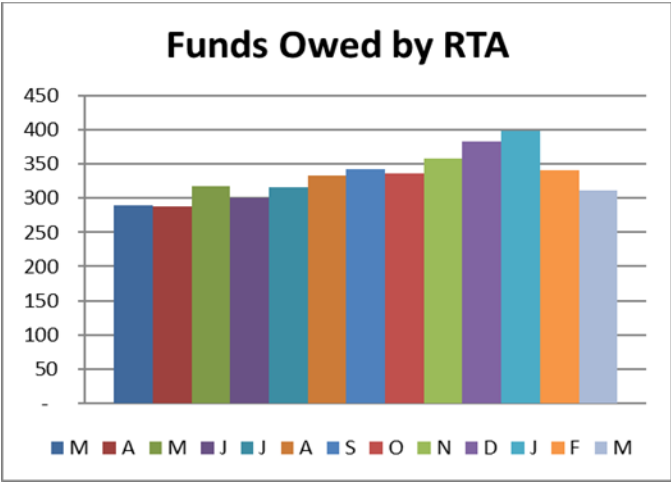
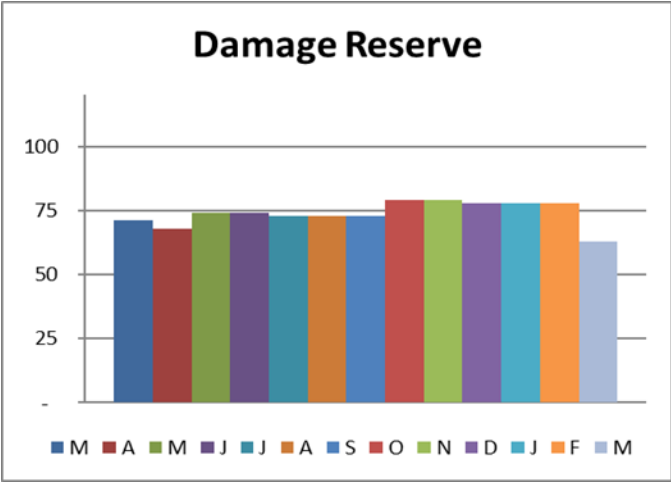
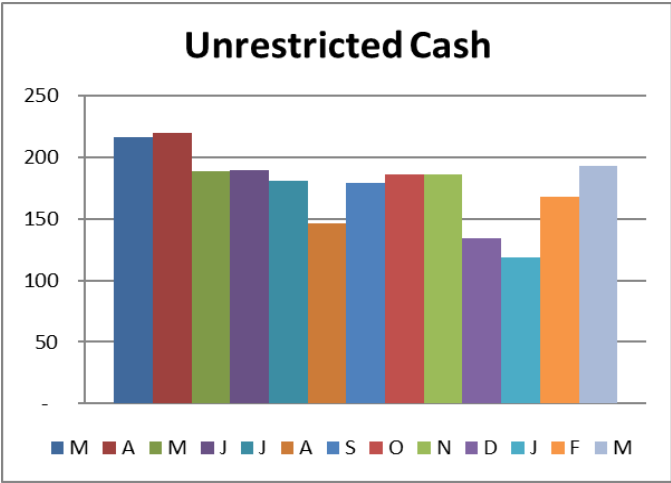
recovery ratio of 42.00% by 1.16 percentage points. The RTA is including the Federal stimulus funds under the CARES, CRRSAA, and ARP Acts as replacement fare revenues for recovery ratio purposes. In late 2021, the Illinois legislature granted temporary recovery ratio relief for fiscal years 2021, 2022, and 2023 due to the ongoing pandemic.

## VI. Ridership

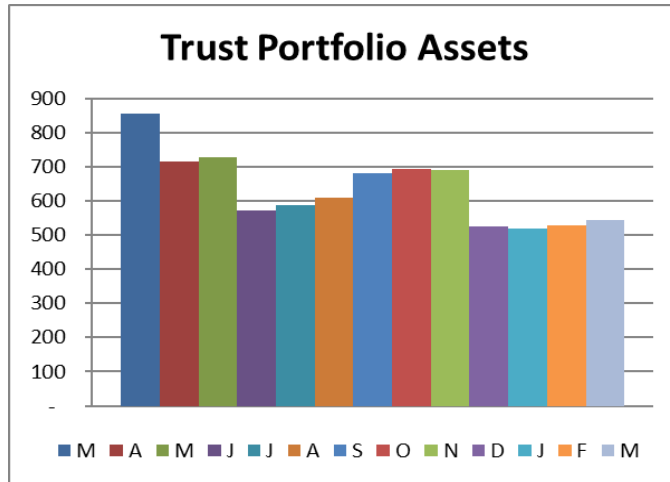
Category	Current Month			Full Year		
	Actual Mar-23	Variance to Budget Mar-23	Variance to Prior Year Mar23 vs. Mar22	Actual 2023	Variance to Budget 2023	Variance to Prior Year 2022
Bus	13,505	1,042	1,423	36,811	3,501	6,438
Rail	7,904	(216)	793	21,392	(155)	3,925
Rail to Rail Transfers	1,482	81	153	3,925	276	643
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,890</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>2,369</b>	<b>62,128</b>	<b>3,622</b>	<b>11,005</b>

- Ridership for the month of March was 22.9 million and was 0.9 million higher than budget and 2.4 million higher than prior year.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was up 11.5% from prior year due to continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Ridership for the year-to-date was 62.1 million and was 3.6 million higher than budget and 11.0 million higher than the prior year-to-date.
- Calendar adjusted ridership was up 21.8% from the prior year-to-date.
- More details on ridership can be found in the March Ridership Report.

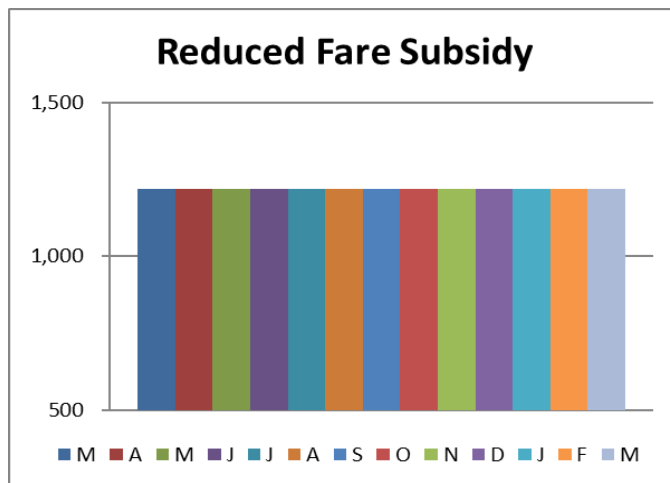
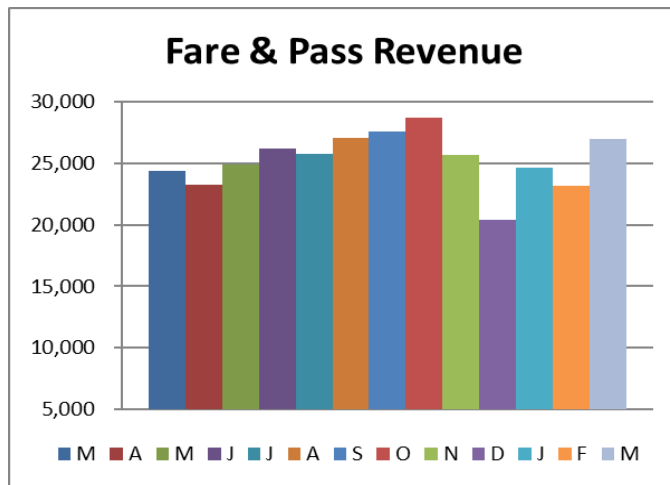
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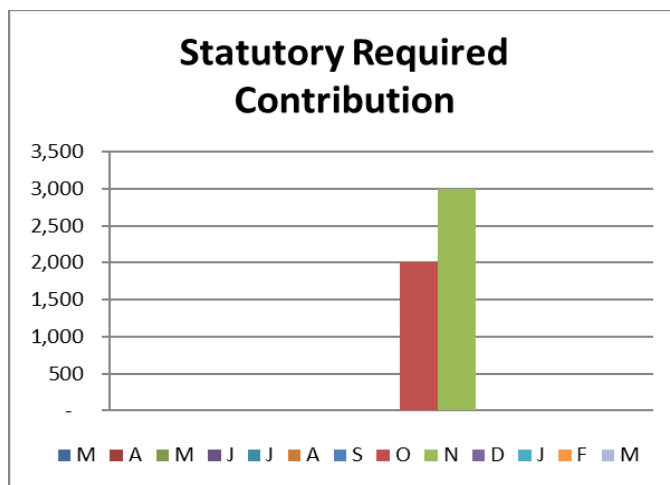
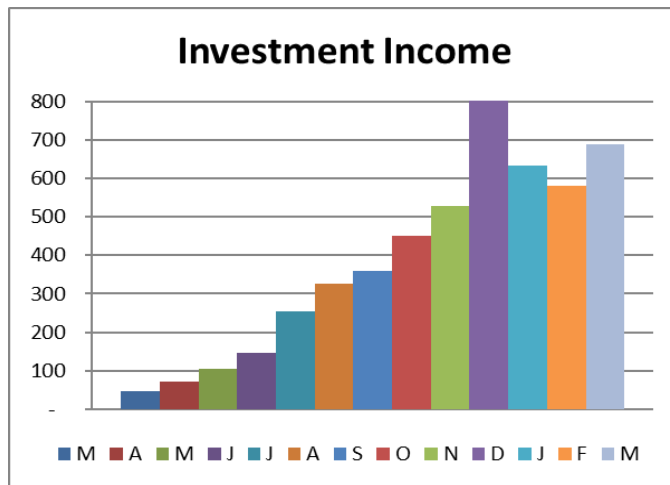
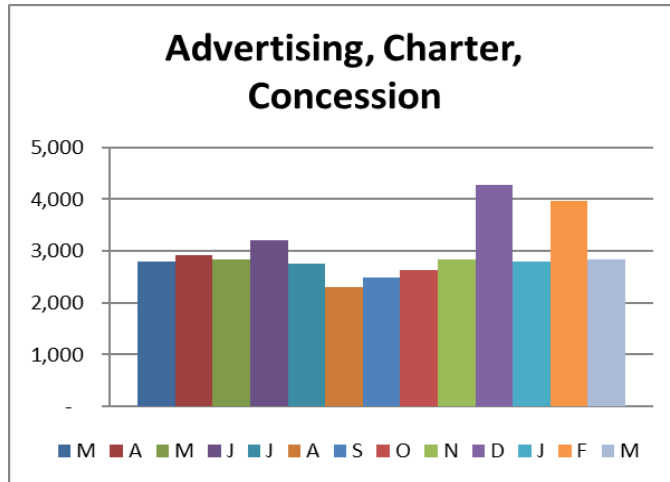


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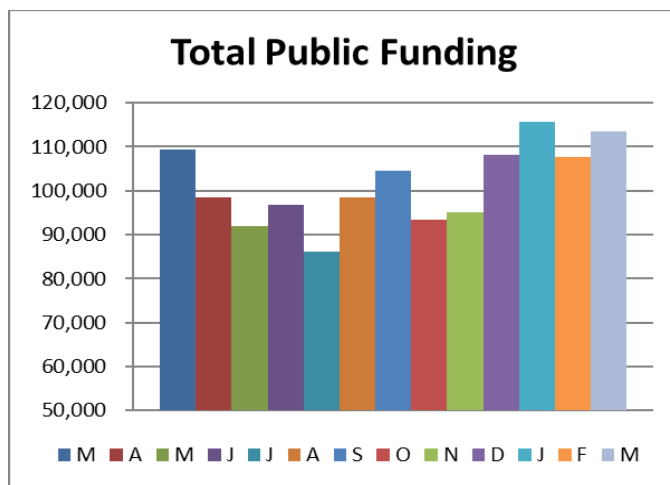
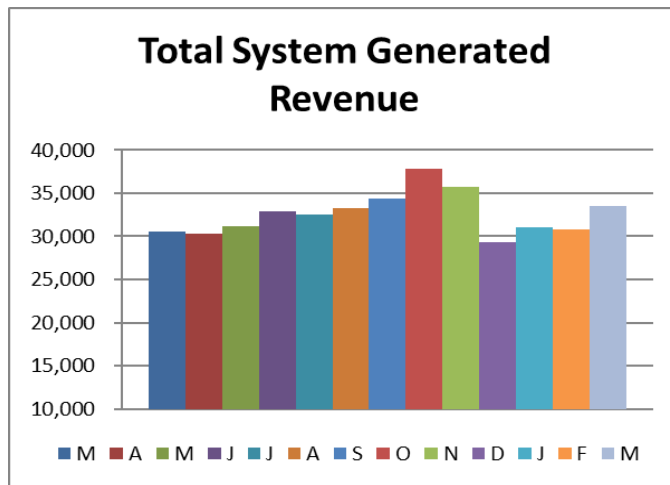
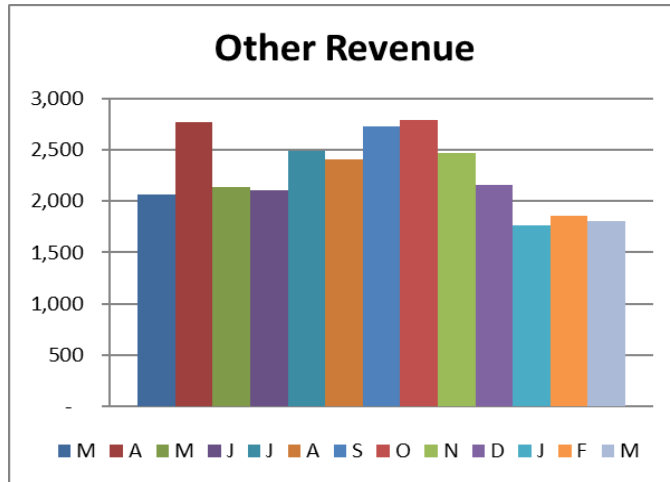




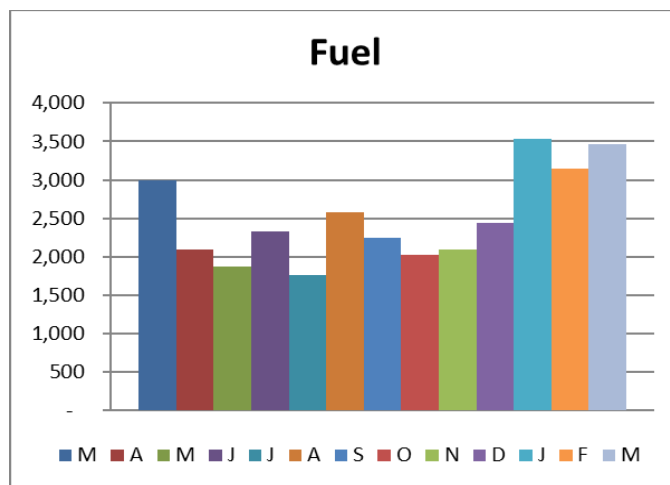
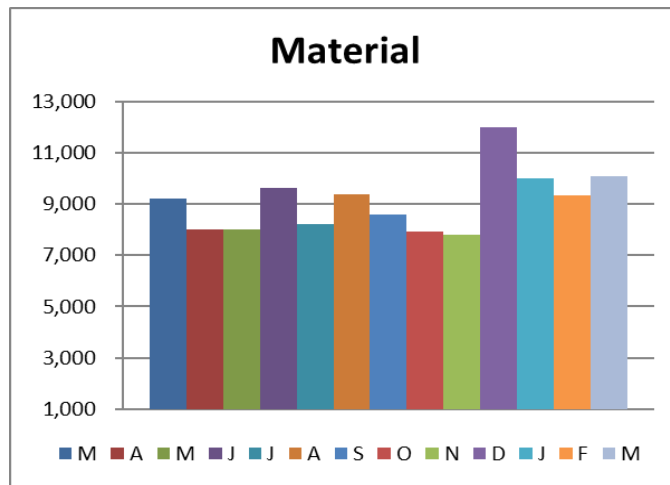
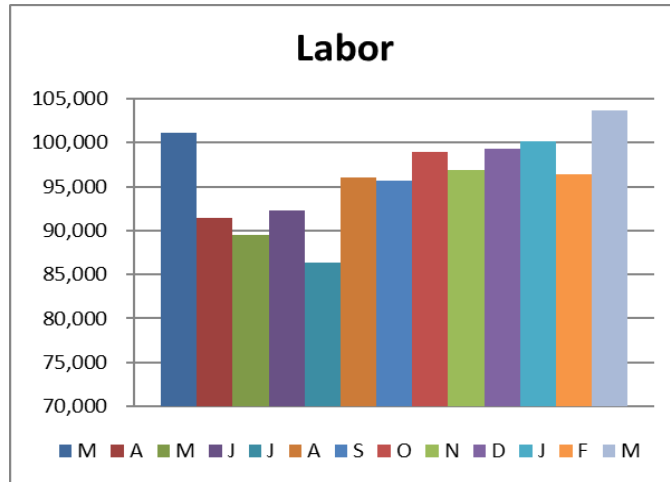
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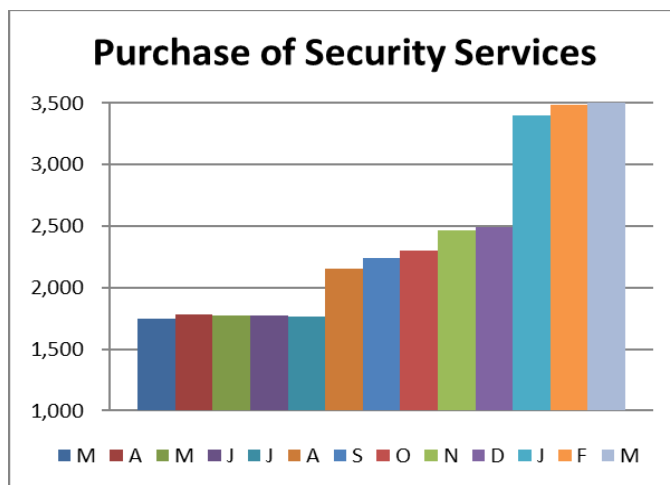
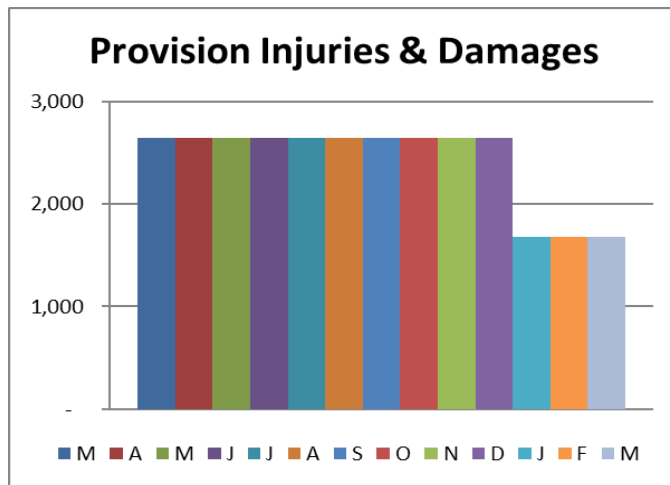
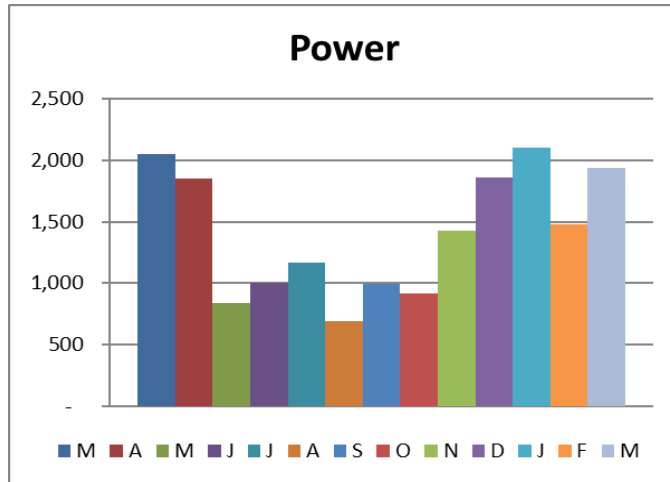
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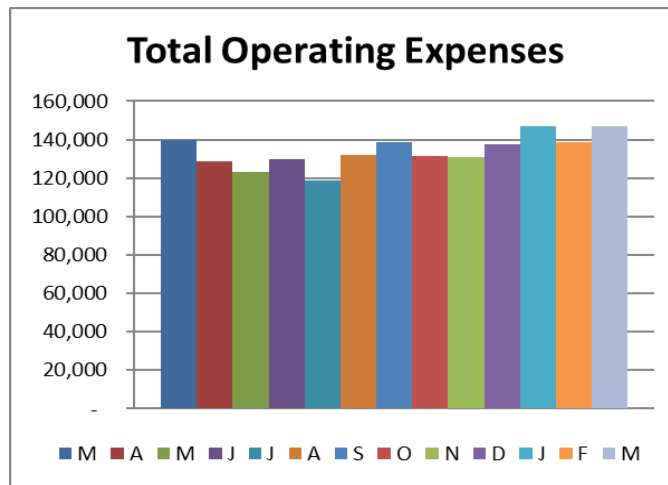
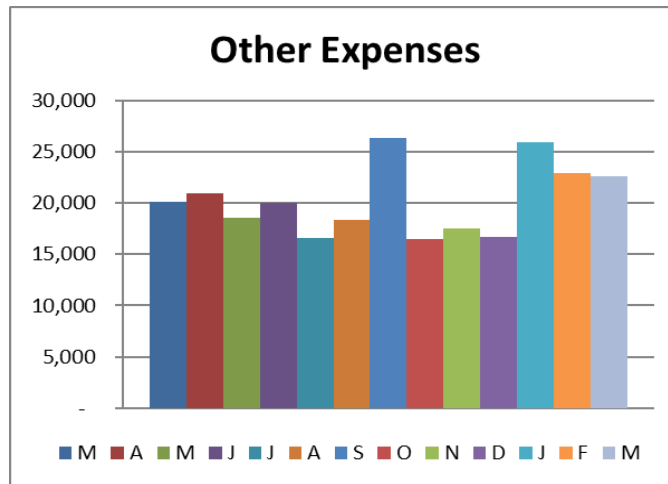
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Cash	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Unrestricted Cash	216	220	189	190	181	146	179	186	186	134	119	168	193
Damage Reserve	71	68	74	74	73	73	73	79	79	78	78	78	63
Funds Owed by RTA	290	288	317	301	316	333	342	336	358	383	398	341	312
Trust Portfolio Assets	854	714	728	572	587	609	680	692	689	524	519	528	542

Revenue	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Fare & Pass Revenue	24,407	23,282	24,898	26,212	25,783	27,066	27,555	28,731	25,695	20,379	24,665	23,168	26,982
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	2,786	2,928	2,833	3,209	2,747	2,294	2,493	2,635	2,838	4,266	2,793	3,957	2,846
Investment Income	46	71	106	146	254	325	359	450	529	1,346	633	582	689
Statutory Required Contribution	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,000	3,000	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	2,063	2,770	2,137	2,111	2,494	2,406	2,729	2,792	2,468	2,155	1,768	1,860	1,800
Total System Generated Revenue	30,519	30,268	31,191	32,895	32,494	33,308	34,354	37,826	35,746	29,363	31,076	30,785	33,535
Total Public Funding	109,338	98,477	91,979	96,809	86,068	98,476	104,453	93,360	95,090	108,099	115,664	107,728	113,453

Expenses	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
Labor	101,121	91,454	89,550	92,316	86,393	96,015	95,722	98,929	96,881	99,360	100,139	96,413	103,624
Material	9,227	8,013	7,991	9,610	8,197	9,369	8,604	7,906	7,805	12,009	9,990	9,341	10,080
Fuel	2,991	2,097	1,867	2,334	1,760	2,579	2,248	2,024	2,097	2,439	3,530	3,143	3,464
Power	2,053	1,851	840	1,000	1,171	691	998	919	1,428	1,861	2,104	1,476	1,935
Provision Injuries & Damages	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	2,640	1,683	1,683	1,683
Purchase of Security Services	1,747	1,782	1,771	1,775	1,767	2,150	2,243	2,300	2,464	2,493	3,400	3,489	3,576
Other Expenses	20,077	20,907	18,511	20,029	16,634	18,341	26,351	16,468	17,521	16,660	25,893	22,967	22,624
Total Operating Expenses	139,857	128,745	123,170	129,704	118,562	131,785	138,807	131,186	130,836	137,462	146,740	138,513	146,988