

Agenda

1. Call to Order Oral
 - Roll Call
2. Meeting Minutes Attachment 2a
 - Minutes from August 25, 2022, Meeting (Motion Required)
3. Guest Communications (2-minute limit) Oral
4. General Manager's Report Attachment 4
5. Committee Reports Did Not Meet
 - a. Administration Scheduled to Meet 9/20
 - b. Finance Did Not Meet
 - c. Operations Did Not Meet
 - d. Personnel Did Not Meet
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - Software RFP Presentation
8. Resolution - Roll Call Approval Required
9. Executive Session (if needed) - Roll Call Approval Required
10. Adjournment

Next Regular Meeting:

October 27, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

PARTA
PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MINUTES**

August 25, 2022

Board Members Present:

Karen Beck
Marge Bjerregaard
Richard Brockett
Jeff Childers

Debbie Davison
Dave Gynn
R. T. Mansfield

Stacey Wilson
Karen Wise
Marvin Woods

Staff Present:

Claudia Amrhein
Marcia Fletcher
Kelly Jurisch

Justin Markey, Roetzel & Andress
Rebecca Schrader

Greg Springer
Brian Trautman

Board Members Not Present:

Virginia Harris (1st excused absence)
Mike Lewis (2nd excused absence)

Jack Murphy (1st excused absence)
Frank Vitale (1st excused absence)

Guests Present:

Diana Wilson

CALL TO ORDER

President Dave Gynn called the August 25, 2022, *PARTA* Board of Trustees meeting to order at 7 p.m. and asked Ms. Marcia Fletcher to call the roll. After roll call, it was determined that **a quorum was participating.**

Mr. Gynn thanked everybody who turned out last Friday for the long-awaited trolley and said these are exciting times for *PARTA*.

Moving on, Mr. Gynn asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2022, meeting. **Ms. Karen Beck** made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded by **Mr. Marvin Woods**. The **motion to approve the minutes, as presented, passed unanimously.**

GUEST COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gynn asked Ms. Diana Wilson, Ms. Stacey Wilson's daughter, to come forward and address the group.

Ms. Diana Wilson said she was attending the meeting to fulfill a requirement for Scouts BSA.

Mr. Gynn asked Ms. Stacey Wilson if she had anything to add.

Ms. Stacey Wilson said her daughter is fulfilling a requirement in Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts) for her First-Class rank where she needs to observe a political meeting and ask a few questions after the meeting about the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen in the United States.

Mr. Gynn thanked Ms. Diana Wilson for attending and said he was sure that any Board member would be happy to answer any questions after the meeting. He asked Ms. Diana Wilson what grade she was in.

Ms. Diana Wilson replied that she was in the sixth grade.

Moving on, Mr. Gynn asked Ms. Claudia Amrhein to give the General Manager's report, which had a lot of information in it this month.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Amrhein thanked everyone for coming out tonight and those who were able to come out on Friday for the trolley launch. She said if anyone couldn't come, there will be an opportunity tonight to take a bus and hop on the trolley. She asked Ms. Kelly Jurisch to give an overview of the event on Friday.

Ms. Jurisch shared some pictures from the event, which are attached.

Following Ms. Jurisch's presentation, Ms. Amrhein noted that PARTA was awarded \$3.2 million in the first round of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding under the Buses and Bus Facilities Program. She said this was funding at 85% for the five buses that still needed funding for replacement in 2025. PARTA never applied for 5339(c) funding before and is fortunate and very pleased that it was selected. It was a group effort and it's a big deal to know that this funding was secured for those buses. Some service is being restored after being down during COVID. The Cleveland Express route will begin at the end of August after being suspended when no one was crossing county lines and there weren't enough drivers. This should also help address the request from Streetsboro over the last few months for bus service by connecting people from Ravenna, Kent, and Streetsboro with Cleveland. Streetsboro has been working with employers along the way to advertise and promote this service. Kent State University (KSU) service started today. One more bus was restored to that service after cutting it in 2020. PARTA is slowly climbing out of those reductions that were made. She thanked the staff and said it's not easy to bring back service once it is gone. This is also fair week, always a very hectic time, but with the Polly launch it was even worse. She thanked the staff for making sure the launch turned out as well as it did. Student employees are back this week, and the buses are circulating. There is one resolution that was discussed at the Administration Committee meeting and mentioned in her report. She concluded by asking Ms. Jurisch to introduce Mr. Greg Springer.

Ms. Jurisch said Mr. Springer is the new Director of Risk Management. He served a long time in the Army and worked at Waste Management. PARTA is glad to have him.

Mr. Gynn asked if there were any questions for Ms. Amrhein. Hearing none, he moved on to the committee reports.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Gynn said the Administration Committee met tonight and he asked Ms. Karen Wise to give the report.

Ms. Wise said the Administration Committee met prior to this meeting and Mr. Jeff Childers stepped in as an Alternate to make a quorum. Resolution 2022-08-01 was discussed and recommended to the Board for consideration and approval. It's essentially a replacement lease for the space in the Kent Central Gateway (KCG) with the tenant being the Kent City Health Department (KCHD). The new lease gives KCHD two spaces to rent. It's the same lease under the same terms, which are very beneficial. KCHD is a good tenant, and the city is content with the relationship.

Mr. Gynn thanked Ms. Wise and said the resolution would be considered in New Business.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Moving on, Mr. Gynn said the Finance Committee met on Tuesday and he asked Mr. Childers to give the report.

Mr. Childers said the Finance Committee met on Tuesday and discussed the finances for July. The financial state of PARTA is very good, as it has been for a long time. The minutes from the meeting were provided. KSU Revenues was down due to the time of year but will pick up as the school year presses onward. Overall, revenue was \$1.11 million with expenses at \$724,577 for a surplus of \$287,307. There was \$5.9 million in Restricted funds for future capital spending, which will come in handy down the road. The Bus Storage Facility has been completed but another \$141,020 is still available from the grant because the building was planned with pilings, which were not needed. What's being planned at this point is a concourse leading from the buildings to provide cover during inclement weather. There were some bonuses given to union members in which a Memorandum of Understanding was produced between PARTA and the union. He expressed appreciation for the drivers and noted that when he pulled in the parking lot tonight, he spoke with a nice fellow named Royce, who didn't know who Mr. Childers was. He said Royce told him what a great place PARTA was to work, that he has worked here two years, that he could talk to any staff member, and that he was very pleased with the way he has been treated during his employment. Mr. Childers said he hears that all the time and doesn't think he has heard about anybody who works for PARTA not being happy, which is a testament to the upper management and everybody in between.

Moving on to KCG, Mr. Childers said there was a question regarding parking deck routine maintenance. Mr. Brian Trautman assured that there was a regular maintenance schedule that included a structural engineer next year, which would occur every 10 years, to ensure that the structure is fit to be used. There will be some expense there, but actual costs were not discussed. The deck had 8,009 parkers in July at a Cost Per Car at \$5.02 and Revenue Per Car was \$7.62, which was very good. All the numbers for personnel came in better than expected, which was also very good. There was a surplus of \$20,550 for the month on revenues of \$68,765 and expenses of \$40,188. It's showing a profit, which is a good thing. All things considered, PARTA is headed in the right direction financially and looking forward to more months and years of fiscal tranquility.

Mr. Gynn thanked Mr. Childers for his thorough report and asked if there were any questions.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hearing none, Mr. Gynn said the Operations Committee did not meet.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Gynn said the Personnel Committee did not meet.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gynn said there was no Old Business and moved on to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gynn said the only item under New Business was the resolution.

RESOLUTION

Mr. Gynn introduced the resolution.

#2022-08-01: A RESOLUTION BY THE PORTAGE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (*PARTA*) BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE KENT CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (KCHD) FOR 201 EAST ERIE STREET, INCLUDING SUITE G AND SUITE E ON THE 2ND FLOOR AND GROUND FLOOR.

Motion: Marvin Woods **Second:** Debbie Davison

Mr. Gynn said the Administration Committee reviewed this resolution, which puts in a package what *PARTA* has been doing all along. He asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Richard Brockett asked for an overview of where the retail spaces started, how many businesses were anticipated, and how it has gone so far.

Ms. Amrhein said with the city of Kent determining they want to keep the ground level (the old Cutler space) and second floor spaces, this new lease was put together instead of having two different leases that started at different times. There were a lot of delays during the pandemic. This new lease shows KCHD’s intention to stay as tenants on the second floor and ground level for the foreseeable future. The other spaces are fully occupied with the Kent Chamber of Commerce, Destination Kent Convention & Visitors Bureau, and two different salons.

Mr. R. T. Mansfield asked if *PARTA* was finished with the former owner.

Ms. Amrhein said yes, *PARTA* finished that relationship on November 1, 2021, when it became the landlord for all the retail spaces. This new lease with KCHD also takes care of the electric bill that *PARTA* ended up holding because the space was empty and RLB Phoenix was walking away. *PARTA* paid that until July when the city determined it wanted to stay. Now they are assuming responsibility for the electricity on the ground floor level. That was one of the only loose ends that came about during that dispute that no one was aware of, so that issue is now resolved.

Hearing no other discussion, Mr. Gynn asked for a vote by roll call.

Roll Call:	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Marvin Woods	<u>X</u>	___	Debbie Davison	<u>X</u>	___
Karen Wise	<u>X</u>	___	Jeff Childers	<u>X</u>	___
Frank Vitale	<u>EXCUSED</u>	___	Richard Brockett	<u>X</u>	___
Stacey Wilson	<u>X</u>	___	Marge Bjerregaard	<u>X</u>	___
Jack Murphy	<u>EXCUSED</u>	___	Karen Beck	<u>X</u>	___
Mike Lewis	<u>EXCUSED</u>	___	R. T. Mansfield	<u>X</u>	___
Virginia Harris	<u>EXCUSED</u>	___	David Gynn	<u>X</u>	___

EXECUTIVE SESSION, as needed

Mr. Gynn said there was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

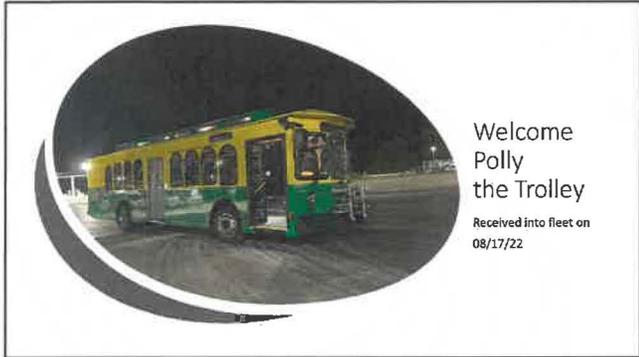
Hearing nothing further, Mr. Gynn entertained a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Marvin Woods** made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by **Ms. Marge Bjerregaard**. Mr. Gynn asked all in favor to say aye. He asked any opposed to say no. Hearing no opposition, the **motion to adjourn passed unanimously**.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcia Fletcher
Executive Assistant



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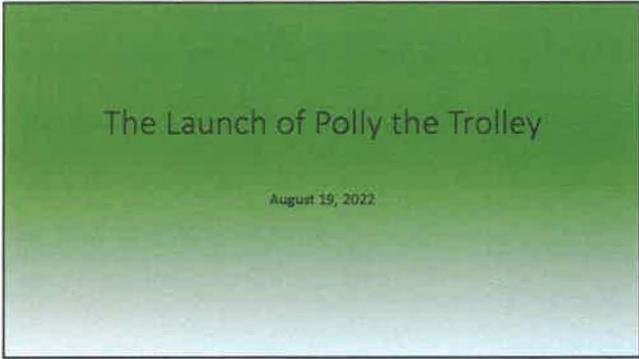
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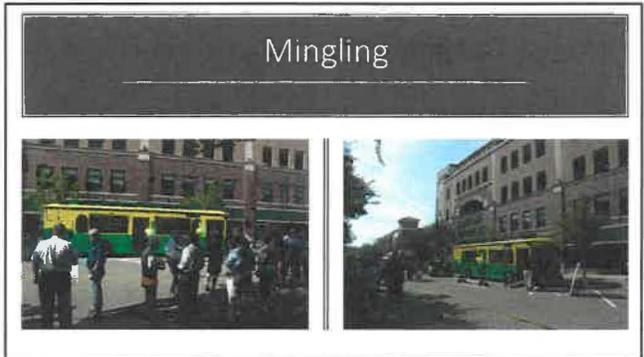
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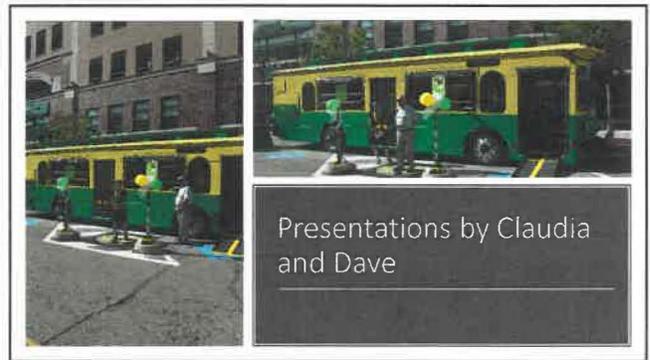
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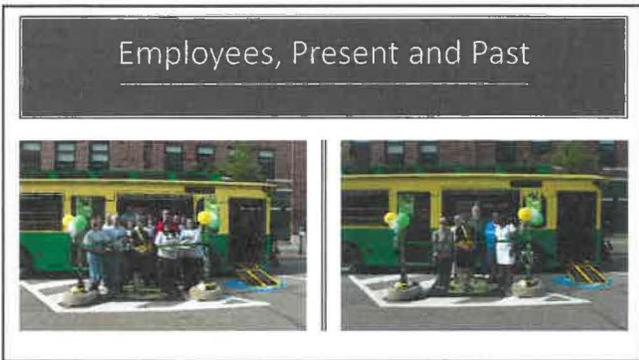
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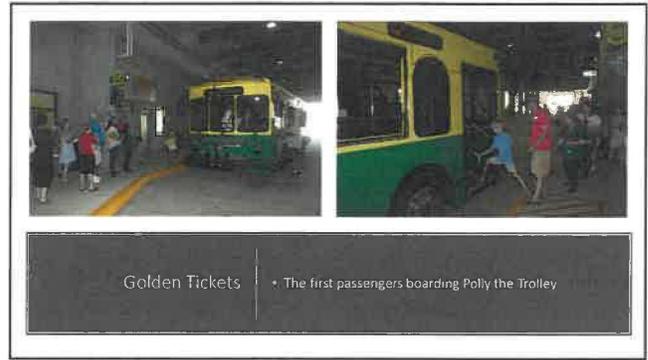
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PARTA
2000 Summit Road
Kent, Ohio 44240

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: **PARTA** Board of Trustees 

FROM: Claudia B. Amrhein, General Manager

DATE: September 2022

Committee Meetings and Resolutions. We have no resolutions to bring forward during the **September board meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 22, at 7 p.m. The finance committee will meet on Tuesday, September 20, at 11:30 a.m. to review August financial reports.** Lunch will be provided.

Presentation. During the September meeting, we'll present an overview of the **Transit Software Request for Proposals (RFP)** issued on July 11. We received seven (7) proposals in response to the RFP seeking Web Based Demand-Response and Fixed Route Scheduling/Dispatching software with the ability to plan new routes, route changes, and map detours, including AVL/CAD software. "AVL/CAD" means automatic vehicle location/computer-aided dispatch software that connects vehicles with real time scheduling and dispatching. Staff is evaluating the proposals and will bring forward a recommendation for board award in October.

Visits with Elected Officials. We had the pleasure of meeting with U.S. Congressman Dave Joyce (OH-14) on September 7 and with Jordan Pennell, northeast Ohio representative of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, on May 5 and September 8. Both were unable to attend the August 19 launch of Polly the Trolley but enjoyed a mid-day ride during their visit from **PARTA** to the Kent Central Gateway. Senator Rob Portman's staff assistant Raymond Paoletta attended the launch and presented a proclamation from Senator Portman in recognition of the achievement. Photos and a copy of the proclamation are included in this packet.

Raven Route Job Fair. On September 22, a job fair is planned at the new King Kennedy gymnasium to attract workers to employers located along the Raven East and Raven West fixed route service area. Recent conversations with Portage Development Board President Brad Ehrhart about how to connect workers with jobs led to working with Jobs and Family Services, the city of Ravenna, and Ravenna employers to promote using the routes to help recruit potential workers. A press release about the event is enclosed in this packet.

Kent Central Gateway (KCG) Updates. Retail Spaces. I am pleased to report that all retail spaces are now under lease through at least 2025. This week, Vanity Brow renewed its lease for a 3-year term effective January 1, 2023. The 1-year lease originally began in October 2020 under terms negotiated by RLB Phoenix and we honored a one-year extension option after assuming responsibility for the tenants in late 2021. The new terms include a rate increase and acknowledgment that city and university officials intend to install and operate an ice rink on E. Erie Street every year.

Potential Parking Pass Sale. A contractor associated with KSU's college of business construction project inquired about purchasing day-shift parking passes for workers over the next several years. Parking spaces generally are available during weekdays, presenting a great opportunity to increase revenue during this project.

Ohio Public Transit Association (OPTA) Conference is October 3-5. As president of OPTA, I've been involved in conference planning activities for months. This year, the conference returns to Columbus and will offer numerous sessions on mental health in the workplace, leadership development, maintenance and alternative fuel planning, grants and fiscal updates, workforce recruitment and retention, and other timely topics.

Veterans Day Ceremony: Friday, November 11. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at KCG on Friday, November 11, at 2 p.m. Like last year, E. Erie Street will be closed for construction of the ice-skating rink, but parking will be available in the deck.

Service Reports. Ridership. (*Coronavirus closures began March 2020*). Total county fixed route and DART ridership decreased by 8.18% through August, as compared to August 2021 with total county service performing 149,984 trips as compared to 163,338 trips performed through August 2021. County fixed route service decreased by approximately 11.35% as compared to last year, with 120,741 trips completed through August as compared to 136,197 trips completed through August 2021.

DART service increased by 7.74% through August as compared to August 2021, with 29,243 trips completed as compared to 27,141 trips completed through August 2021.

Overall ridership, including campus service, decreased by 8.36%, with campus up by 10.41%. Total system ridership totaled 320,999 as compared to 350,267 through August 2021.

On-Time Compliance. ADA Complementary Paratransit Service. ADA on-time compliance was 96.89% in August as compared to 97.42% in July 2022. Of the 708 trips, 22 were performed late, with the latest running 19 minutes behind schedule.

General Public (non-ADA) DART. On-time performance for general public, non-ADA trips increased to 97.75% for August, as compared to 92% in July 2022.

Vehicle Preventative Maintenance (PM). On-time compliance with established PM inspection schedules were 98% in August as compared to 100% in July 2022.

Parking Deck. The number of cars utilizing the deck increased by 18% in August as compared to July, with 9,437 cars in August as compared to 8,009 in July. Parking totals have increased by 26.7% year-to-date as compared to August 2021, with 67,968 parkers thus far in 2022 as compared to 53,664 parkers through August 2021.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you have any questions prior to the Board meeting, please feel free to contact me by calling (330) 676-6315, or by e-mail at Amrhein.c16@partaonline.org.

Jordan Pennell (Senator Sherrod Brown's Representative) Visit on May 5, 2022



Congressman Dave Joyce Visit on September 7, 2022







Jordan Pennell (Senator Sherrod Brown's Representative) Visit on September 8, 2022





Senator Rob Portman's Staff Assistant Raymond Paoletta Presenting the Proclamation on August 19, 2022



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

August 19, 2022

Claudia Amrhein
General Manager, Chief Executive Officer
Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority
200 Summit Road
Kent, Ohio 44240

Dear Claudia, PARTA Leadership, and Community Supporters,

I extend my warmest welcome to all gathered at the ribbon cutting ceremony and launch of the Polly the Trolley bus line in Kent, Ohio. The introduction of PARTA's first CNG-powered trolley bus will connect entertainment venues around Kent and provide a positive effect for both residents and businesses.

I commend the efforts of PARTA, the City of Kent, Portage County, and all others involved in reaching this milestone. Please accept my best wishes for a memorable celebration, and keep in touch.

Sincerely,



Rob Portman
United States Senator



Job & Family Services

449 South Meridian St.
Ravenna, OH 44266
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Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 15, 2022

Contact: Patricia Wade, OhioMeansJobs Portage County
(330) 296-2841 | Patricia.Wade@jfs.ohio.gov

**OhioMeansJobs Portage County Works with Partners to
Host Job Fair Addressing Critical Need for Workers: Transportation**

RAVENNA, OHIO – Transportation is often a barrier to employment in Portage County. Workers who don't have cars, or money to afford daily rides from a car service, have a hard time getting to job sites. With that in mind, OhioMeansJobs Portage County is partnering with the Portage Development Board, the City of Ravenna, and Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) to host a job fair featuring employers located along two essential PARTA bus routes, Ravenna East (route 85) and Ravenna West (route 80). The site of the job fair is also on the bus route, King Kennedy Community Center in Ravenna. The event will be held from **9 a.m.- 1 p.m. on Thursday, September 22, 2022.**

Many local employers have experienced workforce shortages and are looking to fill vacancies. Among the employers who will have tables at the Job Fair:

- Nova Health (Paris Linen)
- Life Force Management
- Spring Seal
- Family & Community Services
- Teamwork by Portage DD
- LongMeadow Care Center
- Bob Sumerel Tire
- UH Portage Medical Center
- Sheetz
- Coleman Health Services

Opportunities are available in the service industry, health care, and industrial settings for people with a range of skills. "Most of these positions don't require certain education or certification," said OhioMeansJobs Business Services Job Counselor Patricia Wade. "Individuals who come with a desire to work will all be considered. There is something for everyone," Wade said.

PARTA will offer riders free fare to the job fair as long as they have a job fair flyer and exit the bus at the King Kennedy Center stop.

Questions can be directed to Patricia Wade, Patricia.Wade@jfs.ohio.gov, (330) 296-2841.

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About the sponsors:

OhioMeansJobs Portage County (OMJPC) is the workforce development division of Portage County Job & Family Services. OMJPC seeks to connect job seekers with local employers to support a thriving local economy.

The Portage Development Board is a private nonprofit that assists industrial realtors, builders, local industries and local communities in an effort to maintain and improve the economic base in Portage County. PDB has a 12-member Executive Committee and a Board of Directors of up to 37 members.

The City of Ravenna Department of Economic Development assists business and community leaders, entrepreneurs, small business owners, real estate brokers, developers, and all community stakeholders by providing financial, technical, and workforce solutions to businesses expanding within or relocating to the Community of Ravenna. The department supports the Ravenna Community – both the City of Ravenna and Ravenna Township.

Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) is committed to providing safe, dependable, courteous, and affordable transportation services that help Portage County residents meet their travel needs while also sustaining and enhancing the region's economic vitality, air quality, and quality of life.



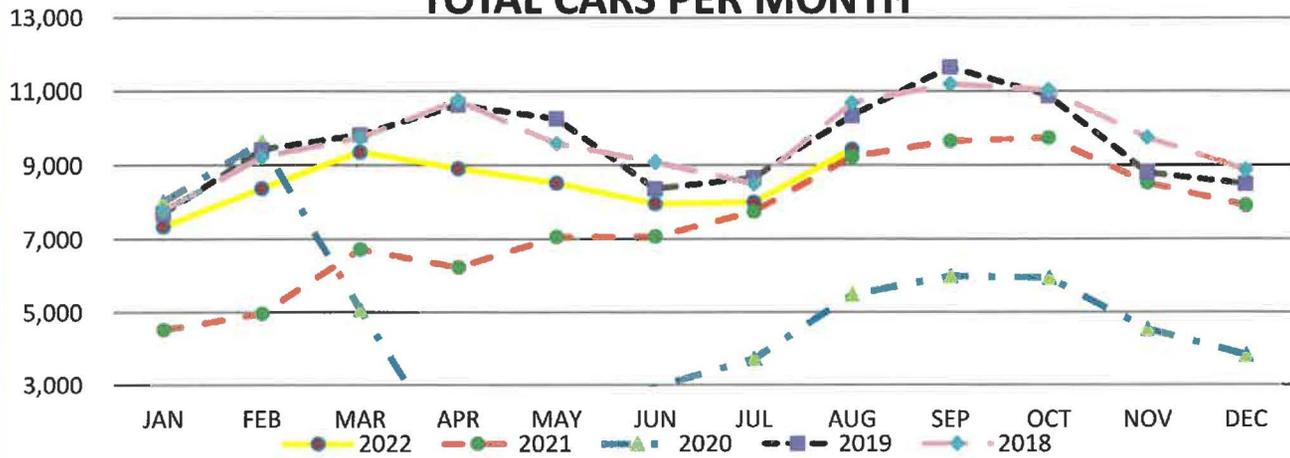
KENT CENTRAL GATEWAY PARKING SUMMARY - August 2022

6 Month Lookback						
	Monthly	Transient	Total	Cars/Day	Last	Last Year
Mar-22	4,665	4,698	9,363	302	12%	39%
Apr-22	4,296	4,627	8,923	297	-5%	43%
May-22	3,878	4,651	8,529	275	-4%	21%
Jun-22	3,057	4,910	7,967	266	-7%	12%
Jul-22	2,921	5,088	8,009	258	1%	3%
Aug-22	3,993	5,444	9,437	304	18%	2%

Annual Comparison

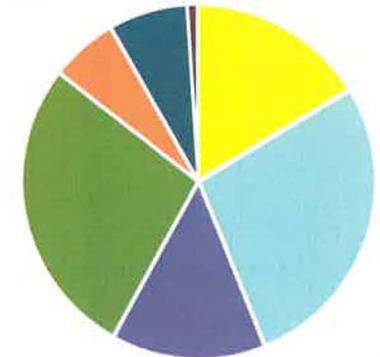
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MAR	9,363	6,738	5,082
APR	8,923	6,249	785
MAY	8,529	7,067	1,535
JUN	7,967	7,084	2,961
JUL	8,009	7,762	3,730
AUG	9,437	9,248	5,502
SEP		9,665	5,996
OCT		9,749	5,938
NOV		8,538	4,538
DEC		7,919	3,828
TOTAL	67,968	89,535	57,561
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TOTAL CARS PER MONTH

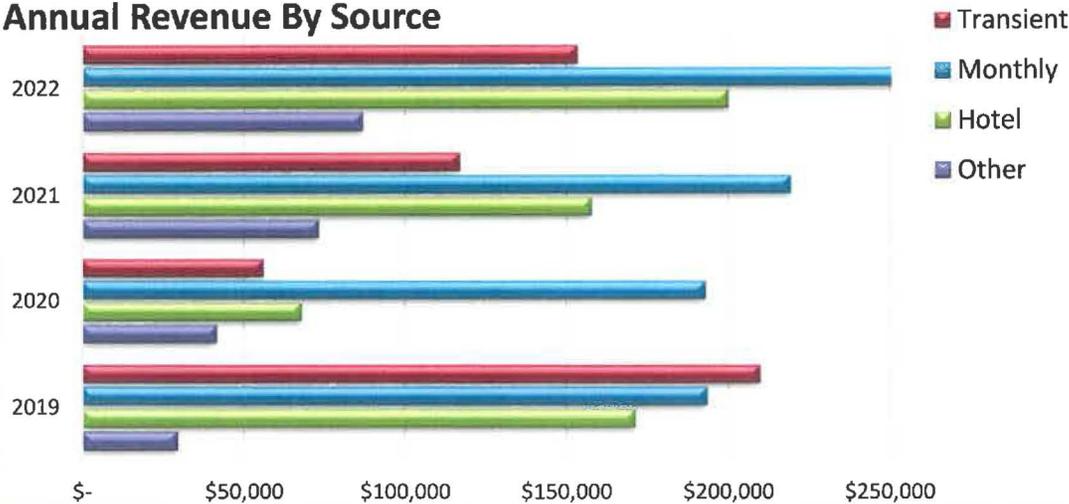


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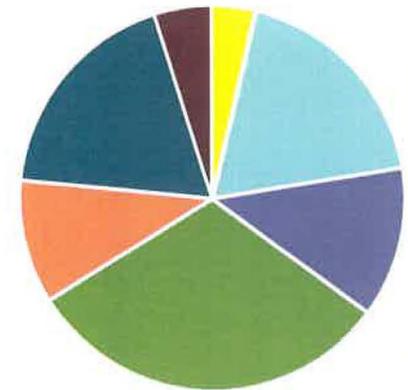


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The Portager

PARTA trolley debuts in Kent with new 'Downtownner' route

JEREMY BROWN · AUGUST 25, 2022 · 2 MIN READ



PARTA senior bus operator Dave Brown sits behind the wheel of "Polly the Trolley." Jeremy Brown/The Portager

The Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority (PARTA) held a ribbon cutting ceremony adjacent to the Kent Central Gateway Transit Center on Friday at 5 p.m. in Kent to introduce “Polly the Trolley,” the first of several modern historically fashioned trolleys that will be operating in Portage County.

A large crowd gathered to see the ceremony that was headed by PARTA General Manager Claudia Amrhein, who expressed her enthusiasm about the new trolleys and expects their appeal to increase ridership.



PARTA Board President David Gynn and PARTA General Manager Claudia Amrhein after cutting the ribbon. Jeremy Brown/The Portager

The initial trolley will traverse PARTA’s “Downtown” route beginning in September on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 4:30 p.m., stopping at popular Kent destinations that have limited parking, such as restaurants, breweries and entertainment venues.

PARTA will expand the route throughout Portage County later in the year, when two additional trolleys will be deployed for service. Four more trolleys are expected to arrive in 2023-24.

Single rides are \$1, day passes are \$2, and half fare is \$.50. But those who park at the Kent Central Gateway parking deck will get one free day pass.



"Polly the Trolley" parked on East Erie Street in Kent after the ribbon cutting ceremony. Jeremy Brown/The Portager

The trolleys are custom made by Hometown Trolley in Crandon, Wisconsin. They have a 32-seat capacity with standing room and are fully air conditioned, but also feature four large roll-up open air windows that give riders an enhanced tourist experience when the weather permits. The interiors feature elegant wood-paneled walls and ceilings with matching handcrafted hardwood seats, as well as leather grab straps and 12 arched tinted windows.

The trolleys are powered by compressed natural gas, a low-emission alternative to gas and diesel. Styled after a turn-of-the-century passenger cable car, PARTA's new trolleys are designed to give a nostalgic experience and are even equipped with authentic trolley bells.

"These are the only true street cars that are made in the United States," PARTA Chief Operations Officer Brian Trautman said. "All the other ones that you see out there are basically built on a Freightliner chassis, or something like that. These are actually ground-up, purpose-built streetcars, so it is a true rubber tire streetcar."



An excited passenger flashes double peace signs as "Polly the Trolley" pulls away. Jeremy Brown/The Portager

"The thing I like about this design the most is, it has all the modern technology combined real well with the classic feel of the trolley, and what we're finding is people are wanting to get on a trolley and ride a trolley."

Following the ceremony, PARTA offered free rides on the trolley to attendees, chauffeured by PARTA's seasoned bus operator, Dave Brown.

"We're just so excited about the trolleys, to bring people out to downtown Kent to enjoy the great eateries and venues and entertainment that we have," Amrhein said. "We're thrilled to be able to sprinkle a little joy around."

The Portager

Today is Sept. 16, 2022.

Jobs

No car? No problem.

Ohio Means Jobs is hosting a job fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 22 that is specifically catered to residents who rely on public transportation.

(But anyone can go.)

- Ohio Means Jobs is partnering with PARTA, the Portage Development Board and the City of Ravenna to feature businesses along two major bus routes: Ravenna East (route 85) and Ravenna West (route 80).
- PARTA will offer free rides to the job fair, which is located at the new King Kennedy Community Center gym. Just bring a [job fair flyer](#) and get off at the King Kennedy stop. You can email PatriciaWade@jfs.ohio.gov for more information.