



TRANSIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM
Operations Center

AGENDA

TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN-PERSON:

Come to the Transit Operations Building - 16610 Champion Way, Sandy, OR 97055

TO ATTEND THE MEETING ONLINE VIA ZOOM:

Please use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87107485594>

Or by phone: (253) 215-8782; Meeting ID: 87107485594

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF the December Minutes and March Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

NEW BUSINESS

PGE Contract

Bylaws

CTC Bus Stops

GM Operations Update

OLD BUSINESS

Route Changes

Financials

NEIGHBOR UPDATES

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

Next Meeting

5:30 pm- 7:00 pm

June 10, 2026

The Operations Center

16610 Champion Way

Sandy, Or 97055

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MINUTES

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Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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1. **ROLL CALL-** Andi Howell, Heather Michet, Joe Smith, Joseph Lowe, Khris Alexander, Kristina Ramseyer, Muna Rustam, Nancy Payne, Roxy Lowe, Zak Nakamura.

Public Guest
2. **APPROVAL of the June Minutes and the December Agenda-** Unanimous approval of the June Minutes and December Agenda.
3. **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON-** The City Council Liaison spoke about the success of the tree lighting event. Approximately 1,000 people attended the event, and an estimated 10,000 people visited the holiday lights at Meinig Park in the first week they were displayed. Meinig Park will also be hosting Holiday Markets, December 21, & 22, 2025.
4. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1. **New Board Members-**Introductions were made to the new Transit Board member, Joe Smith.
 - 4.2. **Promoting Transit-** SAM has a new mascot, SAMSquatch, who will be promoting transit at the Shortest Day event on December 19, 2025.
 - 4.3. **Holiday Happenings-** SAM has eight Jolly Trolley runs scheduled, with a waitlist of over 100 people.
 - 4.4. **GM Operations Update-** Electric vehicles are currently in operation. Sixty percent of RTW drivers have completed training on electric vehicle operation. A revised driver schedule has been implemented to provide on-call drivers on-site to support ED rides.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 5.1. **Capital Projects-** Infrastructure design for the new Operation Center building is 90% complete.
 - 5.2. **Legislation-** The transportation bill will be brought back before the legislature in 2027, if voted down in the next election.
 - 5.3. **Financials-** An explanation of SAM funds was presented and discussed, with funding separated by route. SAM funding will be

distinguished by account numbers beginning with **270.070.** and Clackamas County funding by account numbers beginning with **270.270.**

6. **NEIGHBOR UPDATES-** No updates were provided
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT-** A rider attended the meeting to discuss concerns regarding route cuts.
- 8.

ADJOURN

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Transit Staff Report-December 2025

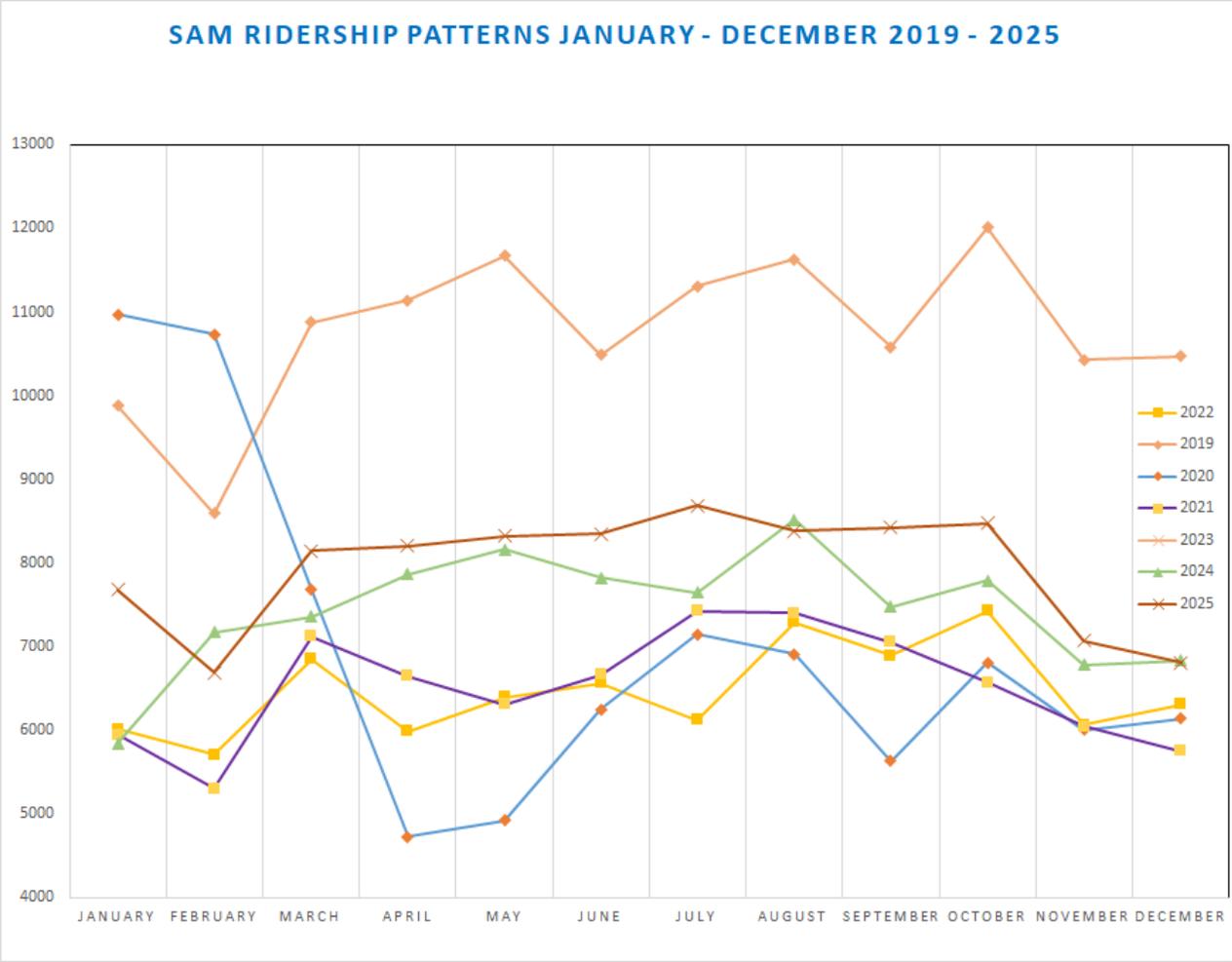
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SANDY AREA METRO

From the Transit Manager

Ridership Year Overview



SAM provided 95,257 rides in 2025 an overall increase of 6.7% compared to 2024. A month to month comparison from 2024 to 2025 ridership saw a regular increase as illustrated in the chart above. Of particular note was SAM Estacada, which increased 152.76%. This was due to the interline with the Villages Shuttle, enabling us to increase service. Another area that has shown considerable increase in the dial-a-ride service, particularly for special events such as the incredibly popular Jolly Trolley and travel training opportunities with students. While ridership has not reached pre-pandemic levels it has certainly made a robust rebound from the pandemic. We expect that trend to continue into the future as we see a continued increase in the demand for public transit.

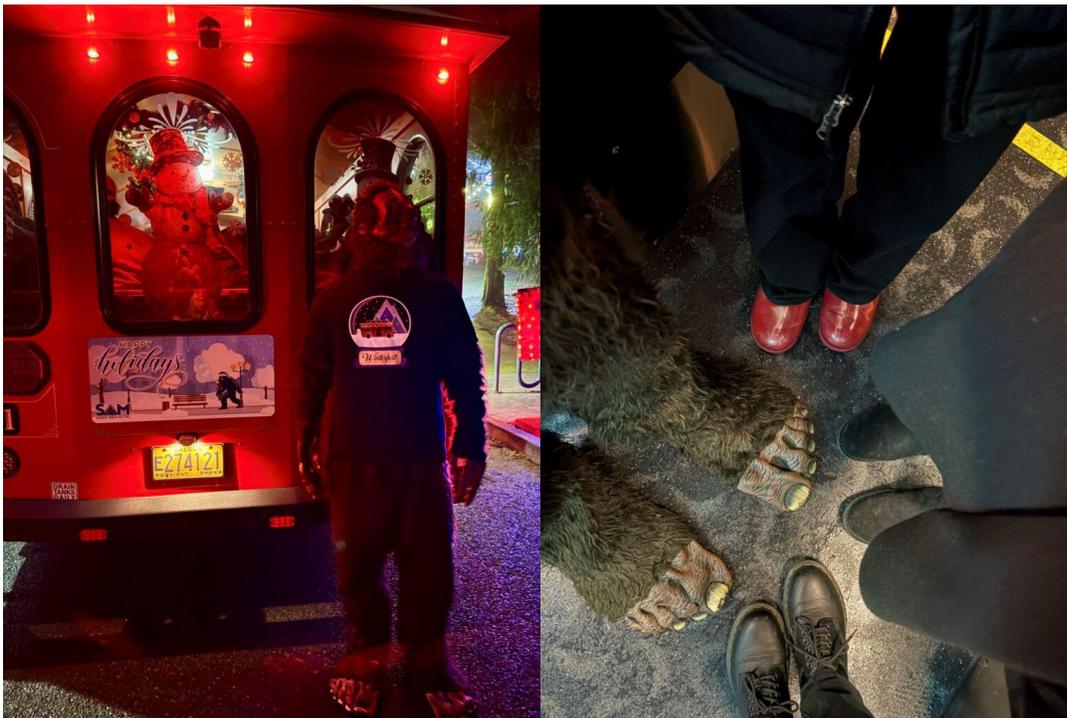
The Jolly Trolley

The Jolly Trolley was as popular as ever. We opened registration on two separate dates and all runs were booked by 9:00 am on both days. We had a total of 208 riders on all 8 rides and a waiting list of 120. Everyone enjoyed caroling while traveling to the various light displays through town. With its popularity, we are discussing options of how we may be able to do more next Winterfest!



SAMSquatch

SAMSquatch, the normally elusive and mysterious SAM rider, was spotted in the wild-aboard a SAM bus! Making surprise appearances on one of the Jolly Trolley runs and the Shortest Day Walkway! SAMSquatch even posed for a foot selfie to show off SAM's cool new bus flooring! Be on the lookout, you never know when SAMSquatch might show up on your bus ride!!



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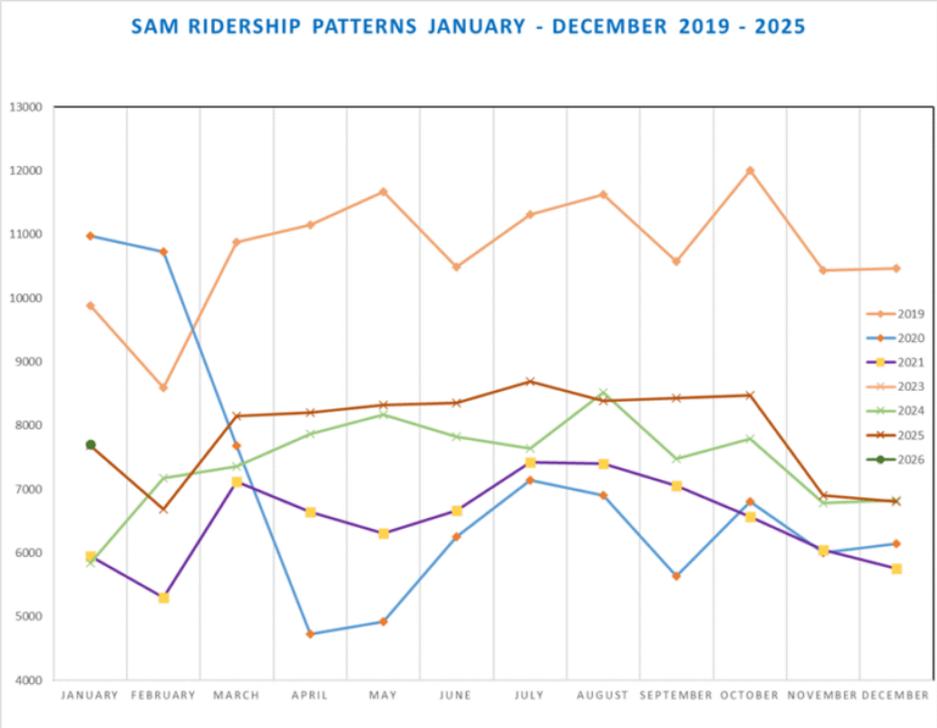
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SANDY AREA METRO

From the Transit Manager

January Ridership



In January of 2026 SAM provided 7,704 rides, an overall increase of 0.26% compared to January of 2025. SAM Gresham experienced a slight decrease of 2.72%. SAM Estacada provided 711 rides, an increase of 16.56% compared to January of 2025. SAM Clackamas also had an increase of 4.56 % and the Shopper Shuttle increased by 8.6%.

SAM rides provided 679 rides in January 2026, an increase of 4.78% from January 2025. SAM med (formerly known as ED) provided 70 rides, a decrease of 28.57%.

Rider Comments

From time to time, we receive comments from passengers that reflect what the drivers do every day. A recent message left by a rider stated, “Thank you for keeping us safe at the metro here in this area. God bless and thank you for all that you do. Thank you for all the rides and the help and everything. Thank you for protecting my military family.”

Another passenger sent in the following email, “I did not catch the gentleman’s name who was driving last night but I just wanted to say you have truly hired a gem of a person with him. Last night there was an elderly man, who was very confused about where he was and where he needed to go and your driver went above and beyond to help take care of him. In the turmoil of our society these days, it was a blessing to see firsthand such a kindhearted person caring for someone he didn’t even know.”

Drivers often go without recognition, but they truly are the heart and soul of our operation. They truly set the standard for excellent customer service!